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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Babies deja vu

A Chicago cab driver dropped off a passenger and drove away with a 3-year-old in the back seat — only a few days after another child took a similar trip.

The more recent incident occurred when a woman said she got out of a cab holding her infant daughter and told the cab driver she would return for her 3-year-old son and other belongings, but the cab driver took off, police said.

The tax was tracked down to Midway Airport and the child, unharmed, was reunited with his mother.

A few days earlier, a cabbie had been ticketed for driving off with a dozing 3-year-old in the back seat.

In that incident, the parents had been busy unloading luggage and were confused over who had the child.

Cops say granny was thief

An arthritic grandmother in Boynton Beach, Fla., allegedly ran a family pick-pocket ring from a wheelchair for 10 years, teaching her children and grandson tricks of the trade and took as much as \$50,000 a day.

Ernestine Williams and her children, 42-year-old Timothy Butts and 31-year-old Tomeka Williams, and grandson, 19-year-old Jessie Williams, were arrested on charges of racketeering and conspiracy to racketeer.

Authorities say Ernestine Williams, 63, dispatched a 15-person crew to pilfer credit cards and checks from elderly shoppers in retail stores from Miami to Atlanta, Ga.

Woman calls 911 — again

A Topeka, Kan., woman who survived a suicide attempt dialed 911 for help and then passed out — and when rescuers arrived, they thought she was dead.

She had to call 911 a second time before she was given any help.

Firefighters trained as paramedics found the 53-year-old unconscious and assumed she was dead without checking for a pulse.



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On this date in history

Nov. 21 — Oil is discovered in Scurry County (the Snyder area), opening up the West Texas oil fields (1948).

Nov. 22 — Forty Texans capture the town of Nacogdoches and seize the local archives, leading to the Fedonian Rebellion (1826).

Nov. 24 — Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, is shot and killed by Jack Ruby in Dallas (1963).

LOCAL WEATHER

There should be a brief respite from the extremely cold nights, with Monday morning being only around the freezing mark. But by Wednesday, expect the mercury to drop near 20 again. Daytime highs should be pleasant, with Monday and Tuesday reaching the high 60s. Wednesday and Thursday, expect to be back into the upper 50s.

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Mules 12-0 after bonking Denver City 26-8

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

It was a beautiful afternoon for football Friday, and at Lobo Stadium in Levelland the Muleshoe Mules prevailed in the war for the area championship trophy: The Denver City Mustangs fell 26-8.

Lincoln Riley, one of the Mule quarterbacks, summed it up when he said, "We knew it was going to be tough — even a war. They did what we expected, and we came out on top."

The first period was a defensive battle, with neither team able to tally. But late in the quarter, after Denver City had taken the ball from its own four-yard line to the Mule 40, Bradley Thomason chased Mustang quarterback Armando Galván out of the pocket and Jeff Shelburne nailed him for a 14-yard loss.

On second down, Lupe Nuñez chased Galván out of bounds for no gain.

With Denver City facing third and 23, Brandon Broyles and Riley sandwiched Amado Rodríguez, rattling the ball loose, and Kyle Atwood staked a claim on the ball for the Mules at the Mustang 47.

Danny Ramirez and Darrell Lewis combined to advance the Mules to the Denver City 12. The second quarter opened with second down and nine to go from there.

Riley pitched wide right to Ramirez, who pancaked a Mus-

tang defender to cross the goal line.

D.J. Domínguez, "Mr. Automatic," split the uprights and the Mules led 7-0 with 11:54 remaining in the half.

The Mustangs returned Domínguez's high kick to their 32. In five plays, they moved the ball to

the 49; facing third and five, Galván dropped back and threw left.

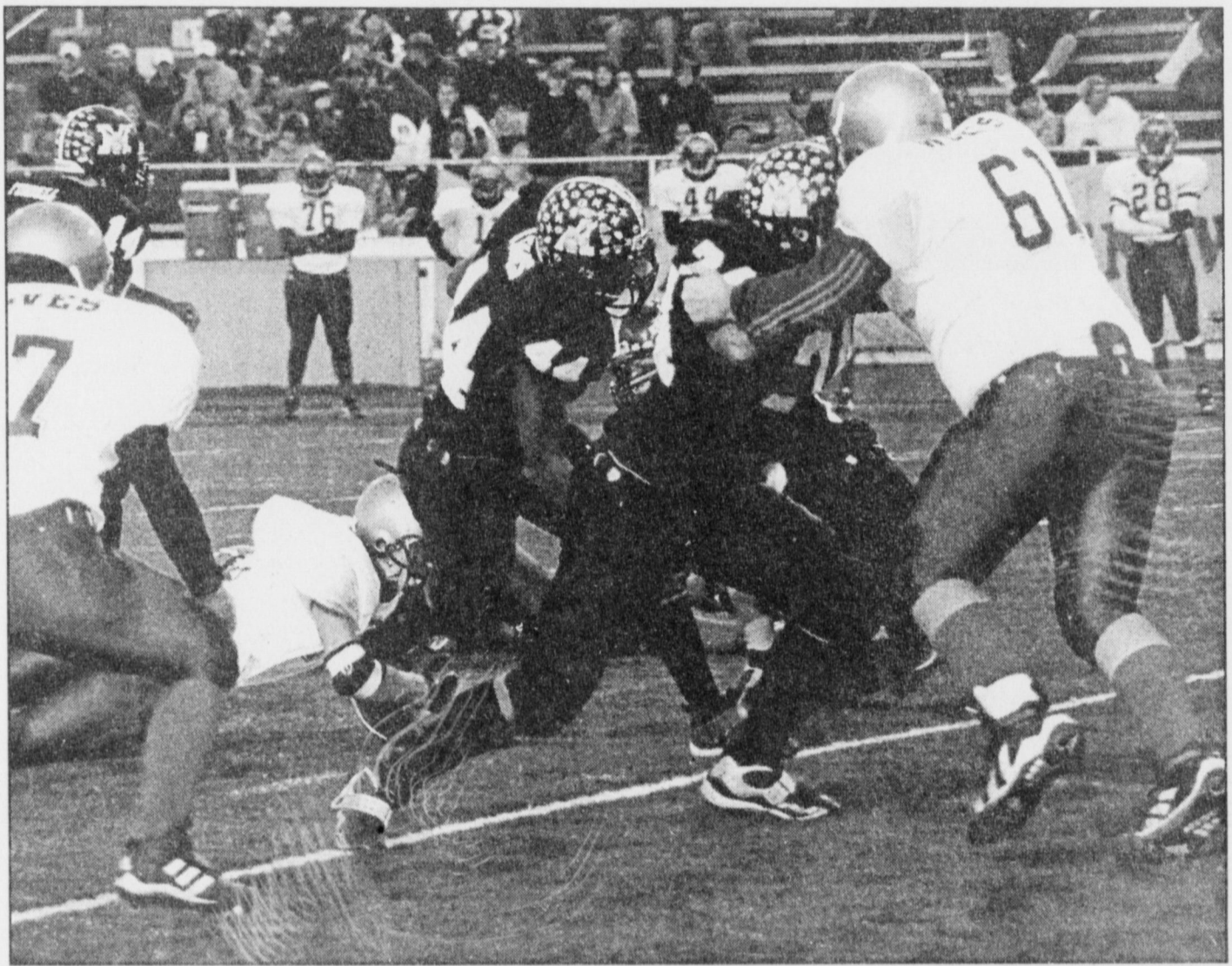
T-Bird Cox stepped in front of the Mustang receiver on the Mule 47 and scampered down the Mule sideline 57 yards to paydirt.

Cox ran from the kick formation, but the two-point conversion at-

tempt was foiled to leave the Mules ahead 13-0 with 8:31 left in the half.

When there are only a few ticks more than two minutes left in the half, the Mules set up shop on their

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Courtesy photo: Mike Hahn

Carrying the ball in Muleshoe's 37-0 bi-district win over Dalhart on Nov. 17, Darrell Lewis (No. 44) plows along behind the blocking of Stephen Woodard (No. 74). The Mules next face the 9-3 Ferris Yellowjackets, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Abilene with the stadium not selected as of early Saturday morning.

Rains help agriculture across region

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — Texas cattle producers are giving thanks for the recent rains that brought green pastures and some growth, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reported Friday.

Extension entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick of Amarillo said rain in the region has made pastures "green up." "But there was not much growth with current temperatures 10 degrees below normal for this time," he said. "The moisture we are building now will be most beneficial in the spring."

District Extension Director Jett Major in Lubbock said the clear weather through most of last week allowed the cotton, peanut and sorghum harvests to proceed faster than they had recently.

"Cotton and peanut yields and qual-

ity are low due to the damage from the summer drought and wet fall," he said. "Grain sorghum yields are also well below average."

Major said stocker cattle are being turned out on most of the early-planted irrigated wheat. He also said ranges and pastures are in fair condition despite freezing cold that stopped the growth of native grasses.

Across the Panhandle, soil moisture is generally still short to adequate, while on the South Plains it is adequate to surplus.

As of Friday, some wheat had yet to be planted in the Panhandle. Stands range from poor to good.

A few fields of sunflowers and soybeans remain to be harvested, and the peanut harvest resumed during the break in the weather.

Cranes become focus of A&M researchers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — Until about three years ago, researchers thought they knew where the lesser sandhill cranes migrated to each summer to breed. Little did they know.

"They had no idea that they were going to Siberia," said Dr. R. Douglas Slack, professor of wildlife and fisheries sciences at Texas A&M University. "They thought they were going straight north into Canada and Alaska."

Slack and graduate student Tsuyoshi Watanabe are studying migration routes and breeding- and wintering-ground ecology of the lesser sandhill crane, a subspecies of the sandhill crane.

Thousands of the birds spend the winter at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

By understanding these aspects of crane ecology, experts can develop strategies to conserve the cranes' habitats. Scientists can't know all there is to know about an animal, Slack said, but

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Christmas Card Project donations being sought

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Volunteers in the Christmas Card Project at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center are taking donations for their annual yuletide fund-raiser.

Wide community support for the project in the past has funded improvements at the nursing home, and volunteer Joyline Costen said this year's donations are expected to help with needs at the new home being built.

Names of donors will be listed on a full page advertisement in the *Muleshoe Journal* just before Christmas, so everyone will get their holiday greeting in time.

The deadline for donations is Dec. 21, and they may be dropped off with Joy Stancell at the nursing home or mailed to Christmas Card Project, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe 79347-0202.

More information is available by contacting Costen or Lona Starkey.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

That first Thanksgiving

DeShazo Elementary School students Dillon Gallman and John Michael Salinas are among those performing a Native American spirit dance during Tuesday's re-enactment of the first Thanksgiving in the school gymnasium.

AROUND MULESHOE

Three Way students make Lubbock trip

Several Three Way High School Spanish students visited Taquería Jalisco in Lubbock to experience an authentic Mexican restaurant as well as get a small amount of practice in the Spanish language.

They were able to learn about several foods that are more commonly used in the Mexican community than in the Anglo culture — such as “lengua” or beef tongue.

For some of the students, this was their first chance to try horchata, the cold drink made with rice flour and seasoned with cinnamon, vanilla and sugar.

The students also learned that any food “a la parilla” has been grilled.

Students attending were Ernesto Navarro, Michael Soliz, Carlos Contreras, Ivan Navarro, Robert Rodríguez, Jordan Grey, Chase Cannon, Anthony Furgeson, Kara Heinrich, Joal Armendariz, Victor Baeza, Julie Salamanca, Antonio Jasso, Alma Rodríguez, Griselda Estrada, Michael Betts and Monica Walker.

Corrections

The third-place winner in last week’s football contest should have been identified as Mandy Garner, not Mandy Gartin.

VICTORY

own eight-yard line after a blocking-in-the-back call on a punt return.

Coach Ralph Mason called for the “two-minute offense,” and Lewis, Ramírez and Riley quickly pound the ball up the field to the Mule 44.

Facing third and 11, Riley went to the shotgun formation and hit Atwood in stride on the 20. Atwood outraced the Mustang defender to the left corner of the end zone. Domínguez’s kick gave the Mules a 20-0 lead at the half.

Jesús Tovar returned the second-half kickoff 42 yards behind a wall of Mules before he was downed by a Mustang defender.

The Mules then were forced to punt from the 50, but Mustang Mike Gonzales could not find the handle on the ball and Mule center Thomason fell on the loose ball.

Two plays later, Ramírez took the “Hammer” to the left side, and Jeff Shelburne flattened a Mustang defender to set Ramírez free in the secondary. Ramírez cut right and Atwood threw a downfield block that eliminated two more Mustangs. Ramírez skated into the end zone.

Cox’s extra-point toss to Jerrell Otwell fell short, so Muleshoe had its final 26 points with 9:19 on the clock in the third period.

Denver City avoided a shut-out by recovering a Muleshoe fumble on its own 12-yard line. Galván pushed over from the one-yard line, and the Mustangs completed a pass for two extra points to make the final score 26-8.

The area championship trophy was presented at midfield, and the Mules held it aloft for all to see. Lewis, holding the trophy, said, “It is great to be a member of the first Mule team to win two games in the playoffs.”

Coach David Wood told the players in the huddle, “Congratulations. You have been in a battle today and won. Enjoy the day. We are reaching our goals one by one. The next goal is to play in December, and that happens next week. We have not played a complete game — no one knows what we can do if they play all 48 minutes.”

Asked about Denver City, Wood said: “They are a good team, and we knew we had to stop the quarterback. Our size wore them down and allowed us to make some big plays. T-Bird’s interception was the

turning point in the game. You never know who will make the big play for us, and today it was T-Bird.”

Mason mentioned that “Denver City is a scrappy team, but our kids responded well today. The ‘two-minute’ offense just before half took us in the dressing room up by 20. Lincoln made a great read, and checked off Danny, the primary receiver, and found Atwood on the 20. I cannot say enough about our line — that’s where it all starts and makes our offense go.”

“Communication is the key to our line,” Thomason said. “I talk to the guards, and they talk

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ultimately if they want to conserve the animal, they have to ensure that the community in which it’s a part also survives.

The A&M researchers are identifying the cranes’ migratory staging and stopover sites as well as studying their nesting habitat in Siberia. Although the breeding grounds in Canada have been studied, this is the first American project to study them in Siberia.

The A&M team is collaborating with the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in North Dakota and the Yakutsk Institute of Biology in Russia.

The Russian scientists are concerned that an oil discovery in Siberia could threaten part of the cranes’ breeding grounds.

“Since development is likely, we need to do it in an ecologically sensitive way,” Slack said.

Watanabe has spent two summers — three and a half months at a time — in Siberia’s Sakha Republic tracking the cranes and studying their behavior and

Also, in a story that began on Page 1 of Thursday’s *Journal*, the sons of Erma Templar should have been identified as Jack, Bill, Bob and Jerry. “Wayne” is Wayne Clark, the husband of Erma Templar’s daughter Patsene, who was not mentioned in the story.

The *Journal* regrets the errors.

Public calendar

Nov. 27 — Noon. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room at the district administration office.

Dec. 1 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (weather permitting) Rebekahs skate night at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Dec. 3 — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Olton’s Holiday Home Tour, a fund-raiser for the Sandcraw Museum. \$5, in advance at The Wild Plum; on show day at the *Olton Enterprise*.

Dec. 4 — 6 p.m. Friends of the Library annual Christmas party, in the meeting room at the library. Prospective members welcome.

Dec. 5 — 6:30 p.m. “Intimacy With God Through Prayer Channeling,” presented at Trinity Baptist Church by Linda Drake of Plainview.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around Muleshoe* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday’s editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday’s editions.

to me about who we are blocking and where we are going.”

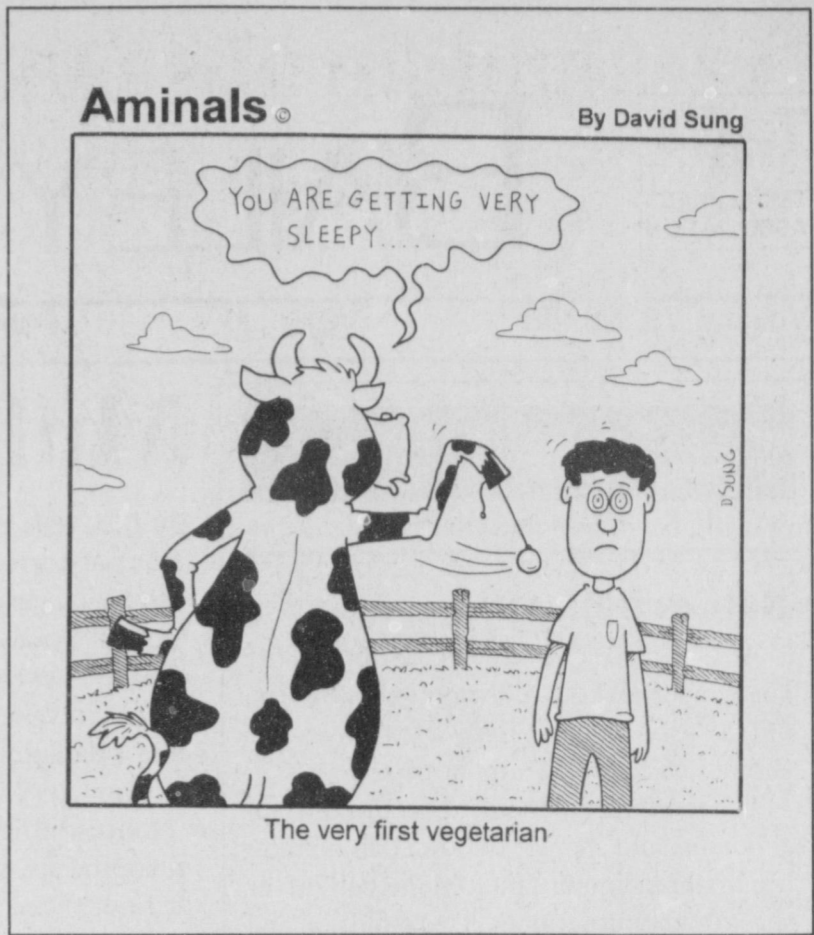
Ramírez gained 131 yards on 18 carries, Lewis added 81 yards on eight carries, and Riley was sacked for a mihus 10, giving the Mules 202 yards rushing. Riley completed 4-of-7 passes for 91 yards through the air, giving the Mules a total output of 293 yards.

The Mules will face the Ferris Yellowjackets at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Abilene. The first choice as a game site is Shotwell Stadium, but if it is occupied, then Abilene’s stadium will be used.

Ferris is 9-3 and beat Ballinger 47-28 in the area

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Trees and shrubs can make effective, beautiful screens

By RONN SMITH
Editor

Discussion over a Clovis proposal to require the screening of unsightly salvage yards and similar sites comes as a reminder that plants can provide more than food, oxygen and timber.

There was a time, not that long ago, when windbreaks were considered a necessity on the plains — and that time could come again if we aren't finally through with the drought.

There are many shrubs and trees that can make effective screening, and several of them can survive our climate unaided once they get established. In other words, some of them will require occasional watering during their first couple of years.

Just remember when you're considering which plants to use: The extremely fast-growing trees are going to have brittle wood, easily broken by the wind, aggressive roots that can be problems around water and sewer lines, and more often than not are going to be short-lived.

If you need the screening effect very quickly, you might consider a row of one of the new hybrid willows or poplars, along with a row of a higher-quality species. That way, you



get the quick effect, and by the time the quick-growing species is looking scraggly, the slower-growing, longer-lived plants will have a few years' growth and be ready for service.

Evergreen species native to the Southwest are among the best, but can be hard to find commercially available. The best source for these is usually a government agency; your local Farm Service Agency office should be able to provide direction. The sizes available are likely to be small, too, so they may take a few years to make an effective screen — but the prices are almost unbelievably low, making it well worth buying this way. You can often get 100 plants for less than the cost of taking the family out for fast food.

One non-native that is effective for long rows or sizable projects — and is often overlooked — is the old standby eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginianus*). Despite the "east-

ern" in the name, these do not require a lot of water. I know of one row that survived our recent dry summers without a drop of irrigation when the Siberian elms nearby were dying. Naturally, the cedars' foliage is thinner now, so they aren't such an effective windbreak, but they're still a good screen.

The eastern red cedar is actually a juniper, as are many of the native evergreens, and these produce attractive blue berries that are one of the most attractive bird foods you can provide.

I don't yet know how big the red cedars will get in our area without irrigation, but allow for at least 20 feet wide and 30 feet tall.

If you are not facing a time limit on getting the screen in place, two excellent trees for our area are the green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) and the common hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*).

Both grow into sizable trees eventually, but take many years to do it.

If you just want big bushes for a screen, you can hardly do better in our area than the old Persian lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*), Tatarian honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*) or Siberian peashrub (*Caragana arborescens*).

Another one in roughly the

same category of size, and native to much of the plains, is the silver buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*).

This is usually regarded as less attractive than the preceding, more familiar shrubs, but somewhat makes up for it in being tough.

Margaret Brazell, in her book *Growing Trees on the Great Plains*, calls silver buffaloberry "one of the most drought-tolerant and cold-hardy plants available. It doesn't seem to be fussy about soil, even tolerating alkaline conditions."

Another large (very large) shrub to consider is Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*). On the farm, this familiar silver-leaved shrub is acceptable, but it might be considered too irregular and scraggly of growth to be attractive in town. On the other hand, it also is a very tough plant the requires very little care.

One superb choice (about 15 feet high by 15 feet wide, eventually) is the Manchurian apricot (*Prunus armeniaca*, var. *mandshurica*). It does have the drawback (once or

twice a decade) of making a crop of apricots, but it's also a beautiful small tree — especially in the spring when it's buried in flowers. Extremely drought-tolerant, too.

Happy planting!
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"The Snowman"

JV girls keep up with Nazareth but lose by two

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

Anne Cox led the junior varsity Lady Mules to within two points of beating Nazareth on Tuesday night before losing 47-45.

Cox contributed 19 points.

Muleshoe's trapping press and aggressive man-to-man defense held Nazareth to only 24 first-half points, but the Lady Mules could not cash in on several first-half opportunities. They went to the dressing room down 24-18.

The ability to maintain that high-pressure defense has been the main weapon in the JV Lady Mule arsenal so far this season.

Muleshoe opened the third quarter concentrating on pounding the ball inside to posts Johnna Cleavinger and Sara Benham; Anne Cox picked up a loose ball at midcourt and drove to the hoop for two points.

Tori Barton cut the Nazareth lead to a single point with a free

throw, but with 2:55 left in the quarter the Swiftettes had stretched their lead to 32-27.

Tiffany Flores fed Benham on the blocks for two points, and Cox pilfered a Nazareth in-bound pass and cut the lead back to one point.

The Lady Mules got a defensive stop, and Barton stoked a three, giving Muleshoe a short-lived lead, but Nazareth regained a 38-36 lead by the end of the quarter.

Muleshoe continued to play in-your-face defense, forcing Nazareth to depend on their outside shooting. At the 2:15 mark, in the fourth quarter Nazareth nailed a three to gain a 45-38 advantage.

The Lady Mules didn't quit, however.

Cox was fouled netting a running jumper; her free throw was off, but Tabetha Obenhaus put the rebound back to cut the deficit to three. Kylie Henderson knotted

the game at 45 when she was fouled on a put-back and completed the three-point play by sinking the charity toss.

Nazareth regained the lead by nailing two free throws with only 37 ticks remaining in the game.

The frenzied ending found Cox on the floor with the ball as the buzzer sounded.

Scorers for Muleshoe in addition to Cox were Cleavinger, with 10; Barton, six; Benham and Flores, four each; Henderson, three; and Obenhaus and Jodi Hawkins with two apiece.

The team also had 15 rebounds, five assists, 18 steals, one blocked shot and 27 fouls.

The Lady Mules, 1-2 on the young season, take on Hale Center Dec. 5 in Muleshoe.

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Seventh-grade girls overwhelm Cooper

A 21-point performance by Muleshoe's Brandi Wood enabled the seventh-grade girls to walk off and leave Lubbock Cooper, 44-25, on Nov. 20.

Wood scored all 12 of the Lady Mules' fourth-quarter points.

Others contributing points in the Muleshoe victory were Jenna Rasco with seven, Monica Posadas, Lindsey Hall and Madison Smith with four apiece, and Ashley Dickson and Christine Reeves with two each.

Eighth-grade girls down Cooper 25-21

Jamie Carpenter led all scorers as the eighth-grade Lady Mules beat Lubbock Cooper 25-21 on Nov. 20.

Muleshoe scorers included Carpenter with 14, Amber Cowart with four, April Morgan with three, and Ashley Gutiérrez and Kayla Spradling with two each.

Three Way Junior High wins big, 44-18

The Three Way Junior High Eagles had three players in double digits as they opened district play by clawing the Cotton Center Elks 44-18 on Nov. 20.

Trevor Hood topped the scoring with 16 points, but Rigo Rodríguez was right behind with 14 and Caleb Heinrich had 11. Hood and Rodríguez shot 75 percent from the free-throw line, and Heinrich made his only free-throw attempt.

The leading rebounder was Chris Kindel with 11.

Other Three Way contributions included:

- Kindel — five points, two assists, one-of-two free throws and two steals;
- Hood — eight rebounds, three steals and three blocks;
- Rodríguez — four rebounds and four steals;
- Heinrich — five rebounds and a steal;
- Noel DeLaRosa — two rebounds and a steal;
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Lady Mules go down fighting against Nazareth Swiftettes

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The Lady Mules received a lesson Tuesday night in how to play physical basketball, and it came in the Nazareth Quonset hut they call a gymnasium.

With walls only 15 feet from the edge of the court, and a dressing-room door hiding behind the mat under one basket, the facility itself becomes a "sixth man."

The Lady Mules fell to the Class A Nazareth Swiftettes 71-58, but coach Shana Sims said, "We did a lot of growing up tonight, and things are beginning to jell for this team. The girls showed a lot of heart in their comeback in the fourth quarter. This is why we play the good teams, so we can learn and grow. If we have a problem, it's that — as a team — we're too nice."

The Lady Mules learned about using their bodies to block out on rebounds, using elbows to protect the ball, and taking the ball to the hold with determination.

The Swiftettes return 10 of 11 team members from last year's Class A state champions — a group of excellent tutors for the Muleshoe girls.

A high point in the first quarter (for Muleshoe fans) came when Myndi Heathington found Jessica Carpenter with a long outlet pass that turned into a bucket when Carpenter was able to finish the fast break.

Heathington (Muleshoe's top scorer with 18) banked in a three, but Nazareth began to get physical, filling the passing lanes and pushing their lead to 13-5 with 4:35 in the first period.

Candace Hutto was fouled as she laid up for two, and completed the three-point play by making the charity shot.

Then, with a minute remaining in the quarter, Hutto knocked down another two points from just inside the arc.

The Lady Mules trailed 22-14 by the end of one period.

Turnovers hurt Muleshoe's scoring in the second stanza, with Britni Gartin adding six points, Carpenter nailing a three, and Shani Rasco adding two from the charity stripe.

Muleshoe was out-muscled and gave up numerous turnovers in the second period, giving Nazareth scoring opportunities and trailing 38-25 at halftime.

School for the Lady Mules continued during the third quarter.

Heathington buried her second three of the night, Hutto located Megan Tipps in the paint for two, and Carpenter swiped a pass that she took to the hoop for two. Still, the Swiftettes were enjoying their largest lead of the night, 59-35, as the third quarter ended.

The fourth quarter found the Lady Mules beginning to use some of their hard-learned lessons. Mindy Locker was called for charging, and Sims said, "I am happy to take that call on Mindy — we need that kind

of aggressive play, and it shows how the girls began to mature in the fourth period."

The Muleshoe defense was relentless in the final period, forcing turnovers for the Lady

Mules. Conversions came fast and furious, with Muleshoe easily outscoring Nazareth 23-12 in the final stanza.

Gartin canned a three and a

short jumper, Heathington added three buckets and two more threes (making it four threes for the night), Rasco had a put-back and Carpenter found her on the blocks

for two, and Locker netted two free throws to complete the Lady Mules' fourth-quarter scoring.

This was a learning experience the Lady Mules can use

as the season progresses.

In addition to Heathington, Lady Mule scorers were Gartin and Carpenter with 12 each, Rasco with six and Hutto with five.

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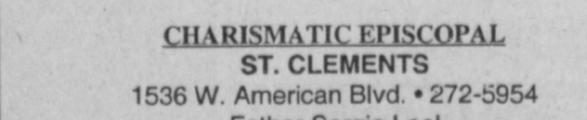
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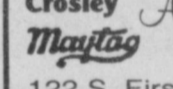
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Seventh-grade Mules kick Cooper Pirates to take easy 27-13 win

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The seventh-grade Mules continued their winning ways Monday night, defeating a tall Lubbock Cooper team 27-13.

Free throws got the Mules' first points of the night as Tyler Sheets, Brady Black and Jarad

Flores each converted one of two from the charity stripe.

A Pirate post muscled around Sheets to score before Sheets connected with a five-foot jumper to give the Mules a 5-4 lead at the end of the first period.

Muleshoe started the second

quarter in a 2-3 zone defense to get help with the tall Pirate posts. Cooper took the lead early in the second period, but Kevin Kilmer hit a three with 1:45 remaining and Black converted a free throw to give the Mules a 9-7 lead.

The remaining of the period

was all Mules, and their tenacious defense set up scoring opportunities that pushed the Mule lead to 14-7 at the half.

The teams exchanged baskets when the third quarter opened. Kilmer found Black open for a 15-foot jumper on the right side of the lane. The

trapping 2-3 zone held the Pirates scoring to a minimum, and at the end of the third period the Mules led 19-10.

Flores sank a three from the corner with 5:46 left in the game.

Michael Gonzales put back a rebound for two more points,

and Black fed Sheets in the paint for two. Cody Clark collected a free throw to end the scoring at Mules 27, Cooper 13.

Scoring for the Mules were Black, nine; Kilmer, six; Sheets, five; Flores, four; Gonzales, two; and Clark, one.

Cooper derails eighth-grade boys 46-14 Tuesday

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The wheels came off for the eighth-grade Mules on Monday night against Lubbock Cooper, and they dropped their second game of the season 46-14.

Tyler Black opened the scoring for the Mules with a three from the left side. The defense slowed the Pirates in the first quarter until passing errors gave Cooper back-to-back layups in the last 15 seconds of the initial period. The Mules trailed at the buzzer 12-3.

Barry Morris found Kory

Atwood open on the blocks, Atwood was fouled on the shot and cut the Pirate lead by three to open the second quarter.

At the 3:30 mark, Erik Newton swiped a Pirate pass and went the length of the court for two points.

With just under two minutes left in the first half, the Pirates went on a run that pushed their lead to 37-8 at the buzzer.

Cooper's aggressive defense thwarted the Mules' ability to get their offense unstalled in the third quarter, and the taller Pirates

seemed to score at will over the Mules. The Mules were unable to score in the quarter while the Pirates added 11.

Tomás Buenrostro added four free throws in the final period and Tyler Wood hit a four-foot jumper to conclude the Mule scoring.

Even though Cooper was a taller team, the Mules showed improved hustle and passing in the fourth quarter that forced Cooper to foul, rather than give up the easy shot.

Scoring for the Mules were Wood, five; Buenrostro,

four; Atwood, three; Black, three; and Newton, two.



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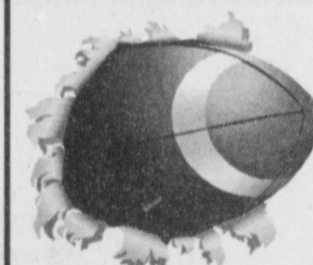
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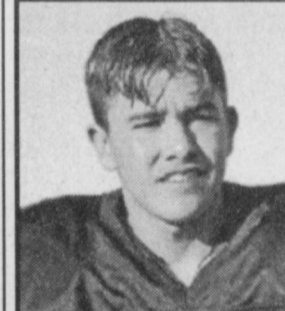


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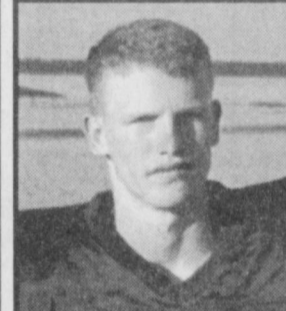
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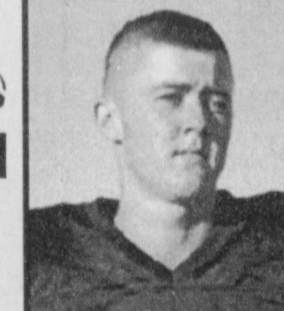
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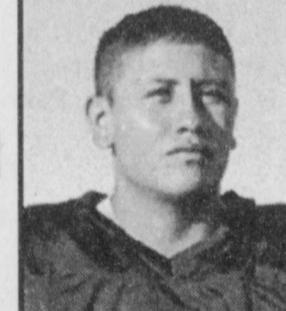
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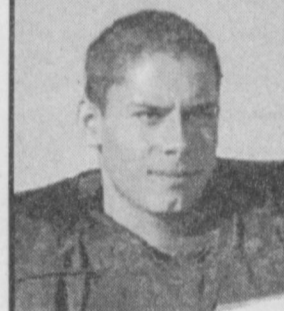
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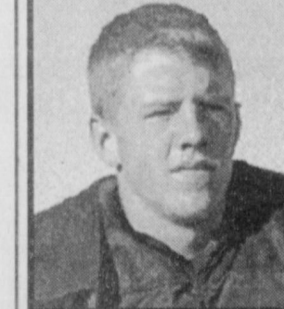
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Children's Hospital joins computer-linked Starbright World

LUBBOCK — Covenant Children's Hospital is the latest hospital to join Starbright World's private and secure computer network linking hospitalized children across the

nation. "Many children have never met anyone with their same condition," said Stephanie Ferguson, child life specialist with Covenant.

"Starbright World will give our children with serious and chronic illnesses the chance to learn more about their medical conditions and to interact with their peers," she said.

Holiday candle safety can prevent house fires

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Candles are a holiday tradition. Imagine a Christmas scene — snow-covered houses, carolers, smiling families, piles of presents — and chances are it is lit by candles.

Put every year the nation's heart is broken by reports of house fires during the holiday season — fires that rob families of their good will, their homes or possibly even their lives.

Many of these fires are caused by candles — ironically, the same candles that are such a tradition in holiday decorations.

Janie Harris, housing and environment specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said that during December — the heart of the annual holiday season — about twice as many fires are reportedly caused by candles as in the rest of the year.

"My guess is there are a lot more fires caused by candles than are reported; they are probably the fires that people put out and so didn't report," she said.

Why so many more candle fires reported in December? Because so many people use candles as part of their holiday home decorations. And, even though the safest candles are the unlit ones, as Harris said, "Why have candles if you're not going to light them?"

With that in mind, candle safety becomes of paramount importance all year, but especially during the holidays.

"If you're going to have candles, you need to make sure they are in a container that is fire-retardant or fireproof,"

Harris said. Candles that are in glass containers — especially those with fitting lids — are among the safest, she added.

But any time an open flame is burning, the danger of a fire outbreak exists. That's why Harris advised some safety precautions to keep in mind during the holiday season or whenever candles are burning.

First, keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets. But that's not enough, since accidental bumps can be caused by adults, too. Burning candles should never be placed on end tables or other areas where they might accidentally be knocked over by someone reaching for something else, she said.

Also, keep burning candles out of window sills or any other place where a curtain or other fabric item could be blown or fall into the flame.

"Don't place them in the window or near fabric or material," she said. A sudden and unexpected gust of wind — even a shift in air current caused by someone walking by — is enough to drop a curtain into a candle's flame.

If using tall tapers on a holiday dinner table, make sure they are fitted tightly into the candleholders, and leave an inch or so "safety zone" around each one.

Keep the wicks trimmed to about 1/4 to 1/2 inch above the top of the candle, she continued, in order to keep the flame shorter and less likely to cause damage.

Don't wrap presents near a candle flame. Holiday wrapping paper, ribbons and cards

are not fire-resistant. And never leave a burning candle unattended. Keep in mind, Harris said, that candles in and of themselves aren't necessarily the problem — it's the

Texas cattle on feed up 3 percent

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in Texas feedlots with capacities of more than 1,000 head totaled 3.03 million head on Nov. 1, up 3 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up 4 percent from the Oct. 1 level.

Producers placed 670,000 head in commercial feedlots during October, down 17 percent from a year ago and down 4 percent from the September 2000 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 530,000 head during October, unchanged from a year ago. Monthly marketings were down 4 percent from the September total.

On Nov. 1, there were 2.45 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the northern High Plains, 81 percent of the state total.

The number on feed in that area was up 4 percent from both last year and from the

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The family of Betty Jo Carpenter would like to thank everyone who sent memorials, cards, and flowers in her honor. Your expressions of love have been a great comfort in this time of sorrow. Special thanks to the members of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, employees of Muleshoe State Bank for the delicious food and to all those who watched over our loved one. Our family will always remember your kindnesses.
Betty's Boys
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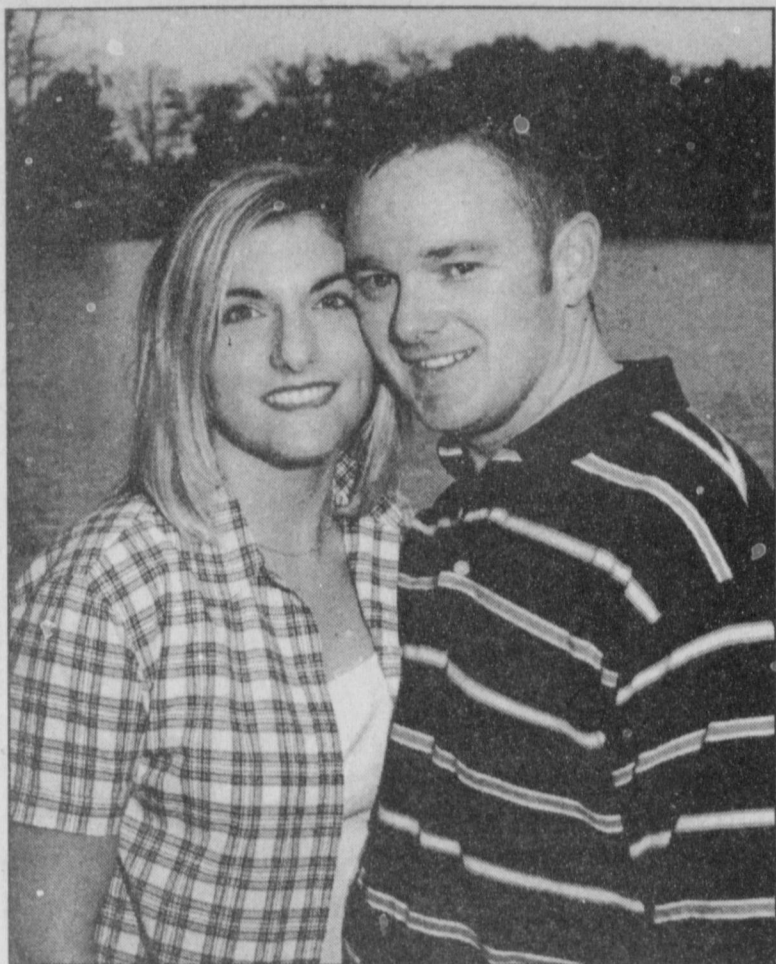
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ENGAGEMENT



Ward-Carpenter

Mike Ward of Rockwall, Texas, and Grace Baker of Paragould, Ark., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Andrea Nicole Ward, to Toby Gene Carpenter, son of Alton and Rhonda Carpenter of Muleshoe.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lyman and Jean Azbill of Paragould, the late Lawrence Baker, J.B. Ward of Rogers, Ark., and the late Geneva Ward. She is a 1997 graduate of Rockwall High School and is employed by the Greene County Municipal Probation Department in Paragould.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Ray and Fayenell Pierce of Littlefield and Lloyd and Evalee Carpenter of Muleshoe. He is a 1989 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is employed by the Greene County Sheriff's Department in Paragould.

The wedding is scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Gables Inn in Hot Springs, Ark.

NURSING HOME NEWS

The center's residents and their families and friends enjoyed their Thanksgiving supper Thursday night. We had great attendance, good food, good music and good folks.

A local band called Fun Timers — Jack Henderson, Terry Kemp, Charles Schovojsa, Cory Hunt and Gerald Shanks — made everyone forget about bedtime, and kept everyone clapping their hands and patting their feet to the music.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin had 17 residents to participate in bingo Saturday afternoon.

Members of the Primitive

Baptist Church came for a song service Sunday afternoon.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning.

Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed the devotional.

Beverly Wagnon, Claudine Embry, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge, Dorothy Turner and LaNell Stancell shampooed and set the ladies' hair Tuesday afternoon.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported the following patient load:

Nov. 16 — Ethel Ayres, Jimmy L. Belvin, MarieElena Campos, Velma K. Clark, Clara Coffman, LaMicah Drager, Mary L. Elliott, Juan Garcia, Sylvia Martinez, Clydetta Mitchell, Frances M. Oliver, Clark A. Price and Roman Reyna.

Nov. 17 — Ethel Ayres, Mercedes Barrón, James L. Belvin, MarieElena Campos, Velma K. Clark, Linnie

Crook, Mary L. Elliott, Carmen Franco, Sylvia Martinez, Clydetta Mitchell, Frances M. Oliver and Clark A. Price.

Nov. 18 — None reported.

Nov. 19 — None reported.

Nov. 20 — Ethel Ayres, Leslie L. Deaton, Clydetta Mitchell, Trinidad Navejar, Frances M. Oliver and Clark A. Price.

Nov. 21 — Ethel Ayres, Leslie L. Deaton, Margarito R. Gutiérrez, Frances M. Oliver and Magann Rennels.

The family of Kathryn Cole is deeply grateful for the gifts made to honor her memory, for the floral tributes and the labors of love as well as the other countless expressions of sympathy and condolence extended during the past weeks.

*Kay and Ann,
Rob & Susie, Pat & Shannon, Matt & Janice, Jarrod & Tena,
Kym & Deryl, Kevin & Jonda
with God's richest blessings on you all.*

Giving Thanks Is a Genuine Debt We Owe to God

If we wish to absolutely insure that we will never be thankful people, that we will always be morose and bitter, self-centered and selfish, and utterly miserable, the very best way to successfully sabotage our own happiness is to always center on our own rights, avoiding any thought of our own responsibilities, or, better yet, to center completely on our own rights and think incessantly about the responsibilities of others or society itself

Ultimately, if you don't give thanks specifically to God, well, who do you thank? And why?

"It must be odd," I remember one man writing, "to be thankful to no one in particular."

If giving thanks is simply a matter of our picking and choosing a few folks or institutions to whom we'll deign to be thankful for a few things...

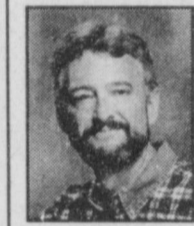
If giving thanks is simply at heart the sort of personal preference and choice (like mayo or mustard on your burger; take it or leave it) we make out of our fine moral character and good upbringing, and the choice has no serious consequences...

If giving thanks is anything less than the very real and genuine debt we creatures properly owe to our loving and powerful Creator...

then I can easily see why we would spend most of our time thinking about the blessings and "rights" we somehow deserve rather than the thanksgiving we owe to God. And, if we adopt that attitude and we think of God at all, we think of him either as a heavenly slot machine mechanically dispensing the good things we deserve or, when things don't go our way, as the One to whom we can address all of our complaints and grumbles.

But Christians should know better. We serve a King who laid aside all of his rights and lowered himself even to die so that we might have the "blessings" of sons and daughters of Heaven. Dare we talk about our rights and grinch and grouse like ungrateful and churlish peasants? No, not in the presence of our all-loving and completely unselfish King.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 15th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

toward us. Of course, as sons and daughters of Adam & Eve bearing a remarkable family resemblance to our First Parents in at least their most negative characteristics, we have a long and sordid history of taking exactly the approach I've just mentioned. Adopting that sort of an attitude is amazingly easy in a society with magazines proudly emblazoning their bankrupt philosophy right along with their name, SELF, and where "Have it your way!" is at least as much a personal motto for many as it is a jingle for selling hamburgers.

When you think about it, well, maybe we shouldn't be at all surprised that an attitude that is at heart completely selfish is the default mode for human beings who deny or ignore the Creator, all the while breathing His air but refusing or neglecting to bow to thank Him for it.

HONOR ROLL

MULESHOE

First Semester, Cycle 2

Ninth Grade

Casey Barrier, Toni Barton, Sara Benham, Marlie Black, Kalynn Coffman, Keri Copley, Ann Cox, Elida Diaz, Joni Garcia, Tyrel Gear, Latasha Glover, Trina Hall, Hailey Hamilton, Erin Hancock, Aubrey Heathington, Megan Mason, Joni Moreno, Christy Morgan, Tabetha Obenhaus, Cory Ruthardt, Karla Ruvalcaba, Jonathan Sheets, Landon Sheets, Brandi Whalin and Kyle Yell.

Tenth Grade

Adrian, Wyndolyn Allison, Crystal Bailey, Bailey Barrier, Larry Broyles, Summer Daniel, Jenny Hall, Jodi Hawkins, Shauna Kitchens, Mindy Locker, Tisha Lovelady, Felicia Mumau, Eva Pylant, Andrew Reeves, Cydni Vandiver, Timothy Villa, Jami Wedel and Erica Whalin.

Eleventh Grade — Ricardo Aburto, Blanca Arzola, Megan Barrett, Laura Bonds, A.J. Buhman, Jessica Carpenter, Elizabeth Castorena, Carmen Flores, Kayla Glover, Joshua Hall, Jessica Hardt, Rendi Hodge, Kayla Kelley, Cami

Kenemer, Landon Kerby, Matthew López, Juan Madrid, Kristen Magby, Ashley May, Suzanne Messenger, Brandon Mount, Lincoln Riley, Sara Sheets, Janna Skaggs, Jesús Tovar and Laura Wood.

Twelfth Grade — Lindsey Altman, Letti Barrera, Brandon Broyles, Melissa Flores, Casey Hall, Christopher Hall, Tommie Hernández, Stephanie Kirk, Jerrell Otwell, Luis Pacheco, Jordan Pool, Westin Price, Drew Robinson, Aubrey Ruthardt, Jeffrey Shelburne, Joey Stone, Megan Tipps, Joseph Tucker, Travis Tunnell,

Dan Williams and Stephen Woodard.

BIRTH

Pauline Chávez and Omar Soto of Route 1, Farwell, are the parents of a daughter, Brittni Rhea Soto, born at 7:27 p.m. Nov. 10 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. She has a brother, Omar. Grandparents are Gloria and Alfredo Soto of Farwell and Petra and Esequiel Chávez of Roswell, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Fita Padilla and Sarah Chávez, both of Roswell.

SCHOOL MENUS

MULESHOE JR/SR HIGH

Nov. 27

Breakfast — Doughnut, pancakes, assorted cereal w/toast, Juice and milk.

Lunch — Turkey fritter with roll, super sack lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, peach cup and milk.

Nov. 28

Breakfast — Blueberry muffin, French-toast sticks, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Szechwan chicken, chef salad with roll, hot dog basket, white rice, egg roll, fruit cobbler and milk.

Nov. 29

Breakfast — Sausage biscuit, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Barbecued baked potato with roll, super sack lunch, hamburger basket, corn, carrot/celery sticks, Rice Krispy treat and juice.

Nov. 30

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, French-toast sticks, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Corn dog, super sack lunch, tuna salad sandwich, Tater Rounds, vegetable soup, applesauce and juice.

Dec. 1

Not available.

MULESHOE ELEMENTARIES

Nov. 27

Breakfast — Doughnut (DeShazo), French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Cheeseburger with burger salad, chef salad with roll,

peanut butter and jelly (Dillman), super sack lunch (DeShazo), oven-baked fries, ranch-style beans and juice.

Nov. 28

Breakfast — Blueberry muffin, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Chicken nuggets with roll, baked potato with roll, peanut butter and jelly, rice with gravy, green beans, Rice Krispy treat and juice.

Nov. 29

Breakfast — Sausage biscuit, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Pepperoni pizza pocket, baked potato with roll, peanut butter and jelly (Dillman), super sack lunch (DeShazo), broccoli, mixed fruit, Brownie with icing and juice.

Nov. 30

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Spaghetti with roll, chef salad with roll, peanut butter and jelly, tossed salad, carrots, peach cobbler and juice.

Dec. 1

Not available.

LAZBUDDIE

Nov. 27

Lunch — Steak fingers, pizza, subs, mashed potatoes, peas, squash, applesauce, salad, Jell-O, yogurt, cottage cheese and milk.

Nov. 28

Lunch — Spaghetti, tuna sandwich, burrito, mixed vegetables,

broccoli/cheese, pears, salad, Jell-O, yogurt, cottage cheese and milk.

Nov. 29

Lunch — Fajitas, hamburgers, beans, rice, hominy, pineapple, salad, Jell-O, yogurt, cottage cheese and milk.

Nov. 30

Lunch — Chicken nuggets, pizza, country potatoes, fried okra, peaches, salad, Jell-O, yogurt, cottage cheese and milk.

Dec. 1

Not available.

THREE WAY

Nov. 27

Breakfast — Pancakes, peanut butter, syrup.

Lunch — Corn dog, potato wedges, carrot sticks, mustard, pears and milk.

Nov. 28

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza.

Lunch — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, apple cobbler and milk.

Nov. 29

Breakfast — Hash browns, Canadian bacon, toast and jelly.

Lunch — Meat and bean burrito, Spanish rice, green salad, salsa, cupcakes and milk.

Nov. 30

Breakfast — Sausage gravy, biscuit and jelly.

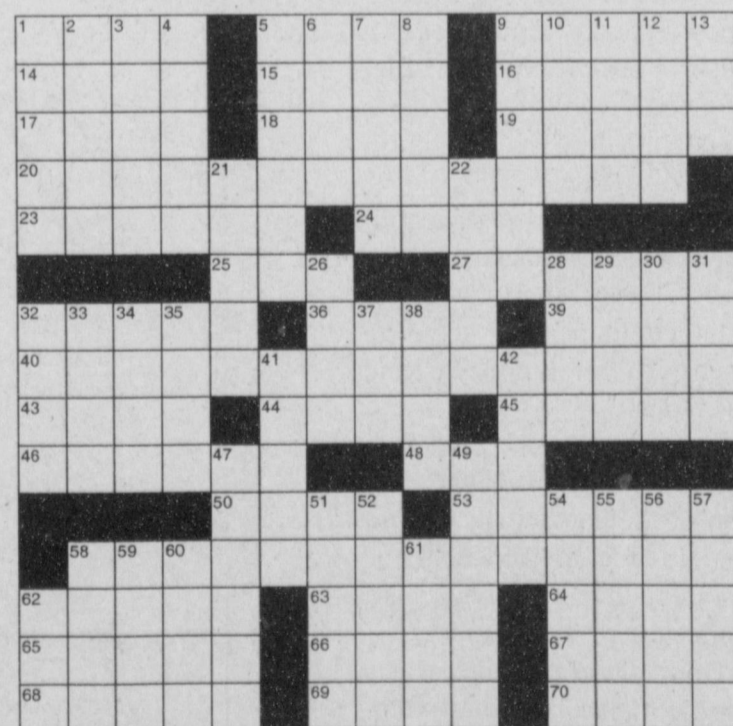
Lunch — Steak fingers, scallop potatoes, tomato salad, white bread, chocolate-covered almonds and milk.

Dec. 1

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito.

Lunch — Sub sandwich, vegetable soup, lettuce/tomato, fritos/crackers, pickles/onion, mixed fruit and milk.

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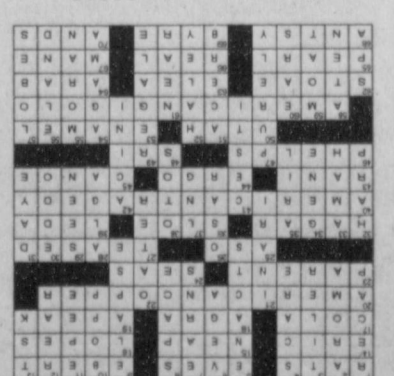
Clues ACROSS

- 1. Urban rodents
- 5. Evenings (abbr.)
- 9. Siskel and _____, critics
- 14. _____ Clapton, musician
- 15. Tide
- 16. Runs
- 17. Coca-_____
- 18. North-central Indian city
- 19. Vertical position
- 20. Butterfly
- 23. Child's common guardian
- 24. Mediterranean and Caribbean
- 25. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 27. Tormented hair
- 32. Mother of Ishmael
- 36. A thorny bush with plumlike fruit
- 39. Queen of Sparta
- 40. Dreiser's "An _____"
- 43. Blue blood
- 44. Sequent
- 45. Native American watercraft
- 46. Mr. _____, head of "Mission Impossible"
- 48. _____ Lanka
- 50. Salt Lake City state
- 53. Coating for wood or metal
- 58. 1980 Hutton film
- 62. Porticos
- 63. Ancient Greek city
- 64. Bedouin
- 65. Oyster find
- 66. MTV's "The _____ World"
- 67. Male lion's long hair
- 68. Slang for fidgety
- 69. Cow barn (British)
- 70. & &

Clues DOWN

- 1. Go over
- 2. Smell
- 3. Lays clay
- 4. Cause fear in
- 5. Founds
- 6. Star
- 7. Gets possession of
- 8. "Lost in _____" TV show
- 9. Move on

Crossword Answers



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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will receive bids for the purchase of a new 2000 or 2001 automobile for use by the Sheriff's Office. Deadline for submission of bids is 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 11, 2000, at which time bids will be opened. Sealed bids should be submitted to the County Judge's Office, 300 S. 1st, Suite 100, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. The specifications for this automobile may be picked up at the Sheriff's Office during normal business hours. Bids must state the year model being offered and the cash price for the automobile since there will be no trade in. Method of payment will be by County check.

The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to postpone awarding of the bids until a later date, if necessary.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will receive bids for the purchase of a new motor grader for Precinct No. 4. Deadline for submission of bids is 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 11, 2000, at which time bids will be opened. Sealed bids should be submitted to the County Judge's Office, 300 S. 1st, Suite 100, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Bids must state the year model being offered and the lump sum gross purchase, and the net trade difference. Payments will be made from Precinct No. 4 Road and Bridge Funds. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to postpone awarding of the bids until a later date, if necessary.

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RICHLAND HILLS - PARK RIDGE

• LOT 83, PKRDG. - \$1000.00, SEVERAL OTHER NICE LOTS ARE AVAILABLE - CALL FOR MORE INFO!!

• NICE 3-3-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, built-ins, fans, 2000' + lv. area, fenced yd., patio, stor. bldg.!! \$57.5K!! RH-1

• 2-1-1 Carport, built-ins, wall furn. heat., win. evap., 5 fans, covered patio, fenced yd. \$25K!! HL-4

• VERY NICE 3-2-1 Brick, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, ash cabinets, nice carpet & vinyl, cov. patio, fenced yd. MORE!! \$42K 11 HL-2

• NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat & evap. air, nice carpet, fans, 2stor. bldgs., fenced yd., MORE!! \$36.5K!! HL-1

• 2-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, DW, MORE!! \$29.5K!! L-3

• 2-1-1 Home, wall furn. heat, \$18K!! L-4

• Duplex (2-2 bdrm. 1 bath units) plus 1 (2 or 3 bdrm) for residence or rental. \$30K!!

• R.V./Mobile Home Park on 2.95 acres, home, office, 3 M.H. units. LET'S LOOK TODAY!!

• APPROX. 4,800' shop plus 600' office area on a 60' x 130' lot!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$40K!!

HIGH SCHOOL

• VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$30's!!! HS-1

• VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, stove, DW, fenced yd., MORE!! \$38K!! HS-4

• 3-2 Home, corner lot, floor furnace heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-10

• PRICE REDUCED - NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. Heat & Cent. Evap. Air, built-ins, stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!! \$39.5K!!! HS8

• 3-1-1 Brick, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, DW, Disp., 4 fans, cov. patio, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd. \$34,500!! HS-3

• VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, 3 ceiling fans, stor. bldg., fenced yd. \$38K!! HS-5

• VERY NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Elec. Heat Pump, stove disp. fans, deck, fenced yd., MORE!! \$32.5K!! HS-13

• VERY NICE 3-2 1/2 Home on corner lot, heat pump, built-ins, nicely remodeled, carpet, fans, storm windows & doors, water soft., auto. spklr., fenced yd. MORE!!! \$53.5K!! HS-12

• 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, Dishwasher, fenced yd. \$28K!! HS-6

RURAL

• PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 160 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!

• W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!! \$95K!!!

• 5 Acre tract on pavement close to town!

• PRICE REDUCES - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!!

• 2-2-2 Carport Mobile Home on 1.997 acres on pavement close to town, attached storage bldg. plus 45' x 74' barn, pens, & fenced pasture!! \$30K!!

• 3-2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., man, spklr., 300' stor. on .84 acre on pavement, edge of town!! \$40's!!

• PROGRESS - VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home on 21.8 acres on Hwy. 84, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, 3 fans, 10 hp., sub. irrig. well, undrgrd. tile, valves, & gated pipe!! MORE!! \$55K !!!

• EARTH - 4-2-2 carport home, Heat Purm, fans, storage-workshop!! \$35K

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