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## Not the usual Nativity

An Elizabethton (Tenn.) High School anatomy class constructed its Nativity scene entirely with cat cadavers.
"It was disgusting. It was nasty," one unidentified student said in Monday's Elizabethton Star. "One cat was hanging from the ceiling as an angel. It had a halo. There were three dressed as the wise men and two as Mary and Joseph and one in a cradle dressed as baby Jesus."
The project, using dissected cadavers, was done for a school decorating contest. It was on display for several days in the

## MTV will save the world

MTV has selected six human specimens Eve may bring
The cable music network has tapped three men and three women to stay in its "millennium bunker" through New Year's Day.
MTV says it wants them there in the event of a millennial apocalypse so they could then repopulate the world and assure the network a future audience.
The "bunker-nauts" climbed into their temporary quarters in New York City, built from three tornado shelters in the basement of The New York Times Building, near the network's Times Square studios.

Among those chosen for the project is Maureen Kyle, 19, of suburban Westlake, Ohio.
OTV
MTV chose Kyle because of her wholesome midwestern values, but she said her parents understand that her role could entail sex with strangers should civilization reach its end.
Video from the bunker will be broadcast 24 hours a day on the Internet.


Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 25 Winning numbers: 11-19-25-26-31-40 Estimated jackpot: $\$ 4$ million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 29
Estimated jackpot: \$7.million
On this date in history Dec. 30 - Frederick W. Thayer, captain of the
Harvard University Baseball Club, patented the Harvard University Baseball IClut,
baseball catcher's mask (1878).
Dec. 31 - Ellis Island in New York harbor Decomes the receiving station for all immigrants entering the United States on the Atlantic coast (1890).

Jan. 1/2 - On Jan. 1, Charles and John Farwell of Chicago agreed to build the Texas state Capitol and accept as payment 3 million acres of Panhandle land (1882).

## Local weather

Daytime high temperatures in the low to mid-60s are expected to last through the weekend. Look for morning lows of about 33 Thursday, 28 Friday and warming to 35 Saturday and Sunday. Mostly sunny conditions are expected for Thursday and Friday, changing to partly cloudy but still mild during the weekend.

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

## 500 potential jurors called; Reyes murder trial near

## By RONN SMITH

 EditorJury selection in the capital murder trial of Muleshoe resident Gil bert Guadalupe "Tito" Reyes is scheduled to begin Jan. 10
District Court Clerk Elaine Parker said Tuesday that notices were mailed Monday to 500 people ordering them to report for jury duty at the Bailey County Coli seum.
Potential jurors are being asked o report at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 10

## Social Security data

 should be checked as soon as it arrives SPECIAL TO THE JOURNALCOLLEGE STATION - In October, the Social Security Administration began mailing individualized Social Security statements to 125 million workers age 25 and older who are no currently receiving Social Security benefits.
This is the largest customized mailing eve undertaken by a federal agency, and what work ers learn from their statements can help them plan their financial futures.

Don't disregard the statement when it ar rives. Check it over because part of your future retirement income as well as other potential benefits will depend on its accuracy," said Nancy Granovsky, professor and family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service
The statements are being mailed on a staggered schedule according to birth month, with statements scheduled for mailing about three months before a worker's birthday
Statements will be mailed to workers on an annual basis
The four-page statement will help workers with financial planning by providing estimates of their retirement, disability and survivors' benefits.
The statement provides an easy way to check on the accuracy of earnings posted on the Social Security record. The amount of Social Security benefits at the time of retirement is based on an individual's career wage record, so it is important for the earnings amounts to be correctly posted.
One out of every three Social Security beneficiaries is not a retiree but a disabled worker, or a member of a disabled worker's family, or survivor of a worker who died
Social Security provides disability coverage for a worker with a family equivalent to about $\$ 233,000$ disability policy. The survivor protec tion provided by Social Security is equivalent to see RECORDS on Page 2

Reyes is scheduled for trial in the March 1998 death of his former girlfriend, Yvette Barraz, who allegedly was abducted from the parking lot at Leal's Restaurant, where she worked.
Her body was found stuffed behind the back seat of her car in the Mexican border town of Presidio, Texas. Reyes had been allowed to cross the border into Mexico legally before the body was discovered because he was not wanted for anything at the time.

Reyes was arrested in Portales after returning to the United States, and then extradited back to Texas in June 1998.
The case is to be heard by Senior District Judge Jack Young since Judge Gordon Green recused himself last January

Young was appointed to hear the case by Judge Ray Anderson, presiding judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial District. David Martínez of Lubbock was appointed March 24 to serve as

At the time of Barraz's death, her family had been seeking a court order to keep Reyes away from her. He was accused of threatening her with a gun just a few days before she allegedly was abducted from the restaurant parking lot.
Reyes and his attorney were in court Dec. 15 for a hearing on several pre-trial motions submitd by Martínez One of them was request for cameras to be bas from the courtroom during the trial.


A different perspective
Brandon Jaime (left), age 4, and L.A. Jaramillo, age 8, spent some time during Tuesday's beautiful weather monkeying around at East Park. Temperatures reached the 60 s for the first time in weeks. Adults were keeping an eye on the boys from across the street.

## Vegetable conference Jan. 18 in Hereford

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL states," he added.
LUBBOCK - A full day of presentation and workshops awaits vegetable growers Jan. 18 at the West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford, Texas A\&M University horticulturist said recently.
"Our speaker this year will address topics such as pesticide laws and regulations, how to do business with large retail chains, water management, and crop health," said Dr. Roland Roberts, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock
"We will also have a potato health workshop at this year's conference - which routinely draws growers from five

## Y2K update:

 Texas in good shapeA coalition of Texas agencies known as Readiness 2000 has provided the city of Muleshoe with 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.
More information on any of these issues is available by calling city hall at 272-4528.
No.9: Texans are generally ingood shape.
Much - some might argue too much - has been written about the approach of the year 2000 , or Y2K
Some preach a litany of gloom and doom about the new year, a scenario that often seems straight from a 1950s science-fiction movie.
The effort that resulted in Readiness 2000 was launched almost four years
ago to get Texas ready for the transition that is now upon us.
All the critical private-sector industries, including banking, have now certified themselves as Y 2 K ready.
Texans should not be swept up in a potential panic, either real or perceived, because of Y2K. The coalition's message is simple: Don't panic; just be ready.
Why "don't panic"? Because experts in many fields tell us that technical glitches will be few and far between. But people problems - folks overreacting, worrying, hoarding food or falling victim to scams - are potentially worrisome, according to Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza.
And why "be ready"? Because the
see Y2K UPDATE on page 2

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to $4: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Hereford Community Center Avenue C at Park Avenue). Registration begins at 8a.m. and costs \$25 per person, which includes a luncheon provided ncludes a luncheon provided by the Deaf Smith County 4-H Parents Association and admission to a trade show stocked
with commercial and education displays.
"Participants can earn CEU towards their pesticide applicator licenses. Certified crop advisers can earn professional development credits, and certified master gardeners can earn six hours credit toward their vegetable specialty certifica-
on," Roberts said.
The morning session will include a potato health workshop, and presentations on pesticide laws and regulations; plant breeding at Texas A\&M University; and how to do business with large retail chains. Keynote luncheon speaker John McClung of the Texas Produce Association will explain how retail consolidation may affect Texas growers and shippers, Roberts said.

A lunch break will allow participants to visit the trade show and see poster displays on dripirrigated watermelons, potato seed piece treatments, post see VEGGIES on Page 2


## Officer sworn in

The South Plains' newest police officer, Steve Clifton of Muleshoe, is sworn in Monday by Justice of the Peace (Precinct 4) Todd Ellis. Clifton had been working for the Muleshoe Police Department for some time, waiting for a chance to become an officer.


Stars for the Food Pantry
Gathered when members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 presented the results of their canned-food drive to the Muleshoe Food Pantry were (from left) Freddy Anzaldua, pos quartermaster; Miariann Anzaldua, senior vice president of the Women's Auxiliary to the post; Joy Nicholson, secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary; Gina Mardis, a Food Pantry volunteer; and Joe Ambriz, post commander.

Churches plan New Year's youth event Several Muleshoe-area
churches are combining force to sponsor a New Year's Ev party/lock-in at the First As sembly of God in Muleshoe The even is open to all yout 19.
There will be free food games and entertainment The deadline for items appear in Around Muleshoe i editions and 5 p.m. Thursda for Sunday's editions.

## Pistachios make the grade for healthy snacking

friends and family, consider only delicious but nutritious too. Pistachios help adults and children meet their daily nu trient needs while being fun to eat at the same time.
snacking continues to increase as more than half of Ameri
cans (51 percent) eat a snack 1999 Roper Poll.

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year 2000, making wise snack healthful diets.
A snack that delivers nutrition in a nutshell, pistachios
are a good source of fiber, vitamins and minerals, are low in saturated fat and relatively high in monounsaturated fat, be the 'good' fat.
With the current trend toward "commitment-free eating, or eating snacks rather asmart snack for

Pisturing the holidays. Pistachios date back to the oly Lands of the Mideast解
A rare delicacy, pistachios
were a favorite of the Queen of Sheba, who hoarded the entire Assyrian supply for herself and her court.
The royal nut was imported
by American traders in the 1880 s and introduced in vend ing machines 50 years later to cone of America's mos

The California pistachio in in 1976, and currently pro duces 95 percent of the California is also the secon largest producer of pistachio in the world.
Pistachios provide a variet of nutrients that are an impot tant part of a balanced die Each 1-ounce serving of in
shell pistachios offers 300 milligrams of potassium, grams of protein and 9 grams grams of dietary fiber.

## RECORDS



## Having trouble with mountain ash? Try a relative!

By RONN SMITH Editor

OK, folks, it's official: Spring is springing! The snow crocus are up and growing - what surer sign is there?

These little flowers were blooming by mid-January last winter, and it looks as if they'll be that early again.
For my money, if your yard doesnt have any snow crocus, you ought to find a few square inche (that's all it takes, they' re so small and well-behave.. and start some seems to be the bright golden-or ange one, and what better time of year for a spot of gaudy color in the lower bed?

I got an anonymous note from omeone who says they really lik mountain ash for its display of bernot been able to get oneestablished and do I have any pointers to offer

I have heard hat there are a few mountain ash without much trouble.
I wouldn't be surprised if that's rrue, but I think it depended on: he tolerance of the individual mountain ash that was planted; 2 planted in; and 3) a possibly special

BACKYARD

relationship between thatindividual mountain ash and its Creator. Seriously, though, this is like
most landscape problems most landscape problems: The solution is not so tough, but it also
The mountain ash family (Sorbus) is divided into two very distinct "clans," and the
knowing the difference
The side of the family known as rowan trees contains the familiar European mountain ash (Sorbus aucuparia) and American moun-
tain ash (Sorbus america These are beautiful trees in the right climate, with their big clus-
ters of berries. Unfortunately, they are intolerant of heat (ouch!) and drought (ouch! ouch!), and I don't think there is any way to "cheat" and help them adapt. To top it all off, they prefer acid soils (with pH
below 6 , anyway). so there's another factor that everybody in our part of the world has to deal with order to grow mountain ash. What to do? The other group of sorbus species is generally known
keepthings confused, some of them
also have common names that inlude the term mountain ash! By the way, the experts dis agree on whether we're talking about mountain ash or mountainash. I writeit tastwo words looks like a mistake. boks like a mistake.
Anyway, the whitebeams and
related species are much more related species are much more
drought-tolerant than typical drought-tolerant than typical
mountain ashes, and also don't mountaian ashes, and also dont around 7 ), which includes most of
The biggest difference to you
and I between the rowan tres and
he whitebeams is that with the
whitebeams youdon't get the compound, frond-like leaves so faniliar on mountain ashes. But you do still set the fruit display, and on some oliage is color is group the fal more spectacular than with rowa

whitebeams generally have leave
that are white on the bottom (cov ered with "tomentum") so that any breeze sets up an interesting dis

The "true" whitebeam (Sorbu
aria) is a tree of similarsize (smal o medium) to ordinary mountain ash species. Berries are crimson, usually with brown speckles. Som cultivars of this tree (notabl

Cotton payment limitation still plagues producers

## SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

 Even though Congress eagerly responded to the economic situation threatening agriculture, some producers are still faced with unattractive choices when it comes to marketing their 1999 cotEven though the 1999 Loan Deficiency Payment/ Marketing Loan Gain payment limitation was doubled from $\$ 75,000$ to $\$ 150,000$ per entity, many producers are experiencing problems
Exceptionally high loan defi ciency payment rates and better than expected production have near or over the $\$ 150,000$ thresh old for LDPs or marketing loan old for
gains.

Producers with bales that are no longer eligible for LDP because the payment limit has been eached have realistically only one place to go - the Commodity Credit Corp. loan.
With no market above the loan value of the cotton foreseen, producers with cotton they cannot receive LDPs on and market immediately will be forced to put their cotton in the Commodity Credit program in order to limit heir losses.
Once the decision is made, pro jucers need to understand what heir options are once the cotton is in the loan.
The producer needs to remember, assuming that the Adjusted World Price is below the base loan rate of 51.92 cents, a few basics.
Upon initiation of the loan, the producer will be asked to pay all accrued warehouse and storage charges from the time the cotton was ginned up to the date the loan is initiated
Once in the loan, the cotton can follow one of three possible paths:
Sale. Cotton is sold under standard "option to purchase" or "equity" type contract through which the producerpasses the right or redeem the cotton on to the buyer.
The buyer can then redeem the cotton at the Adjusted World Price, with the marketing loan gain charged against the producers payment limitation
Redeem at the full loan value. If marketing loan gain payment limitation for the producer has
been reached, the producer
redeem the loan at full value.
All storage on the cotton and interest on the loan is waived under this scenario and the producer redeems cotton for the loan principle only;

- Forfeit the cotton to Commodity Credit. If the producer forfeits the cotton, the storage on
the cotton and interest on the loan


## New Fully Digital Hearing Aid <br> Now Available in Muleshoe


hearing loss. Once inside your eare, it is hardly noticeable.
"The new Direct Digital Hearing Aid has been released. It samples sound one mililion times per second with more processing power than many desktop computers," said Patrick McCarty hearing aid specialist with Livingston Hearing Aid Center.
Sound is pre-processed and fed 32,000 times per second through the digital sal analyscessor for statis parameters and over 100 parameterically The Fully Digital hearing aid automatically and contin the wearer's environment.
This new technology is capable of fitting mild to severe hearing losses and because of the ability to program this hearing aid, it can be modified to meet the needs of the user for man years. Livingston Hearing

One possibility whose role still uncertain is the option of generic certificates. Congress provided authority for the use generic certificates; unfortunately, the cotton industry and USDA have not come to agreement on how they might be ased or how soon they could become available.

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tificates will be made available as

## oon as it is released

For now, the best option for many producers will continue to be putting the cotton into the loa) and subsequently forfeiting th
latter with especially large fruit) are considered among the most desirable small trees in cultivationbar none.
Another species that is often described as "magnificent" is Sorbus vestita, the Himalayan whitebeam. This one doesn't have the spectacular fruit color - its fruits Iook
likelike russet-colored pears which like like russe-colored pears, which actually are close relatives to the mountain ash clan. This species. while well worth growing, is not
going to beeasy to find - youmay going to be easy to find - you may
have to go through one of the big have to go through one of the big
mail-order "boutique" nurseries mal-order "boutique" nurseries.
Another very desirable species with subdued fruit color, and this time with lobed maple-like leaves, is Sorbus torminalis - the Chequer
tree or wild service tree tree or wild service tree (not to be
confused with several native American species known as ser-
$\qquad$ mate and with spectacular fruit
crops and more easily located, is Sorbus alnifolia - the Korean mountain ash. The fruit color is
variable, but whether you get the variable, but whether you get the pinkish red, orange-red or scariet, well into the early winter months. This species is different from most of them in one regard, however - it becomes a full-size tree
(up to 40 feet tall and 20 feet or more across) so don't plant it in a tight space thinking it's going to stay a postage stamp.

So, to the writer who was so just that you hadn't yet matched the embarrassed about losing three right plant to the right site mountain ash trees, I'd say don't Happy planting give up the idea - just switch to a Questions and suggestions ca
related species. It probably wasn't related species. It probably wasn't
that you have a "black thumb," but Box 880 Mulesh Writer, Route Box 880, Muleshoe, Texas 79347

We wish to say "Thank you" for making Antiques \& Fine Things' first year of business such a success! We appreciate your friendsfip and support We're always happy to serve you, and look forward to serving you again, soon. Best wishes for a wonderful 2000!

Marilyn Young

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- Als the century winds down, - and a new one dawns, we want to take the time to thank you, dear friends, for making our year very special. We wish you, and your loved ones, all the hest in the years to come.


Santa knows how
Santa Claus showed up at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce office recently to draw the ame of the winner of the $\$ 1,000$ in mad money being given away by the chamber for Christmas. He drew the name of Tammy Lueras, owner of Tammy's Kitchen.
Official says sales-tax holiday handed consumers $\$ 33$ million

AUSTIN - Shoppers who purchased clothing and foot-
wear during Texas' first wear during Texas' first
sales-tax holiday, Aug. $6-8$, sales-tax holiday, Aug. 6-8,
saved nearly $\$ 33$ million in saved nearly $\$ 33 \mathrm{n}$
state and local taxes.
Over those dates, shoppers purchased more than $\$ 400 \mathrm{mil}$ ion in tax-exemptclothing and shoes, about double the amount hat normally would have bee sold on a typical three-day weekend in August, Texa Comptroller Carole Keeto Rylander said.
"The sales tax holiday alowed families to stretch thei shopping budgets at a critica hopping period," Rylander said in ann
The 1999 Texas Legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first week end of August each year
Starting in 2000,cities, counfies and other taxing entities will be allowed to opt out of the sales tax holiday and not offer the exemption from local sales taxes, but shoes and cloth ing price at less than $\$ 100$ will continue to be exempt from the state sales tax
Hacker hits state web sites A computer hacker vandal zed web sites of at least fil state agencies Nov. 5-8, posting profanity
Among those targeted were Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Department of Licensing and Regulation, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, state auditor's office and the Department of Public Safety
Allof the agencies' websites use the Microsoft WindowsNT Internet Information Server, The Associated Press reported Computer hacking is a fed eral crime, punishable by up to five years in prison and a


HIGHLIGHTS
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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION
0,000 fine for each offense. School safety discussed Southwest Texas State Uniarsity at San Marco school safety Nov. 11 in Austin. Among topics dis cussed were school securi
bullying and gang activity. The university established center to study causes and solutions for school violence in the wake of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado last spring.

Attorney General Joh Cornyn, who spoke at the sum mit, called for a study on schoo violence earlier this year

Other highlights
-Thousands of Texas veter ans marking the last Veterans Day of the 20th century marched in a parade up Austin's Congress Avenue to the steps of the state capitol.
Bands played and speeches were made, honoring the men and women who pledged their lives and sacred honor to the country.

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has introduced the state's first wildlife conservation license plate, which sports the image of a horny toad and the slogan "Keep Texas Wild." Cost of the specialty plate is $\$ 25$ in addition to regular regis tration fees.

The state of Texas has ter

Dairy project to visit Portales
event again
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL The Mobile Dairy Classroom sponsored by the Southwest Dairy Museum of Sulphur Springs
Texas, will give educational dem Texas, will give educational dem onstrations for Roosevelt Count third-graders againduring the Feb
22-23 New Mexico Ag Expo in 22-23 Ne
Portales.
Printed material will be vided for the students and their
In the 45 -minute presentation children can learn such dairy-re lated facts as vanilla being the most popular ice cream, cows have four stomachs, all children need
two or three servings of milk per day, and there are 2,000 kinds o cheeses. and contains a fully 26 feet long mill contains a fully operational milking parlor. The classroom
carries a live cow and calf. The carries a live cow and calf. The
demonstrations can be enjoyed by all ages but are targeted to pre kindergarten through sixth-grade children.
The instructors teach audiences the milking process, the charac teristics and anatomy of dairy cows, and modern environmental and food-safety practices. Chil dren will get to watch a milking demonstration and pet the cow. The mobile classroom has been More information is available y calling (800) 635-8036 or e mailing chamber@portales.co


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Should there be problems with telephone communications in your area, please report your emergency in person to nearest location

Levelland--Police dept. (1310 Ave. H) Littlefield--City Hall (100 W. 6th) Muleshoe--City Library ( $316 \mathrm{~W} .2^{\text {nd }}$ ) Sudan--Community Center (107 E. $1^{\text {st }}$ Ave.)


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## EDITORIAL INFORMATION

fied ad that is desire READER ADS: (1) In order to help accommodate our readers, we urge everyone to keep

in mind that the newspaper is put together on Tuesday and Friday To in mind that the newspaper is put together on Tuesday and Friday. To edition, the earlier that stories, information about meetings or any editorial subject is brought to the Journal office the better!
(2) Deadlines for "Around Muleshoe" and "Around the Area" Monday at 5 pm (Thurs. edition) and Thursday at 5 pm (Sun. edition). (3) The following represents a list of information that appears FREE in the Journal:

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Anniversaries
(forms are available at the Journal office, 304 W. 2nd, for weddings, engagements, bridal and baby showers)
4) Pictures run in the Journal are given away FREE OF CHARGE to the
advertisinginformation Effective Jan. 1, 1999 (1) Display ads are located throughout the newspaper. Ad costs are based
on the number of column inches that the ad occupies. The Journal's open rate is $\$ 3.40 / \mathrm{col}$. inch. Discounts are available under certain conditions. Borders and artwork are added at no extra cost!
(2) DEADLINES FOR DISPL
(2) DEADLINES FOR DISPLAY ADVERTISING are Tuesday at Noon (Thurs. edition) and Friday at Noon (Sun. edition). If you are a business
or individual in need of placing a DISPLAY AD or you have questions about display advertising, call Leah at $272-4536$.
(1) Classified ads are located on the NEXT TO LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSPAPER. These ads include (but are not limited to) FOR SALE, VEHICLES, FOR RENT, ETC

(each time thereafter)
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Bonanza from baby
Terry Brewster, front-end group manager at the Muleshoe Alco store, presents Meals on Wheels volunteers Harold and Mary Jo Burge a check for $\$ 969.74$ raised for Meals on Wheels by Alco store's "cutest baby contest"

Small businesses urged to report scams

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL LUBBOCK - Businesses that recognize scams but don't report them are preventing other businesses from being warned according to the
Business Bureau.
A recent nationwide study indicates that nearly 29 percent o business office managers say their organizations have been targeted by some form of mail fraud. Yet when asked what they would do if they had been victimized by mail fraud, only 29.5 percent o businesses surveyed indicated they
would contact the U.S. Postal Ser-

Less than 20 percent said they would report it to a national consumer protection organization. In contrast, 71.5 percent said it would be useful or very useful to receive free educational information on how tohelp protect their companies from

## This independent study, commis-

 sioned by the Yellow Pages Publishers Association in coopera-tion with the Better Business Bureau system, underscores the reason both organizations sponsored the second annual "Protect Your Business Week" during the second week in

Noisy toys can damage children's hearing

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL HOUSTON - Noisy toy from
Santa can do more than shater "peace on earth" and good will toward men.
child's hearing. When seiecting a toy, most
parents are guided by the child's parens. are guided by the child's
request, the color or the novely request, he color or the novely.
Parents assume that if f t toy is in the store, it's OK. But that's not so, said Dr.Lois Sutton, aclinical professor oforthinoaryny-olosy
at Baylor College of Medicine. Only a few sferey resulations addressthe noise everesortoys,so
Suton provides the following guidelines:
ents should try it out before they take it home. packaess, even plush toys. Test ${ }^{\text {everything before you buy." }}$ MULESHOE POLICE


posure time exceed the standards. However, there are no standards. for children," Sutton said. Parents could be surprised to find that musical toys such as elec tric guitars, drums and horns emit sounds as loud as 120 dBA . Toy phones can measure be tween 123 and 129 dBA , and toys that produce firearm sounds can measure 150 dBA a foot away from the noise source. According to Sutton, 85 decibels is about the loudness level of city traffic while
3,35 decibels is the level of a jackhammer.
Suttorsexposure iscumulative, Sutton said. "Constant wear-and
tearon the fragilemiddle and inner ear structures can cause trauma Over time, those noise exposure begin to add up "Loud may be considered cool,
but we are seeing more and more

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This study underscores the need for businesses to educate employ ees responsible for paying bills to recognize and report unscrupulous and questionable offers for products and services," said Ed
Blackman, executive vice president Blackman, executive vice presiden of the national not-for-profit trade
association for the Yellow Pages association for the Yellow Pages
publishing industry. publishing industry.
According to the Better Business Bureau, the most aggressi
scamstargeting businesses includ - Bogus billing for Yellow Page
advertising;

- Vanity publications;
-Phony advertising solicitation - Fraudulent telemarketing o
ers for office supplies;
- Advance-fee loan broker
- Phony promotion/prize off - Fund-raising appeals from
"Your organization's account ing department, or the individuals
responsible for placing orders and responsible for placing orders and fsolicitu, 1 and other dubious solicitations fror unfamiliar companies or organiz president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains
high school students who suffer from hearing problems," she said "Loud noise levels can become habit."
Sutton urges parents to set lim its, such as "the louder the to the shorter the play time.
And limits should include pre teens and adolescents who listen o stereo systems with head phones and boom boxes with she added.
"If you can hear the music when you approach a child wear ing a headset, it's too loud," she


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Services were held Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Ottilie Wisian, 94, of Springlake. The Rev. Henry Springlake. The Rev. Henry
Stone officiated. Burial was in Stone officiated. Burial was
Muleshoe Memorial Park. Mrs. Wisian was born March 15, 1905, in Travis County, Texas. She died Dec. 23 in She married Hilbert Wisian Neiderwald, Texas, on Feb. 2, 1927. She worked for many ears as an Avon representative and was a member of Earth
United Methodist Church in Earth.
She is survived by two sons, Ralph Wisian of Amarillo and Hilbert Wisian of Muleshoe; a daughter, Kathleen Hawkins Black stock of Abilene, a sister,
Irma Schaefer of Houston; eight grandchildren; and 10 greatgrandchildren.
She was preceded in death by Elroy Wisband and by two sons,
Er. and Harold

The family suggests memorials to the Earth United
Methodist Church (303 E. First St., Earth 79371) or to a favorite MENDOZA
he Church of God Friday at he Church of God of the First Born in Muleshoe for Patricia
Orozco Mendoza, 40, of Muleshoe. The Rev.Ramón Mendoza officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park. Ellis Funeral Homes handled


 Muleshoe. She died Dec. 20 in
Roose velt
County, N.M. She had lived in Muleshoe all her life and was a 1979 gradu-
ate of Muleshoe High School. ate of Muleshoe High School.
She married Alberto Mendoza in Muleshoe in Septemeber Births

## WAGGONER

Eddie Waggoner and Kathlene Thomas of Route 1 , parents of a son, Joe Edd Waggoner, born at 11:47 a.m.
Dec. 20 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.
He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was $203 / 4$ inches torres
Raul and Tracy Torres of Route 1, Box 142-D, Farwell, are the parents of a son, Joshua Ray Torres, born at 7:47 p.m. Dec. 20 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Joshua has one sister, Cassy

Grandparents are Bill and Linda Stovall of HCR 5, Muleshoe, and the late Benadito and McDANIEL
Kendall and Melinda McDaniel are the parents of a son, Logan Wade McDaniel, born at 10:49 a.m. Dec. 16 at Plains Regional Medical Cen-

## er in Clovis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. Grandparents include Robin and Sue Scott and Tuffey and Becky McDaniel, all of Muleshoe.
Uncles are Kyle McDaniel and Ray and Glen Scott, all of Muleshoe.
1979. She was a homemater and a member of the Church of God of the First Born.
She is survived by her hus band;two sons, Albert Mendoza and Abraham Mendoza, both of Muleshoe; her parents Josemaria and Maria Orozco of
Muleshoe: a grandmother, Clara Muleshoe; agrandmother, Clara
Castorena of Muleshoe: foursisters, Yolanda Martínez, Mary Alice Orozco, Mary Helen Saenz and Jessica Vara, all of Muleshoe; a brother, Joe Orozco of Muleshoe; and two grand
C.W. BRADSHAW
day at the Muleshoe Churche
Christ for C.W. "Neal"
Bradshaw, 82, of Muleshoe David Bennett and Harry Riggs officiated. Burial was in Mule shoe Memorial Park
Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.
Mr. Bradshaw was born Sept. 20, 1917, in Waxahachie. He Rehab and Nursing He Dove Littlefield.
He married Gladys "Skeet" 1939. He was a farmer and member of the Muleshoe
Church of Christ.
He also was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, servwith the 84th Division. He re with the 84th Division. He re-
ceived three Battle Stars and the Combat Badge.
He is survived by his wife; a
son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Janice Bradshaw of Lazbuddie; a daughter-in-law, Donnie Mae Bradshaw of Abilene; and a brother, Ted Melugin of Wil Son, Texas; three grandchildren, Lori Hendricks; and four greatgrandchildren, Zach, Kyle and

Hendricks.
He was preceded in death by a son, Odis Neal Bradshaw, Aug. 14, 1980.
The family suggests memorials to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. JARED HARRISON
Services were held Wednes day at the First Baptist Church of Portales for Jared Ben
Harrison, 23, of Arch. The Revs. Ken Moore and Tony Reynolds officiated. Burial was in Eiland Cemetery near Arch. Wheeler Mortuary of handled arrangements.
Mr. Harrison was born March 15, 1976, in Clovis. He died

He was a 1994 graduate o
Portales High School, where he
played varsity basketball and also served as president on the FFA parliamentary procedure

He was chief of the Arch Vol
EMT: he was a member of the

## Arch Baptist Church.

He had been a student at East
ern New Mexico University and wasemployed at Walker Farms. Survivors include his parents Melanie and Stan Harrison o Arch; four brothers, Joe Stanley,
John Kenneth, Jordan Ray and John Kenneth, Jordan Ray and his grandparents, Mariorie and Kenneth Precure of Muleshoe and Eva Mae Harrison of Arch The family suggests memori als to Gideons International 88130), the New Mexico BapMexico Christian Children

Home, all at Portales. GENOVEVA MENDOZA
 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Genoveva "Beba" Flores Mendoza, 75 , of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Au Burine was the celebrant. Burial was in Muleshoe Me Ellis Fun arrangements.
Mrs. Mendoza was born Jan. 3. 1924, in Batesville, Texas She died Dec. 22 at University Medical Center in Lubbock
She married Jesús
Mendozain Muleshoe in 1969, he died in 1984.
She moved to Muleshoe from Crystal City, Texas, in the late 1960s. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculat

## She is survived by two sons,

Phoenix; two daughters, Rosa both of Crystal City; three broth Hernández of Muleshoe and ers, ElijioFlores of Crystal City, Angie López of Gruver; three Fabian Flores of West Fargo, sisters, Dominga Blanco of N.D.. and Mike Flores of Moses Lake, Wash., and Lucia Numas; 11 grandchildren; and Rocha and Florinda Davalos, seven great-grandchildren.

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Muleshoe School Board
Members of the board of trustees of Muleshoe independent School District, along with Superintendent David Hutton, paused earlier this fall long enough to sit for a portrait. Looking their best are (from left, back row) board members Thurman Myers, David Tipps, Arnold Price and Sergio Leal; and (from left, front row) Hutton, Board President Cindy Purdy, Vice President Curtis Shelburne and member Nick Bamert

## Extension risk management economist named for Panhandle

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL AMARILLO - Fred A management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in the Texas Panhandle. He fills the position formerly held by James D. Sartwelle III, who assumed the newly created risk management position in BryanCollege Station. Hampel will assist agricultural producers with risk management Risk Management Assistance pro Risk Management Assistance pro-
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gram.
This effort became a major part of Extension's Texas Risk Management Education Program, first funded by the Texas Legislature in 1997, then expanded during the last session. last session.
"We're fortunate to have some "We re fortunate to have some-
one with outstanding financial management credentials join our risk managementeducation team," said Roland D. Smith, professor and associate head for Extension in the department of agricultural
economics at Texas A\&M Univer-
sity in College Station.
Smith said the new specialist's experience in private industry and agricultural production, when nessprinciples, make him uniquely qualified to assist area producers
indealing with the many challenges and risks in agriculture, now and in the future.
Hampel holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and two graduate degrees: a master of science in agricuttural economics and a master of accountancy from Kansas
State University.
At KSU, he served as an instruc tor in the accounting department. He was a graduate research fellow in the university's agricultural economics department. Heviously, Hampel worked for Koch Industries of Wichita, Kan., refined products trading section The specialist also owned and The specialist also owned and
operated diversified crop producoperated diversified crop producprocessing businesses in Kansas
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