## Page one <br> A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Calf gets stage fright
A show calf - apparently not in the Christmas spirit - bolted from a truck earlier this month before it could be used in an outdoor Nativity scene at a church in Calhoun, Ky
The calf was captured last week after two days on the run. The struggle as the calf escaped cost one man a kick in the head.
The Calhoun United Methodist Church has been performing a live Nativity scene beside the church for about seven years, organizers said.
This year, sheep, goats, a donkey and a prize show calf were supposed to be part of the entourage.
Bill Jordan, who was part of the live Nativity, caught the calf, but it kicked him in the head. Jordan went to the emergency room at a hospital and received 11 stitches.
The Rev. Mike Grimes, pastor at Calhoun United, said he and other searchers spotted the calf's tracks two days later, and the animal was found behind an abandonedchurch. The calf's owner, Darrell Maxwell, said the feisty animal suffered only a few scratches.
Darg gone it - he won
Brian Cappelletto, a Chicago options trader, won the World Scrabble Championship in Las Vegas thanks in part to his use of the 19 -point Scottish word darg - a task or days' work.
Cappelletto, 32, dashed Montreal music professor Joel Wapnick's hopes for repeating as world champion, winning three games to one in the best-offive finals. Nearly 90 experts from 40 countries competed in 24 rounds over three days.


Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 22 Winning numbers: 13-14-16-41-48-50 Winning numbers: 13-14-16-41-1
Estimated jackpot: $\$ 30$ million Estimated jac
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec Estimated jackpot: $\$ 36$ million

On this date in history
Dec. 23 - Moses Austin arrives in Texas trying to obtain a grant to introduce 300 amiles from the United States (1820). Dec. 24 - U.S. troops occupy Confeder-ate-held
ald
(1862).
Dec. 25 - Civil War maverick William Quantrill shoots up the city of Sherman,
Texas, during a drunken spree. (1862)

## Local weather

As of Christmas Day, the National Weather Service forecast was calling for continued cold nights and cool days, with Thursday and Friday being comfortable at about 50 . Snow is possible by Sunday, with temperatures not expected to reach above freezing either Sunday or Monday. Lows, however, should be no colder than the low 20 s.

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## Missed your paper? Call carrier Bobby Flores at 272-6719 or the

 Journal during business hours, 8:30
## Local native has link to terrorist tragedy <br> By JOLINE FRANKLIN

 Journal correspondentMore than three months after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Americans are still interested in stories of everyday people linked tothe events.
Muleshoe native Russell Treider wasn't even in New York when the Trade Center was attacked, but he does have a personal story related to the event.
He was chosen to accept, on behalf of his USS Theodore Roosevelt division, the flag hoisted by firefighters over the rubble of the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.
He , in turn, presented the flag to his captain and the admiral

Treider, a member of the Navy forthree years, is a member of the ship's nucleus fire party, the firefighters who respond to shipboard mishaps from conventional fires to haz-ardous-material incidents.
Media representatives were not allowed on the ship during the ceremony; filming and photography were done by the Navy.

Treider wrote to his family just after the ceremony: " couldn't help but think about where this flag that I was holding had been 19 days ago.
"Where I was holding it were the signatures of the mayor and governor of New York. It


Above, DC3 Russell Treider, on behalf of the crew of the USS Theodore half of crew of the US Theodore Roosevell, accepts tiflag that had been Center Atright Treider (afirefighter Center. Atright, Mreider(a ifirefighter oric flag across the Roosevelt's ric lig across the Rosevelts deck. He presented the flag to the captain and admiral, then had to fold it back up as part of the presentation ceremony. He got the assignment when he raised his hand in response o a question on who knew how to fold the flag. His grandparents and great-grandparents live at Muleshoe.
also had the following words written on it: "N Y. Fire Department, World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001
Treider's story began with a simple raise of his hand. "We were asked who knew how to fold a flag, and I raised my hand," he stated in an e-mail.


They told me I would get the flag first and present it to the captain and admiral, and then fold it back up in front of durng the ceremony
Treider's parents are Russell and Susan Treider of Plainview and Lance and Karen Leschper of College Station; he is mar
ried to the former Karen StanfieldMuleshoe relatives include both sets of greatgrandparents, Marshall and Helen Cook and Raymond and Charlene Treider, and greatgrandparents George and Clydetta Mitchell and Nola Treider.

## Realistic resolutions are key to success in new year

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON - Lighten up this year and make a new year's resolution that can be kept.
"The holidays area good time to write down self-improvement goals for the new year," said Dr. Ken Goodrick, an associate professor of family and community medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The most important thing is to keep your resolutions realistic - don't vow to lose 50 pounds within the next few months
-Write down the resolution and a plan of action. Stick it to the refrigerator, or on the computer, as a constant reminder.

- Set only one or two goals. You'll have better luck fulfilling less, and can always make new resolutions as time passes and goals change.
- Understand that change comes gradually. Resolutions are a process that offer people the chance to create new habits
see HELP on page 2
over time.


## Local hospital district in process of changing healthinsuranceplans

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

or get another college degree," he added. Goodrick offers the following tips to help you stick to your New Year's resolutions:

- Plan ahead. Choose resolutions that you have been thinking about for some .Spontaneous resolutionsusually fade as quickly as they appeared
- Adopt a new behavior instead of trying to shake a bad habit. For example, try to increase the intake of healthy foods instead of saying that you will stop smoking fter years of doing so

Insurance representatives were scheduled to be in
Muleshoe through Friday to sign up Bailey County Hospital District employees under the district's new healthinsurance plan.
Jim Bone of the district said there was "no way we could afford to continue coverage" under the current insurer because of the proposed rise in premiums.

Under the new coverage, the monthly premium per employee will increase from $\$ 244.50$ to about $\$ 275$, local insurance agent Kenneth Henry said last week.
That would represent an increase of about 11 percent considerably less than the premium hikes being faced by many area public entities, according to other insurance industry figures

The new coverage will be in three parts-a basic-care policy that covers expenses up to $\$ 5,000$; a major-coverage policy that has a $\$ 4,500$ deductible, offset by the basic policy; and a discount card for prescriptions.
Prescription costs and heavy usage have been one major factor in forcing up the cost of health insurance nationwide.

The district's discount card is expected to involve an \$8 co-pay on generic drugs and a 13 percent discount on the average wholesale price of brand-name drugs. The card's limit will be $\$ 400$ per month.

Boll-weevil field work starts in three weeks Officials of the Texas Boll Farmers are asked to notify the Weevil Eradication Foundation foundation before applying have announced that their em- chemical treatments to the fields ployees will resume field work This may be accomplished by on Jan. 21. Cotton fields will be mapped Fieldactivity is expec for treatment later in the season. until after harvest.


Look up there!
Kindergartners enjoying a day in Santa's village are (from left) Cedar Snow, Emanuel Miranda and David Rodríguez. The students rotated classrooms to participate in coloring, caroling, visiting with Santa and other activities.

## Around Muleshoe

## Public calendar

Jan. 2 - Last day to file for candidacy in the March 12 rimaries. Information is available from the Democratic and Republican county chairs
Jan. 3 - Mammograms at Plains Memorial Hospital, Dimmitt. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.
Jan. 5 - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Penguin Parade, the weekly Storytime feature at Muleshoe Area Public Library. It will be preceded by "Ready for Life" (for newborns to age 2, with parents) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and followed by "Saturday Afternoon at the Library" (for all elementary students) from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Jan. 7 - Mammograms at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.
Jan. 11 - Mammograms at South Plains Health Pro
Aminals.


## Lady Mules decimate Trinity Christian

By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent The Lady Mules made i nine wins in a row by turning the Lady Lions of Lubbock Trinity Christian High School into a group of kitten
Muleshoe
game before the Christmas break.
All eleven Lady Mules scored during the 32 -minute omp, but full-court pres sure and depth took an early oll on the Lady Lions, who were outscored $26-5$ in the opening eight minutes. Britni Gartin hit twic from behind the arc and Jes sica Carpenter had three-pointer in the firs period. The high-pressur defense of the Lady Mules held the Lady Lions scoreless for the first five minutes.
Early in the second quar ter, Sara Benham scored traditional three-point play
after being fouled scoring
in the paint. Benham domiin the paint. Benham domi period and scored the final wo points of the first half to give the Lady Mules o give the Lady Mules 1-21 advantage
"We really played well tonight," Lady Mule coach Shana Simms said. "Except for a short lapse in concen tration as the third period got under way, the girls were outstanding tonight It is always good when ev

## erybody scores

The Lady Mules were called for five fouls in the first two and half minutes of the third period as Trin ity scored 11 straight points Annie Cox broke the scoring drought with a 20 -foo jumper to ignite the Lady Mules.
Despite the 11-pointhead start, the Lady Lions outscored Muleshoe only 23-19 in the third period Gartin and Rendi Hodge
hit Mindy Locker in stride with a half-court pass as the Lady Mules began to rebuild their lead.
Tori Barton and Gartin both made threes in the final frame
Tiffany Flores notched a three-point play after Locker grabbed a rebound and dribbled beyond the key for a pass to Flores. Flores made the layup despite being hammered in the lane and dropped in the free throw to put the Lady Mules up 78-47 with less than six minutes remaining in the game.

Muleshoe made 14-of-22 free throws and pulled down 26 rebounds in the contest. Gartin led the offense with 21 points and made five three-pointers during the game. Carpenter followed with one three-pointer and 13 points, Benham had 11 , Locker and Flores nine

## JV girls dunk Trinity Christian

By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent The junior varsity Lady Mules closed out the 2001 pre-Christmas portion of heir season by taming the Lubbock Trinity Christian Lady Lions 48-24.
The victory gives fore ending 2001 with fore ending 2001 with a Dec. 31
To date the Lady Mules have placed second in the Nazareth JV Tournament and conquered all comers in their own and the Sundown JV tournaments. The losses have been to the Nazareth JV in their tour nament and the opening game of the year with the Frenship Lady Tigers.
Trinity Christian was not ready to play the jet-fueled ady Mules, who hit the foor running and gunning In the first period, Trinity seldom found the offensive end of the floor as the Lady Mules trapped them in the back court, scoring before the Lady Lions knew what happened
Trinity did not score un til only 10 seconds remained in the first period, and the Lady Mules already had 15 points. Muleshoe took a mental break in the second period and allowed the Lady Li ons to make the game look respectable by intermis sion. Muleshoe still led by 22-11.

The third frame opened with Muleshoe's Lindsey Wood finding Mitci Hawkins running on the fast break. The Lady Mule press caused a loose ball that Am ber Cowart claimed a mid-court and drove for layup that gave the Lady Mules a 26-11 advantage. Wood nailed a three pointer half way through the period and Tabatha Obenhaus scored in the lane to push the Muleshoe lead

Jamie Carpenter made both free throws after being fouled shooting, and Gradee Adrian put back a rebound for points with defenders hanging on her like laundry on a clothesline. Hawkins found Carpenter open in the lane to give the Lady Mules a 37-16

## Tonars recipt

SALMON BAGEL
14-3/4 oz. can or two 7-1/2 oz cans of salmon, drained and flaked 18-oz. container of light cream cheese with chives or onion
2 Tbsp. lowfat milk 1/2 tsp. dried dill

## 6-oz. pkg. garlic

 plain bagel chips1 cup ( 4 oz .) shredded Mozzarella or Monterey Jack cheese
1 cup chopped ripe tomato
1/2 cup sliced green on ions
margin after three periods of play.
Megan Mason made a free throw with a little more than a minute left in the game and Cowart completed the scoring with two free throws before time expired.
Woodhad two threes and was four-of-four from the free-throw line to lead the Lady Mules with 16 points. Adrian had 11 points, Carpenter was six-of-six from the line for eight points, Obenhaus had six, Cowart four, Hawkins two and Mason dropped in one point for the Lady Mules

The Lady Mules open district play Jan. 4, when the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles fly into the Mum.
gym.

Combine cream cheese, milk and dillin a small bowl. Stir half a cup of salmon into cheese mixture. Arrange bagel chips in a layer on two 12 -inch mi-crowave-safe dinner or serving plates. Randomly drop cream cheese mixture by teaspoonfuls overchips. Top with remaining salmon and shredded cheese Cook (one plate ata time) in a micowa two to three minutes or until cheese melts. Top with tomato and green onions. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 12.

Glover also had nine points and went five-of-five six the line, Barton made pointer, Candace threenailed a three and five points, Hodge dropped in three-pointer and four three-pointer and four
points, and Cox and Shani Rasco had two apiece: The Lady Mules were scheduled to play in the Slaton Tournament Dec 27-29 and wrap up their non-district season Dec. 31 in Denver City
The Slaton Tournament could set the tone for the rest of the season for the Lady Mules as highly regarded teams from Nazareth, Wall and Levelland are also invited to participate.

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## Electricity deregulation arrives in Texas on Jan. 1 <br> SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION - The new year is the traditional time for change, and here's one consumers can look forward to
Beginning Jan. 1, Texas Electric Choice will give many electricity consumers the option of choosing their own retail electric provider, said Dr.Lynn White, Texas Cooperative Extenspecialist.
However, she added, not all consumers will be eligible for this new service - only those now served
by investor-owned utilities and city utilities and electric cooperatives that have opted to offer this choice. Still,foreligibleconsumers, this new programcould be of financial benefit. "The goal of Texas Electric
Choice is to eventually Choice is to eventually
lower the price of electricity use," White said.
But what exactly does Electric Choice mean?
"Consider the current elec"Consider the current elecdelivery system for electric power," White said.
"The company will conand provide electricity to consumers, but in addition consumers, but in addition
... it will also rent the lines to other power companies competing for business," he said.
The Public Utility Commission of Texas will
continue to regulate the decontinue to regulate the delivery of electricity to
ensure its safety and reliability.

## State warns of danger

 from carbon monoxideSPECIALTOTHE JOURNAL As Texans try to keep risk carbon monoxide poisoning, often without realizing the dangers, warn officials at the Texas Department of Health.
Invisible, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas from burning fuel such as gasoline, natural gas, kerosene, charcoal or wood.
Inside a home, CO can come from a gas-fueled furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, space heater, range or kerosene heater, fireplace or wood stove. CO causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain for those with heat disease. At higher CO inhalations causes impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea and death.
Without good ventilation during use of fuel-burning appliances, carbon monoxide levels rise and, when breathed in, replace oxygen in the bloodstream. The more CO in the air and the longer the exposure, the greater the risk.
"With any combustion source, there is a risk," said Kay Soper, Health Department indoor air-quality specialist.
Non-vented gas and kerosene appliances have

In order to make the most informed choice about
choosing a supplier, White advised visiting the commission's website, powertochoose.com/
There, consumers will find links to useful sites, including an Electricity Facts Label for comparing information for each REP's prices, contract and emissions.
"Every participating REP must provide this information," she said. "If a monthly service or customer-care fee is added, it must be included in the average per-kilowatthour rate listed, as are all promotions, discounts or incentives
supplier.
"For example, a supplier offering customers one month of free electricity
must include this incentive in its price perkilowatt-hour to reflect the free month."
. To start, she said, "Go to the PUC website and locate your current provider's data sheet for its 'price to beat' -the rate it will becharging starting Jan. 1
Rates for all affiliated suppliers - exceptEntergy -"will be 6 percent below current rates for small-business and residential
customers," White said customers," White said.
"For competing REPs using existing lines, rates most likely will be even lower. "Due to a recent lowerservice area, those customers will not get the 6 percent decrease."
the greatest potential to produce dangerous levels of The Health Department offers these precautions to help prevent CO poisoning:
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- Be
- Be sure all appliances are installed and used according
manufacturer's instruc
tions.
Have the heating sys tem inspected annually.
- Have ventilation systems, including chimneys, flues and vents, checked every year.
- Don't burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle, or tent - not even in a fireplace.
- Don't use an un-vented gas or kerosene heater in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas. - Never leave an automobile running in a closed garage or in a garage at tached to the house even with the garage door open - Don't leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving. Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can be pulled in side the car, van or camper One key to safety, Soper said, is to examine the color of a flame. A hot blue flame produces less carbon monflickering yellow flame a yellow flame in the furnace or stove burner is a signal to have the equipment re-ad justed to get more air to it

During a contract period
the contracted rate can be adjusted for gas-price changes, but not more than twice a year, she said. Compare current price with other features, such as terms."
To determine possible savings, consumers should look at their last year's bills. How much was average use? How much was used during peak months? The www.puc.state.tx.us/ocp/ electric/rates/ has information to use when comparing individual average usage with the average residential and/or commercial rates throughout the state. Some contracts will in
clude fixed prices for service, which means consumers will pay the same price each month. "Fixed prices can be to the consumer's benefit if market costs go up; however, if market costs lower White said. "If the electric company chooses to exercise its right to adjust
consumers' rate twice ayear to adjust for fuel costs, individual rates may go up or dividual rates may go up or down, depending on the fue
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"club" to increase theirbuying power, White said. "For the first time, consumers will be able to join these lubs to buy power in bulk, getting lower prices orother benefits for members of the roup. Electricity-buying groups can be newly formed
groups or existing groups, groups or existing groups, church. As these clubs form, hey will be listed on the PUC Web site."
All of these clubs must be registered with the PUC White said. "If clubs wan money up front, they mus meet certain financial stan dards to ensure cus
funds are protected."
Most of these clubs form money, she added.
Consumers more inter-
ested in other aspects of energy use, such as emis ions, should look for club with that focus.
And, White advised, con
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"nd management. dependent of the REP, with consumers as their main client. They may charge members a fee; if so, the fee must be disclosed up front." Inthiseconomy, consumers have choices, White Don Lenau of Muleshoe has accepted membership in Golden Key International at Texas Tech University. Golden Key provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities and


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## Doing a good deed

Cody Black (left) and Ariel Flores join other Watson Junior High eighth-graders earlier this month in making greeting cards for residents of Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center

## Fish-oil fat promising

 as a mood stabilizerSPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL HOUSTON - A fat that's good for the heart also might be a slave for the brain. Omega-3 fatty acids, the fish-oil fat long touted for hearthealth, also might help soothe the manic highs and depressive lows of bipolar disorder.
In a four-month pilot study, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital found that patients who received omega- 3 fatty acid supplements in addition to their standard medications were four times less likely to suffer recurrent mood symptoms than those who received a placebo.
"Omega-3 fatty acids appear to complement the action of medications like lithium and valproate without adverse side affects," said Dr. Lauren Marangell, a Baylor associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral.
"These findings are encouraging because some people with bipolar disorder are only partially responsive to standard me-
diations, while others do not diations, while others donot
respond at all," Marangell said.
Toconfirm the pilotstudy findings, Marangell and the Harvard teamhavelaunched an expanded, one-year trial involving 120 patients.
Bipolar disorder is one of the most prevalent of severe psychiatric illnesses, affecting more than 2.5 million adult Americans during their lifetime. Individuals with the disorder suffer cycles of deep depression and euphoria that might or might not be broken by periods of normalcy. Episodes typically last weeks or months
"These extreme mood swings are very disruptive to work and relationships," Marangell said.
During depressive episodes, individuals with bipolar disorder typically experience decreased interest in life activities and disturbances in sleep, appetite, concentration, and energy. Euphoric or manic episodes, on the other hand, are characterized by great happiness or irritability, racing thoughts, impulsive behaviors like spending sprees, grandiose ideas, and a decreased need for sleep. In severe cases, delusion and

## Lady Mules tame Lady Wildcats 63-51

By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter The Lady Mules extended their season record to 13-2 with a 63-51 taming of the Lady Wildcats of Amarillo River Road in Muleshoe on Dec. 18.
"I thought it was our best effort of the year from tip to buzzer but we could not buy a three-pointer tonight," Lady Mule coach Shana Simms said. "Our big girls came to play.
The Lady 'Cats had eliminated Muleshoe from the state playoffs last year, and the Lady Mules wanted to even the score. After taking an early lead, Muleshoe seemed to lose some of its focus and allowed the Lady Cats to claw their way back
into the game. Shani Rasco put back her own rebound at the end of the first period to give the Lady Mules an 11-10 lead. Muleshoe had jumped in front $9-3$ in the first five min-

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## J.W. WITHERSPOON

Services were held Mon-
day at Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock for J.W. "Wilson" Witherspoon, 93, of Lubbock. The Rev. Christ Sutton officiated, assisted by the Rev. Glen Harlin. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.
Resthaven Funeral Home Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock handled arrangements.
Mr Witherspoon was born Oct. 14, 1908, in Eldorado, Okla. He died Friday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He married Lois Harvey on July 12, 1941, in Clovis.
He had been a resident of
utes of play, but the Lady Cats poured in seven points in the final minutes.
River Road never led but at the four-minute mark of the second frame, the Lady 'Cats knotted the score at 18-18. Britni Gartin was fouled driving the lane and dropped in a free throw to put the Lady Mules on top for good.

Tori Barton found Gartin streaking downcourt and got streaking downcourt and got
her the ball to complete a fast break to put a little space between Muleshoe and River Road.

Mindy Locker blocked a Lady Wildcat's shot and got the ball to Gartin. Gartin was fouled attempting to finish the fast break and made a free throw to put the Lady Mules up 22-18.
Rasco finished the half by dropping in one from the charity stripe to give Muleshoe a $27-22$ pad.
The Lady Mules never The Lady Mules never
looked back in the second

Lubbock since July 12, 1988, when he moved there from Muleshoe.
He operated an irrigated farming operation in Bailey County for most of his life, and had served on the board of directors of Needmore Gin.
Mr. Witherspoon is survived by his wife; two brothers, Losey Witherspoon of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Burl Witherspoon of Fairless Hills, Pa.; and a sister, Alma Alexander of Hollis, Okla The faily suggests me. The far morials to the Calvary
Baptist Church Building Fund (5301 82nd St., Lubbock 79424).
their lead. Barton sank the Lady Mules' only three of the night a little more than five minutes into the third period.

Sara Benham made back to-back buckets to give Muleshoe its largest lead of the night, 45-30, with 2:27 remaining in the third quarter. River Road pulled to within 10 points with four within 10 points with four
minutes left in the contest. minutes left in the contest. The teams exchanged baskets until the Lady Mules went to the four-corner of-
fense to take some time off fense to take some time off
the clock. Jessica Carpenter beat her defender off the energy wresh legs and more


## JOURNAL INFO...News You Can Use

(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 increase the probability that your information will be placed in your preferred 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:

Weddings $\bullet$ Engagements $\bullet$ Bridal Showers $\bullet$ Baby Shower Birth Announcements $\bullet$ First \& 90+ Birthdays
50th + Anniversaries
(forms are available at the Journal office, 304 W. 2nd, for weddings, engagements, bridal and baby showers)
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(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 $\$ 3: 75 / \mathrm{col}$. inch. Discounts are available under certain conditions. Borders and artwork are added at no extra cost! (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.
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## Cattle numbers up slightly from a year ago SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL <br> go but a 12 percent de

 AUSTIN - Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Texas feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totalled 2.99 million head on Dec. 1, up 1 percent from a year ago.According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Ser-

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level. Producers 430,000 head in commercal feedlots during November, down 2 percent from a year ago and down 37 percent from the October 2001 total.
Texas commercial feeders marketed 500,000 head during November, a 4 per-
crease from the October 2001 total.
As of Dec. 1, there were 2.46 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across that area was up 2 percent from last year but down 3 percent from the

## the northern High Plains last year

totaled 350,000 head, down 39 percent from the Octoser total. Marketing were down 16 percent from last month to 404,000 head
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in the whole United States (feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more) totaled 11.9 million head on 1 slightly

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.91 million head, 5 percent below November of last year.
Feeders in the seven states historically reportedly monthly from feedlots of more than 1,000 head reported 10.2 million head reported 10.2 minion
down slightly from last year but 2 percent above Dec. 1 1999.

November placements in hose states totaled 1.58 million head, 6 percent below last year and 13 percent below the year before. Marketings during November, at 1.54 million head, were down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the year before.

## Texas hens laid 390 million eggs in November

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN - November egg production in Texas totale 390 million egos, up 2 percent from last year and up 1 percent from October 2001, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Ser-

The number of laying hens during November averaged 18.4 million, up slightly from last year and up 1 percent from October of this year.
Egg production per 100
and also up slightly from the previous month
Texas hatchery producion of broiler-type chicks totaled 48.5 million in November, up 1 percent from the same time last year. U.S. egg production totaled 7.17 billion eggs during November, up 2 percent from a year previously. Production totaled 6.14 billion table eggs, 977 broiler-type hatching eggs and $60 \mathrm{mil}-$ lion egg-type hatching eggs.

337 milling hens averaged 337 million during Novemyer, up 2
Production per 100 layers Production per 100 layers nationally averaged 2,128 eggs, slightly above the 2,125 produced in Novemer a year ago.
Laying flocks in the 30 majoregg-production states produced 6.73 billion eggs during November. The number of layers during the number of layers during the month averaged 316 mil-
lion.
31.6 million, down 2 percent from the same month year ago. ear ago.
The hatch of broiler-type
broiler-type pullet chicks for
3 percent million, was 3 percent from Novemer of last year.
The leading U.S. breedfuture domestic hatchery supply flocks during November, up 2 percent from

## New approach keeps diabetic children out of ER

SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL HOUSTON-Teaching parents about a new technique called mini-dose glucagon rescue is helping parents keep their diabetic kids out of the emergency room, according to researchers at Baylor College of Medi-
"Insulin and diet keep blood-sugar levels of kids with insulin-dependent dametes under control. How ever, when a child does not eat, problems with hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, can develop," said Dr

More Haymond, a Baylor professor of pediatrics. Parents then usually visit the emergency room. Themini-dose glucagon rescue technique uses a dilute solution of glucagons that is given like insulin and does not cause nausea.

## South Texas spinach crop yield above-average

SPECIAL TOTHEJOURNAL COLLEGE STATION -Popeye would be proud. Above-average yields are expected for this year's spinach crop due to favorable weather, Texas Coopelative Extension reports. "Last year, a lot of midwinter rain caused high incidence of disease problems," said Joe Peña, Ex-tensioneconomist-management in Uvalde.
"This year rain came early just when the crop was forming and it gave it a good boost," he added.

Usually planted in late winter, spinach is a winter crop. It favors weather conditions that are dry and sunny during the day and mild and cool during the night.

The Texas Winter Gar- den, which includes the counties of Uvalde, Zavala, Frio and Medina, produces most of the spinach in the state.

Planting started in September in order to have a steady supply all the way through March and April, Peña said. Harvest started in mid-October.
"Spinach is in very good shape. It is the prime time for harvest," he said.
By the time the season is over, 5,700 acres will have been planted, of which 3,500 acres are used in processing, and 2,200 acres are sold fresh.
He said the spinach has below-average dis problems due to the dry weather in the area. If mild
temperatures and high ha-
midity prevail, disease midity prevail, disea
problems will arise problems will arise. Some diseases common to spinach are blue mold and white rust. White rust is the primary fungal disease, said Dr. Frank Daniello, Extension hortiDanturist in College Station Futurist in College Station. For the fresh market, white rust makes spinach non-marketable because of rusty white spots on the leaves, and it cannot be cooked for processing. "Some white rust is beginning to show, but it is still not a serious problem this time," he said. White rust is weather-related, Daniello said. If rainy, damp and warm weather conditions continue, serous problems can be ex-

Daniello said rain also prevents getting into the field to harvest. "Producers don't like to harvest spinach in wet conditions because they stack it up for long periods of time, and it warms up inside causing diseases to form inside," he said. Peña said Del Monte has a freezer plant in the Winter

For
For the last couple of years about 35 farmers produce the necessary spinasch for the 50 million pounds Del Monte packs annually, he said. Agra Foods packs an additional 25 to 30 million pounds per year.
The $\$ 20$ million spinach industry is a great contrib-
ing factor to the economy of the Winter Garden re sion.
"If you buy a pack of Del Monte spinach in Canada, it was canned in the Winter Garden," Peña said. "If you buy spinach at a supermanmet in the state, there is a 90 percent chance that it was produced at the Winter Ga produced at the Winter Gar den region, and it's very good quality


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## Tips help protect families against winter illnesses

SPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION - For the past few months, the national news has been full of stories about anthrax, a frightening disease associated mostly with livestock and wildlife, that someone has been attempting to spread to the human population through the mail.
"Everybody is concerned because we heard so much information about anthrax," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist. "But what needs to be more considered is flu (and other illnesses common in winter). We're going into flu season now.
people infected with an-
thrax is small, thousands come down with colds, sniffles and fluevery year. And while colds and sniffles are usually minor, flu can be deadly.
"We really need to be concerned about flu at this time of year - we should protect ourselves (from illness) during the holiday season," Rice said.
When families and friends travel for long distances to be together during the holiday season, they bring their germs with them, she added, and if they share those germs with others who are in close proximity, "then everybody gets sick. Don't think staying

## She pointed out that while the numbers of home alone and refusing child day-care worker

and coughs, and then be
thrown away. Rice said toth handkerchiefs don provide the same safety that paper tissues do because handkerchiefs are kept close at hand after being used - which can spread germs and illness. Besides, a ready supply of paper tissues can help prevent children from wiping their noses on their sleeves, Rice added, which is another way germs get passed around And children often have germs to pass around Rice quoted a pediatrician who once told her: "The only people who get sick more often than toddlers are their mothers."
That's why teachers
large amounts of time with small children are among those recommended to get flu shots first.
Flu shots can help anyone stay healthy, but they are especially recom mended than 65 , people with such conditions as diabetes, heart disease or othe chronic illnesses, she said Another way to protect against disease is to keep the immune system func tioning at its best, Ric said. "Remember, our bodies have very powerful immune systems to protect us from infections Unfortunately, we do many things to keep that system from working to its greatest level of effec tiveness.'

- Don't smoke or use other tobacco products; - If you must smoke don't do it around others - especially children;
- Exercise for at least 30 minutes, five times a week;
- Eat at least five servings of fruits and veg etables each day;
- Get a full eight hours sleep each night;
- Don't drink more than two alcoholic drinks per day;
- Control stress;
- Stay current on immu nizations. As Rice pointed out: "You are far more likely to catch the flu than anthrax."

And finish the holiday season on a safe an season on

## Gene therapy follows path of computer-chip technology

SPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL HOUSTON - Scientists are improving gene-therapy echniques in the manner that computer researchers gradually added more powe in computer-chip technology.
This avant garde area of treatment has brought the worlds of basic science stud es and patient care closer han perhaps any other medical advance.
"Our current gene-therapy studies are the next stage of what has been a process of discovery," said Dr. Brian Butler, an associate profes sor of radiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.
went from the 286 to 386 to Pentium and Pentium II Pention and Pentium I seeing 'upgrades' in gene therapy," he said.
Butler and his team are testing a new approach that combines standard radiotherapy with gene therapy in treating prostate cancer Using the commoncer Using the common cold tor to carry the genetic treatment to the cells, Butler has been able to show that this combination approach adds no more toxicity for patients in early studies. Such cutting-edge medical advances are no longer

Dr. John Wilson, a bio chemist at Baylor who studies genomic solutions to the devastating and potentially blinding disorder retinitis pigmentosa, says his team' goal is to slow down the disease's progression. There is no known treatment. Wilson is looking at de veloping short DNA sequences known as se nucleotides that oligo to alter defective genetic material in retinitis pigmentosa patients. Both basic scientists and physicians have common goals when it comes to this new genetic frontier: to new gre to r

Baylor scientists are exploring genetic solutions to

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Emergency Preparedness Checklist
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Learn how to protect
yourself and cope with
For additional Information ahout how to prepare for hazards in your community, contact your local emergency defense office and defense office and chapter.


## Emergency Checklist

## Call Your Emergency Management

 Office or American Red Cross Chapter- Find out which disasters could occur

Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
Ask how you would be warned of an emerge
Lecarn your community's evacuation routes. persons.

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## Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with housenold members. Discuss with children he dangers of fire, severe wealher, earhquakes and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could
- Discus
injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your $h$ routes from each room.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
Post emergenc
- Teach children how and when ters near telephores. fire.
- rre.

Instruct household memb

- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative
for family members to call if separated by disaster (ii is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area). - Teach

A place near your home in case of a fire. 2) A place outside your neighborhoo Take a basic first aid and CPR class. Keep family records in a water and fire-proof

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store duffle bag.
Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable container. A supply of non-perishable packaged or cauned foo and a non-electric can opener.
A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes, Blankets or sleeping bags. An extra pair of glasses.
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extra batteries.
Credit cards and cash.
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This bracelet was a gift Amber Apodaca drug and alcohol problems. She was wearing it when an underage drunk driver took her life.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



## Little cutie

Nine-month-old Felicity Rodríguez, winner of the Alco store's cutest baby contest, poses with her parents, Jenny and Robert Rodríguez of Muleshoe, and store manager Rudy Pérez. Felicity won a $\$ 25$ gift certificate.

TODAY'S RECIPES

SWEET'N'SPICYSTEAK 1 cup prepared chunky salsa
$1 / 2$ cup catsup 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard 4 well-trimmed boneless beef
chuck blade steaks,
cut 1 inch thick
Combine salsa, catsup, Slicesteaks intothinslices and stir-fry in a skillet and stir-fry in a skillet
coated with non-stick vegetable cooking spray or a tablespoon of vegetable oil. When meat is lightly
browned, add salsa mixture and simmer 10 minutes until thick and hot.

## oodles or rice.

Makes four servings PEANUTTY GARLIC CHEESE APPETIZERS 4 oz. garlic-flavored $1 / 2$ cup peanuts, finely chopped

Salt and pepper
Assortment of crack-
ers, including wheat and

Leaf lettuce
2 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced

Roma tomato, hopped

Fresh thyme
In a small bowl, thoroughly blend cheese and peanuts. Season to taste. To assemble, top each cracker with lettuce and a slice of tomato. Spoon pea-nut-cheese spread over
Garnish with shato. mato and a sprig of fresh thyme.
Note: Rye bread or French baquettes can be substituted for the crackers. Cut rye bread into 2 -inch slices; slice French bread diagonally into half-inch slices. Brush each side with peanut oil and toast both sides
until lightly browned
BESTOATMEALCOOKIES 1 cup (packed) brown sugar
1 cup sugar
$3 / 4$ cup ( $1 \quad 1 / 2$ sticks) light or regular margarine
$1 / 4$ cup vegetable short ening
2 eggs or $1 / 2$ cup choles
terol-free egg product 3 Tbsp. milk
2 tsp. vanilla extract 2/3 cups old-fashioned oats
2 cups all-purpose flour 1 tsp . baking powder 1 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. salt 2 cups dried cranberries or butterscotch chips (optional)
1 cup chopped pecans (optional)
Beat sugars, margarine and shortening until creamy. Add eggs or egg product milk and vanilla; mix well. In a separate bowl, com-
bine oats, flour, baking powder, baking soda and powd.
salt.

Add to margarine mixture and mix well.
Stir in cranberries and pecans. Chill dough for an Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
Drop dough by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12

Let stand for five minutes before removing to racks to Makes five dozen.

## REATIVE LIVING

Information on honey, redwork embroidery and side dishes will be featured on "Creative Living" a t1 p.m. Jan. 1 and 3 p.m. Jan. 5. (All times are Central.) "Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-FM from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. Gretchen Frederick, a spokesperson for the Na tional Honey Board in Longmont, Colo., will demonstrate how just a squeeze of honey can transform many dishes into something special. Sue Hausmann of Viking Sewing Machine in Westlake, Ohio, will demonstrate a sewing technique called "redwork" or what some call turkeywork or pennysquare embroidery.
Janel Franklin of JanSu Publications in Tahoka will demonstrate a new slant to side dishes. She will how several "old-time favorite" side dishes can be given a unique twist.
Information on pecans and instant architecture will be featured at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 1 and 1 p.m. Jan. 3
Ann Cox of food communications specialist with the Western Pecan Growers Association, willdemonstrate breakfast recipes using pecans.
Bruce Johnson of Asheville, N.C., a representative of Minwax, will show a variety of wood moldings that can be used to add visual interest, character and historical accuracy to a room
produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.
The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico, and is dis tributed by Westlink of Albuquerque
Viewers can request
copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130 .

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