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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Chief run over by Santa?

Chester, Pa., police said William Hatzell, 57, was wearing a full Santa suit when he was stopped and questioned by Bethel Township Police Chief David Houser.

When he was asked for identification, Hatzell refused to hand it over, and instead backed his car into Houser, police said. The car drove off with Houser clinging to its side mirror; he fell off and was not seriously injured.

ATM gives free cash

For holiday shoppers with dwindling funds the week before Christmas, it must have seemed like a miracle — an automated teller machine spewing free cash by the fistful.

The malfunctioning ATM at a Green Bay, Wis., mall gave extra money to any takers, police Lt. Bill Galvin said.

Two women using the machine received police Sunday when they got more cash than they requested — in the case of one of the women, \$500 more. Both turned the extra cash over to police.

An officer stood guard at the machine until its owner, US Bank, could dispatch a technician. When the technician arrived, the ATM was down to its last \$100, Galvin said.

Police asked anyone who got extra cash from the machine in the East Town Mall to hand it over to Green Bay police. He added that the machine records all transactions and has surveillance cameras.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Dec. 26
Winning numbers: 8-20-40-44-47-51
Estimated jackpot: \$36 million
Winners: 1 (not immediately claimed)
Next drawing: Saturday, Dec. 29
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

On this date in history

Dec. 29 — Texas is admitted to the Union as the 28th state (1845).

Jan. 1 — Galveston is wrested from U.S. troops and reclaimed for the Confederacy by Gen. John B. Magruder (1863).

Also on Jan. 1 — Charles B. and John V. Farwell of Chicago agree to build the Texas capitol in exchange for 3 million acres of Panhandle land (1882).

Also on Jan. 1 — The first Cotton Bowl game is played, with TCU representing the Southwest Conference (1863).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service had changed its earlier prediction of snow for Sunday, saying rain is likely instead. Nights should continue cold for the next week, with lows ranging from about 20 through the low 20s. Highs should be around 40 except for Tuesday, at 33. Snow is possible Friday.

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10 indicted in Panhandle antelope slaughter

Texas Parks and Wildlife

AMARILLO — A Dallam County grand jury has returned felony indictments on 10 individuals who allegedly participated in the killing of 24 antelope last December in the Texas Panhandle.

The slaughter be the single largest illegal killing of antelope in U.S. history, law enforcement officials say.

Farms may get pay to grow plants that fight air pollution

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — U.S. farmers who protect the environment could receive higher incomes despite producing less crops, according to a report in this week's *Science* magazine.

Two economists — Dr. Bruce McCarl of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Dr. Uwe Schneider at Iowa State University — found that farmers could join the effort in fending off global climate change by harvesting greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide, through photosynthesis or altering emissions of other greenhouse gases.

“What we found is if you start paying farmers (for mitigating carbon emissions), they will benefit from it by having another market. They will produce a little less conventional production — which means they will get higher prices — plus they will be getting payments for the carbon,” said McCarl, who co-authored “The Cost of Greenhouse Gas Mitigation in U.S. Agriculture and Forestry.”

The report examines the result of payments to farmers using a variety of carbon prices and the impact on U.S. production agriculture along with the environment.

While U.S. prevention efforts in both the agricultural and forestry industries would not be sufficient to meet Kyoto Protocol (global framework for climate change) emission-reduction levels, McCarl said, the research indicates side benefits would occur.

These include higher commodity prices, less erosion and chemical runoff, and lessening the need for government income support payments to farmers. However, consumer prices would slightly increase and exports would decrease.

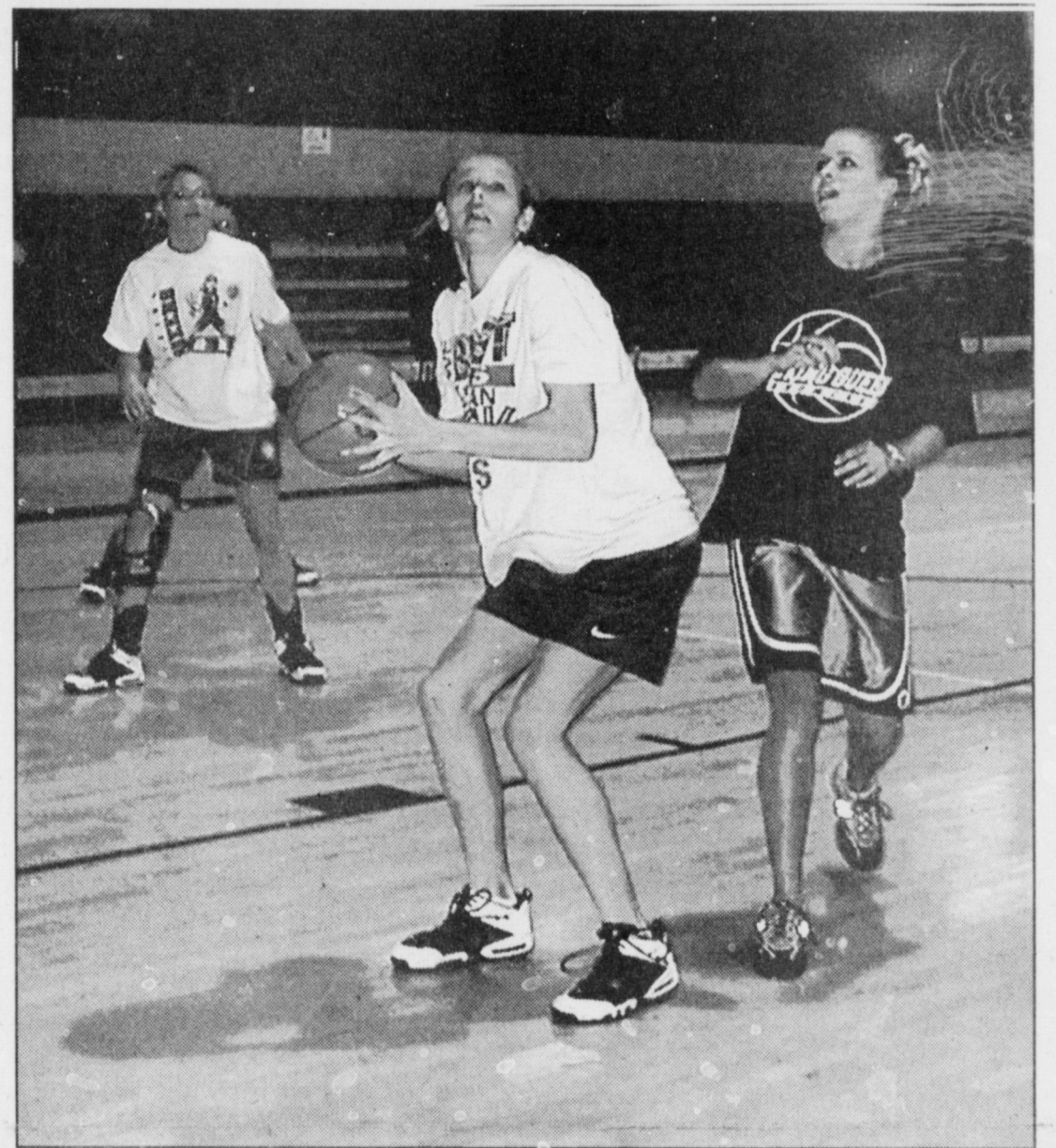
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The dead antelope were found west of Kerrick, Texas, on Dec. 9, 2000.

All 10 the suspects were indicted on a charge of taking wildlife resources without consent of the landowner, a third-degree felony due to the use of a deadly weapon. The punishment is up two to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Indicted are Wes Avent, 26, of Ama-

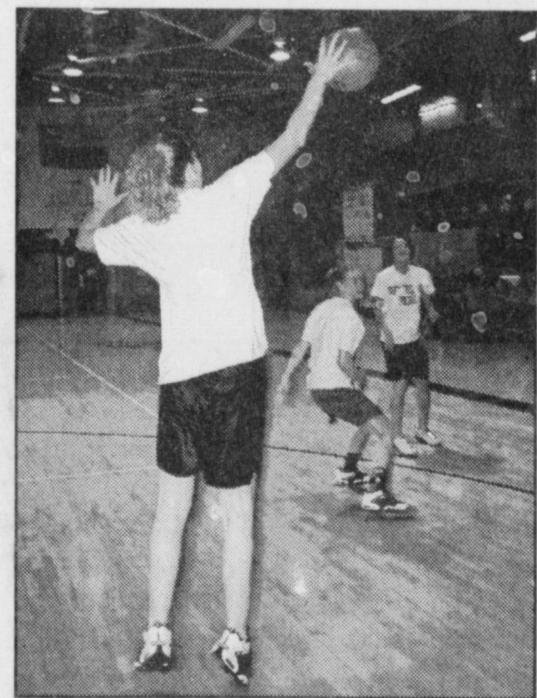
rillo; Billy Heath Collums, 23, and his wife, Kenna Collums, 20, of Kerrick; Leonard Hawkins, 40, of Kerrick; Brady Schoonover, 31, of Kerrick; Paul Wilson, 46, of Boise City, Okla.; Cavin T. Foster, 21, of Pontotoc, Miss.; Jason Holladay and Michael Wilson, both 24, both of Houlika, Miss.; and Clayton Watkins, 23, of Van Fleet, Miss.



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Ladypower

Muleshoe's Lady Mules work out Friday, concentrating on keeping their skills sharp as district play nears. Above, Sara Benham handles the ball as Rendi Hodge (left) Britni Gartin look on. At left, Mindy Locker strains to capture a ball; Kayla Glover and Tiffany Flores are in the background. Muleshoe has a road game against Denver City before beginning district play at home Jan. 4 against Lubbock Roosevelt. After dropping their opener to Wolfforth Friendship, the Lady Mules have been impressive in several games, including win over previously unbeaten Slaton and perennial Class A state contender Nazareth.



Future of hospital district's Farwell clinic looking more secure

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Jim Bone of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District said recently he thinks the future of the district's Farwell clinic is stabilizing as revenues from the clinic hit their stride.

During one meeting of the district's board of directors earlier this fall, some concern had been expressed regarding the clinic's financial viability. Bone said at that time the clinic had not been approved as a

Rural Health Clinic, adding that Medicare payments would improve considerably once the designation was in place.

Board member Mike Miller had raised the question because of an unfavorable financial re-

port from the clinic.

“I don't know why our district is going to operate a clinic in another town if it's going to cost us money, if it's just for the benefit of our doctors,” he said. “We need to know if this is good

LCU president Jones scheduled to speak at Muleshoe church

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. L. Ken Jones, president of Lubbock Christian University, is scheduled to speak at the Muleshoe Church of Christ on Jan. 6 and Jan. 13.

His proposed topic is “Personal Leadership.” He has conducted leadership seminars for entities as varied as Texas Instruments, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the Lubbock Family Business and Leadership Forum, Plains National Bank and the Lubbock Police Academy. He also is the author of a book, *Leadership After God's Own Heart*.

He is scheduled to speak at 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m. and 6 p.m. both days. The church is located at 2201 W. American Blvd.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

What a face!

When seventh-graders are turned loose with their imagination, anything can happen, and in this case it was “Mr. Colunga,” created by this group as last semester's teamwork assignment in Character Counts. They are (from left) Kelly Dale, Chelsi Hawkins, Kendall Johnson, Andy Pérez and Al Ontiveroz.

AROUND MULESHOE

Public calendar

Jan. 2 — Last day to file for candidacy in the March 12 primaries. 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 Providers, Muleshoe. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

Jan. 12 — 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Pandas," 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. 15 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Providers, Muleshoe. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

Jan. 16 — Mammograms at Parmer County Hospital, Friona. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

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.

Mules find Trinity a tall order

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Except for the first five minutes of the second quarter, the Mules played the over-sized Lubbock Trinity Christian Lions a close ball game. There are college teams that do not have a starting five as tall as Trinity: 6-7, 6-6, 6-4, 6-0 and 5-10.

Utilizing a 13-2 run in that five-minute stretch, the Lions subdued the Mules 62-47.

With Landon Sheets and Stephan Shelburne making shots from the arc, the Mules had been able to stay with the Lions in the first period.

Then, after a very quite five minutes for the Mules to start the second period,

Sheets and Brennan Broyles got to the charity stripe seven times and Valentín Colunga drove the lane for the Mules' bucket of the quarter. Muleshoe went into halftime trailing 34-21.

Lincoln Riley overcame his fear of height in the second half and began to find ways to score. Riley exploded for the Mules with 11 points in the final frame as the Mules chipped two points off the Lions' lead in the final period.

"Their size really bothered us in the first half and we only made 11 of 25 free throws tonight," Mule coach Ralph Mason said.

"But overall I was pleased with our play tonight. We really played well in the



Festival queen

Miranda Elizabeth Crow, 6, was crowned queen of the Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities Dec. 12 at Immaculate Conception. She is the daughter of Mary Crow and granddaughter of Luis and Aurora Mata.

second half, and I feel we learned not to be afraid of big guys and to go ahead and find ways to score," he said.

Riley led the Mules with 16 points, all coming in the second half, and Sheets had two three-pointers and 10 points.

Broyles had nine points, Shelburne canned two threes for six, and Colunga, Chance Turney and Kyle Atwood had two points each.

The Mules were scheduled to play in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock on Dec. 27-29 and travel to Denver City to try to avenge a loss to the Mustangs in the Mules first game of the season.

Eight make Amarillo honor squad

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Eight Mules were named to the *Amarillo Globe-News* Class 3A All-Golden Spread football team last week — two more than state quarterfinalist Perryton.

The Muleshoe-Childress bi-district game was tagged as the region's top 3A game of the year.

A full report, with coach's comments, will appear in the *Journal*.

Mules making the honor team (three on offense, five

on defense) were quarterback Lincoln Riley, senior; running back A.J. Flores, sophomore; offensive lineman Jeffre Skipworth, senior; defensive linemen Daniel Johnson and Bradley Thomason, both seniors; linebackers D.J. Domínguez, senior, and Brian King, sophomore; and defensive back Kyle Atwood, senior.

Michael Brisco of Childress, who provided the spark for the Wildcats against Muleshoe in the

playoffs, was named the 3A player of the year.

Other players the Mules faced who were listed on the squad include offensive linemen Kenneth Starnes of Childress and Chris Anglin of Amarillo River Road; wide receiver Nathan Ornelas of River Road; and punter Tyrell Bebout of Tulia.

Perryton's Gary Newcomb was coach of the year, the honor Muleshoe's David Wood won last year.

Marker found for prostate cancer spread

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON—Elevated levels of a growth factor indicate which men diagnosed with prostate cancer are likely to need more aggressive treatment, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston have discovered.

"This marker, measured through a simple blood test, indicates at a very early stage which patients may have prostate cancer that has already begun to spread to other areas of the body," said Dr. Kevin Slawin, associate professor of urology and director of the Baylor Prostate Center.

In the study of patients Conservation district sells windbreak trees

Landowners have until mid-March to order windbreak trees and shrubs through the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District.

More than 30 species are available, with saplings coming from the Texas Forest Service.

Order placements or more information are available Priscilla Nichols at (806) 481-3311, ext. 3.

undergoing prostate cancer surgery, TGF-beta levels were predictive of cancer progression while levels of prostate-specific antigen were not.

Screening for prostate cancer with a prostate-specific antigen blood test, or PSA test, has become widespread in the past decade.

Slawin and his team analyzed blood samples from 120 patients who underwent prostate removal for local-

ized cancer.

Levels of TGF-beta were measured prior to surgery and at intervals after surgery. Blood samples from healthy men and from those with known metastatic disease were used for comparison.

Additional studies will be conducted to establish more useful indicators for TGF-beta levels in the prediction of prostate cancer progression.

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POLLUTION

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Two main methods of reducing greenhouse gas emissions include reducing equipment emissions and absorption of carbon through plant photosynthesis, McCarl said.

"Carbon is stored in a plant for a long time, but when the plant is harvested or it dies, it emits that carbon," he said. "If you have deep-rooted plants, they are putting that carbon down into the soil and when the plant dies, the carbon is deep down in the soil."

McCarl said there are things farmers can do to increase the amount of carbon held in the soil. Those include the use of tillage practices that do minimum disturbance to the soil "because when you plow something up, that exposes the carbon-rich organic matter to oxidation and makes the carbon re-emit to the atmosphere," he said. "So, if you can figure out some way of managing to keep this carbon there, you may be able to remove carbon from the atmosphere and slow down global warming."

Farmers also can grow biofuel crops, offsetting the use of carbon-emitting fossil fuels, or alter land use, moving land into trees or grasses—both methods re-

tain more carbon per acre than conventional crops, McCarl said.

The research suggests correlating agricultural and forestry activities with a specific conservation program rather than targeting various environmental goals separately.

There has been much discussion about managing greenhouse gases, but some of the methods were "terribly expensive" to implement, McCarl said.

"The other thing we wanted to look at is in agriculture, if you use more land for carbon sequestration, then you're going to use less land for something else ... there are tradeoffs," he said.

"If you move land into trees, you can't grow food on it and, in some cases, trees hold more carbon than some land," he added.

Their research indicates soil-based strategies dominate in the corn belt, while biofuels are dominant in the lake states. Forestry-based operations are found predominantly in the Mississippi delta states.

McCarl and Schneider suggest offering a multi-strategy reduced-emissions program, giving landowners the flexibility to choose the strategy most suitable

to regional characteristics. Meanwhile, some management by farmers may be implemented.

However, McCarl said, the United States is a source for 40 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

"And if the world thinks it has a problem with atmo-

spheric greenhouse gas buildup, it's going to land on the door of the U.S. pretty quick," he said.

"Even if we are not a signatory to the Kyoto Protocol, it may be in international interests to have implemented a unilateral policy," he added.

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food, flowers and kind words.
With Deepest Sincerity,
The Rejino Family

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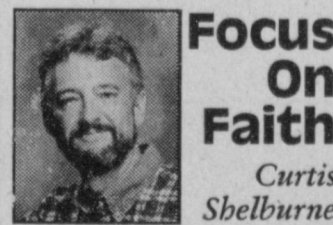
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May the Twelve Days of Christmas Last Forever!

As I write this column the lights of the Christmas tree twinkle across the room, a warm fire burns in the hearth, one son home from his college home lounges in the living room of his real home watching a movie, and his dog (presently lodging in his real home) is sprawled out across the rug and occasionally twitching and emitting a halfhearted sleepy attempt at a bark, evidently chasing rabbits or reindeer in his sleep.

The first pre-Christmas fe-



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

tivities, complete with a sumptuous meal and some early gifts with family and friends have already taken place today, though Christmas, as I write, is still a few days away.

Tomorrow we'll light the fourth Advent candle at church. We'll sing the songs, the marvelous carols of Christmas. I'll sing "O Holy Night." My son Stephan and I will sing "Mary, Did You Know?" I'll tell the story of Christmas yet again, and talk a little bit about how that story affects our own life stories every day. Then we'll light lots of candles (the church windows are covered, you see, with Christmas decorations, and we'll cheat a bit with an early candlelight service). And then all of my sons will join me as we sing everyone's favorite, Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber's *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht*, "Silent Night, Holy Night" and we'll walk silently

from the sanctuary, each worshiper carrying the candle symbolizing the light of Christ we each carry into the world.

By the time you read this, that candlelight service will be over, right? Right. But I hope its real light will still be shining in some warm hearts.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be over, right? Just half right. Christmas Day will be over, but not Christmas.

When I was a kid, lots of folks from my strand of the Christian faith weren't too sure we ought to celebrate Christmas at all, and even when we decided it might be okay to cast our lot and lift our voices with other Christians (yes, other Christians; that sort of came as a surprise to some, too), who'd been doing a pretty fine job of celebrating Christmas for more decades than not ever since the first one ... well, most of us took a bit longer to figure out that the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" had it right! Not necessarily about French hens and lords a'leapin' and partridges in pear trees. About Christmas. You see, speaking ecclesiastically and calendarologically (don't look that word up), it's Christmas right on through January 5, up until Epiphany on January 6 (which is another lesson).

So I plan to join Chris' dog and dream about reindeer right on past Dec. 25. And I'll not pull the plug on the lights until the 6th or so. (Though I hope to get my silhouetted shepherds off the house early this year—maybe even before Spring Break.) Is Christmas over? Not yet. And my prayer is that for you and yours the joy of the Lord of life is a season that never ends.

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

A few after-Christmas chores may demand attention

By RONN SMITH
Editor

The Christmas aftermath:

• If you have a poinsettia you want to keep, just remember that while they like to be kept moist, they don't like water standing on their roots.

It's a good idea to punch a hole in the foil (if the plant's pot is wrapped in foil) and use a saucer to collect the runoff, then dump the excess water on some other plant.

• If you have a living Christmas tree you want to plant outside, just remember to get it acclimated gradually to being back outdoors. A week in an unheated garage or similar situation should toughen it up. Sometimes these trees actually break dormancy while they're indoors in a



warm house, and those buds will be extremely tender.

• If you have a Christmas cactus, you probably didn't just get it, but remember through the winter that although these are cacti, they aren't desert plants by a long shot.

Water them regularly (misting is a good idea); they're mainly tropical jungle plants.

Good drainage also is essential for Christmas cacti, although if the potting medium is both porous and absorbent, you don't need

to worry about dumping off the excess water. But these plants grow on the branches of jungle trees rather than in the ground, so their roots aren't generally exposed to standing water.

Well, now that Dec. 21 (the shortest day of the year) is behind us, the snow crocus should be blooming in a month or less, depending on how much cold weather we have.

If you have hellebores ("Christmas roses"), you may already have had flowers; the generally mild temperatures we've had certainly wouldn't discourage blooming this year.

Hellebores are an extremely hot item right now. Aside from the actual Christmas rose (*Helleborus niger*), there are now MANY spe-

cies of hellebores in cultivation.

That's only the tip of the iceberg, though. Most hellebore species are not stable, by which I mean they will cross with the other species if they're grown near each other. So we have a real mess just trying to distinguish the species from the hybrids, and of course when any plant is a hot seller, the breeders are busy producing new variations.

Until recent years, you'd generally find hellebores with either white or burgundy flowers. Now, the flowers are every shade from white through pink to purple-black, and there are apple-blossom blushes and pink-edged-white picotees and flowers in all those shades with darker speckles either on parts of the flower

or all over. This is not even mentioning the pale greens and pale yellows, the double-flowered and anemone-flowered forms.

There are sun-loving and shade-loving types, and some shade-lovers that will prosper in more sun if you give them more water. I wouldn't class any of the common hellebores as low-water-use plants, though some of the more recent introductions lean that direction. *Helleborus argutifolius* and *Helleborus x sternii* could be called drought-tolerant if planted where they have at least afternoon shade.

Hellebores do have medicinal uses, among them the cure of ringworm. They also are poisonous if eaten, though, so if you have kids who are prone to eat the

landscaping, use caution.

Because the demand right now is bigger than the supply, hellebore plants generally aren't available at cut-rate prices.

Since they are noted re-seeders, it should be easy to start them from seed — if you know someone who has them, just ask the person not to deadhead the hellebores next summer so you can collect the seed. They sprout better if planted right after they ripen.

Of course, the seedlings will be wildly variable, with some probably not attractive, but the price is right.

Happy planting!

Questions and comments can be sent to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronr.smith@hotmail.com.

OBITUARIES

BETTY REJINO

Services were held Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Betty Rejino, 63, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine was the celebrant. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Rejino was born Dec. 4, 1938, in Bryan, Texas. She died Monday at home.

She had lived in Muleshoe since 1960, when she moved here from Friona, and married Guadalupe Rejino on Nov. 28, 1965, in Muleshoe.

She was a member of the Guadalupana Society at Immaculate Conception.

She had worked as clerk, cashier and manager of a Town and Country Convenience Store, and also had worked for Damron Drug.

Mrs. Rejino is survived by her husband; two sons, Lupe Rejino Jr. of Midland and Shawn Rejino of Muleshoe; two daughters, Amanda Madrigal of Dumas and Susan Viurquez of Levelland; a sister, Augustina Herrera of Plainview; two brothers, Tom Villa of Friona and Scirilo Villa of Oklahoma City; six granddaughters; and five grandsons.

The family suggests me-

morials to Vista Care Family Hospice (4418 Olton Road, Plainview 79072).

'NANNIE' LOWE

Services were held Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Sudan for Estelle "Nannie" Lowe, 96, of Sudan. The Rev. Cliff Hargrove officiated. Burial was in Quannah (Texas) Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

Mrs. Lowe was born June 10, 1905, in Munday, Texas. She died Monday in Lubbock.

She married Charlie Ben Lowe on Dec. 14, 1927, in Anadarko, Okla. He died July 4, 1980.

She had lived in Sudan since 1980, when she moved there from Quannah. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Mrs. Lowe is survived by a son, George Lowe of Albuquerque; a daughter, Charls Ann Williams of Sudan; five grandchildren, Jackie Holley, Dennis Lowe, Jimmy Williams, Ken Williams and Jon Ann Mercado; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Ida Joseph, and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

MARGARITO GUTIERREZ

Services were held Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Margarito R. Gutiérrez, 72, of Muleshoe. The Revs. Joe Augustine and Pat Maher were the celebrants. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Gutiérrez was born Feb. 20, 1929, in Sweetwater. He died Monday in Lubbock.

Mr. Gutiérrez is survived by four sons, Ray Gutiérrez of Sweetwater, Joe Gutiérrez of Muleshoe, Margarito Gutiérrez of Mercedes, Texas, and Tommy Gutiérrez of El Paso; a stepson, Lupe Ortega of Sweetwater; four daughters, Eufemia Torres, Lucy Posadas and Lucinda Martínez, all of Muleshoe, and Rosie Lujan of El Paso; two sisters, Rachel Cuellar of Sweetwater and Rebecca Castillo of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Eluterio Gutiérrez, Alfredo Gutiérrez and Florentino Gutiérrez, all of Sweetwater; 33 grandchildren; and 47 great-grandchildren.

DONDAL BASHAM

Services were held Dec. 17 at Reed-Davis Chapel in Hughes Springs, Texas, for former Maple resident

Dondal Basham, 80, of Avinger, Texas.

He died Dec. 15 at home.

He married Christine Chaddick on Oct. 27, 1944.

He moved to Avinger in 1987 from Tulia, where he retired as a school-bus mechanic. He previously had been a bus mechanic at Maple.

Mr. Basham is survived by his wife; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and Becky Basham of Skellytown, Texas, Larry and Katherine Basham of Dalhart and Wendell Basham of Longview, Texas; a sister, Thursie Reid of Muleshoe; and a grandson, James Basham of

Dalhart.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters, including Marie Toombs of Maple.

CHARLENE RIDDLE

Services were held Dec. 30 for Charlene Ruth Riddle, 66, of Burleson, Texas. Burial was in Mansfield (Texas) Cemetery.

Blessing Funeral Home of Mansfield handled arrangements.

Mrs. Riddle was born March 4, 1935, in Levelland. She died Dec. 27 at home.

She married Charles Winfred Riddle on Feb. 22, 1963, in Muleshoe. He died April 1, 1978.

She was a retired apart-

ment manager and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Mansfield.

Mrs. Riddle is survived by two daughters, Terry Ghousheh of Arlington and Donna Ridling of Mansfield; a stepson, Charles Riddle of Fort Worth; a stepdaughter, Mary Ruth Malone of Marble Falls, Texas; her mother, Faye Taylor of Mansfield; a brother, Frank D. Cox of Albuquerque; a sister, Claudia Schoolcraft of Weatherford, Texas; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Charlie Preston Riddle, on March 25, 1995.

NURSING HOME NEWS

By Joy Stancell

Janis Denton of Friona came Friday afternoon to entertain. Sharon Rector, who is her mother, her manager and means of transportation, assisted her to and from the center and helped set up for the show.

Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the Communion service Sunday morning, and Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday.

Members of the Progress Baptist Church came for services Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard came Tuesday for a special Christmas morning service.

The Wednesday morning coffee and doughnut time was directed by Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster Kittrell. Loyce Killingsworth and Kittrell directed the singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins came Wednesday afternoon for a sing-along and puppet show.

Alta Gore, the center's only resident with a December birthday, was honored with a party Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burris entertained. Decorators Floral gave Gore a corsage and Lasting Impressions gave her a Ty Beanie Baby tied to a big balloon. Volunteers Plus and the center's

activity department hosted the party.

The center's residents and staff received many acts of kindness during the holidays. What a wonderful community to live in.

The Christmas-card project has again been deemed a great success. In addition to the names listed in the newspaper advertisement, contributors included Bob and Nina Landers and Harold and Mary Jo Burge.

BIRTH

THETFORD

Jessica Taylor and Clinton Thetford of Wolfthorff are the proud parents of a boy, Clinton Ray Thetford II, born at 9:45 a.m. Dec. 20 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor and Mr. and Mrs.

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Great-grandparents are Julia Patterson of Muleshoe, Joe Holmes of Tarentum, Pa., Martha Starr of Alvarado, Texas, and Pete and Bonnie Thetford of Phoenix.

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THE PRINCE WHO WOULDN'T LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!
ADONIJAH WAS THE FOURTH SON OF DAVID, BORN AT HEBRON, WHILE DAVID WAS KING OF JUDAH (II SAM. 3:4). AFTER ABSALOM HE WAS DAVID'S FAVORITE SON AND THE KING SPOILED HIM BY NEVER REBUKING HIM FOR MISDEEDS! AT THE TIME WHEN KING DAVID WAS STRICKEN WITH ADVANCED OLD AGE, ADONIJAH ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE THE THRONE—AFTER ALL, AT THIS TIME, HIS THREE ELDEST BROTHERS WERE ALL DEAD AND, AS THE OLDEST SURVIVING SON, ADONIJAH FELT THAT HE HAD A CLAIM UPON THE THRONE—BUT HE HAD TO BE AWARE OF DAVID'S INTENTION THAT SOLOMON SHOULD RULE AS KING AFTER HIM (I KINGS 1:18). HE WON JOAB, DAVID'S COUSIN AND COMMANDER OF THE ARMY, TO HIS CAUSE AND ABIATHAR, THE PRIEST, BUT HE DID NOT GAIN ZADOK, THE HIGH PRIEST, NOR BENAIAH, COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARD, NOR NATHAN, THE PROPHET. NEVERTHELESS, HE INVITED ALL HIS FOLLOWERS AND ALL THE PRINCES, EXCEPT SOLOMON, TO A GREAT OPEN-AIR FEAST AT THE FOUNTAIN EN-ROSEL WHERE, IN THE MIDST OF THE FESTIVITIES, HE HAD HIMSELF PROCLAIMED KING! (I KINGS 1:5-11) NATHAN, THE PROPHET, AND BATHSHEBA, THE MOTHER OF SOLOMON, THOROUGHLY ALARMED, TOLD THE AGED KING DAVID OF THIS, WHO IMMEDIATELY GAVE ORDERS THAT SOLOMON BE ANOINTE BY THE HIGH PRIEST ZADOK AND PROCLAIMED KING! THIS STRUCK TERROR INTO THE HEART OF ADONIJAH, AND HE FLED TO THE ALTAR IN THE TEMPLE AND WOULD NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL HE HAD SOLOMON'S PROMISE THAT HE WOULDN'T BE KILLED! (I KINGS 1:49-53) SHORTLY AFTER THIS, KING DAVID DIED AND NOW ADONIJAH BEGGED BATHSHEBA, WHO AS "KING'S MOTHER" WOULD HAVE INFLUENCE TO PROCURE SOLOMON'S CONSENT TO HIS MARRIAGE WITH ABISHAG, WHO HAD BEEN THE WIFE OF DAVID IN HIS OLD AGE! (I KINGS 1:3) THAT DID IT! SOLOMON KNEW THAT ADONIJAH ONLY WANTED A MARRIAGE LIKE THIS TO STRENGTHEN HIS CLAIM TO THE THRONE! SOLOMON STRAIGHTWAY SENT BENAIAH TO SLAY ADONIJAH AND THEREBY PUT A STOP TO HIS THREAT TO HIS THRONE! (I KINGS 2:13-25)



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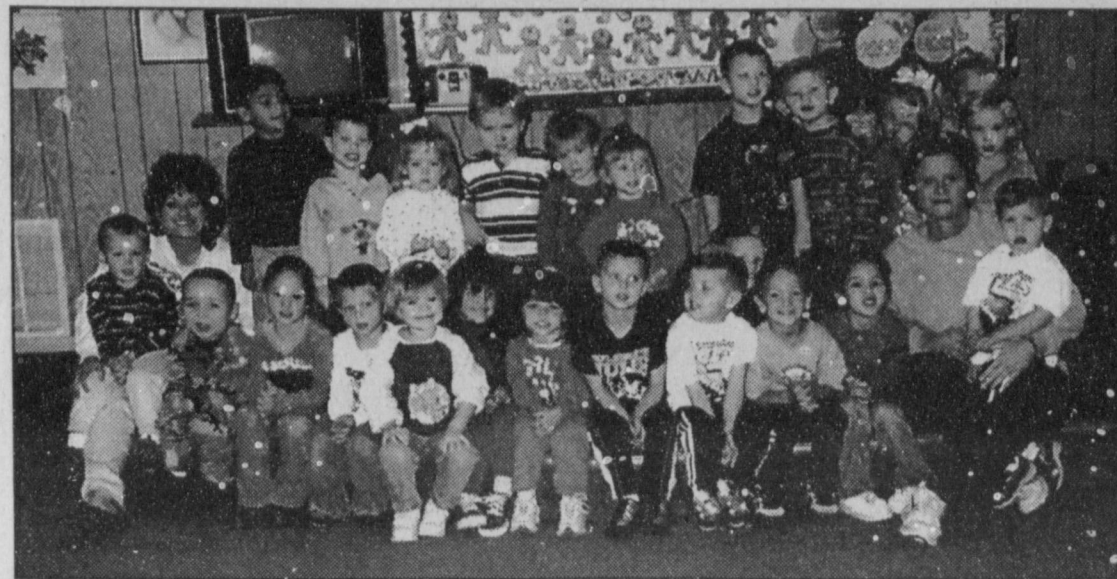
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Santa's helpers

Students from Kinder Korner who made Christmas decorations for the Janes ranch house at the Muleshoe Heritage Center were (back row, from left) Debbie Tunnell, Joseph Carrión, Terran King, Kinzi Cleavinger, Dagen Dunham, Calli Sirkel, Ashley Scott, Braden Bessire, Conner Harrison, Konlea Barnes, Cambree Glover and Lauren Isaacson; (front row, from left) Austyn Steinbock, BlakeyPoo Parker, Kaylie Morris, John Welch, Karliee Springfield, Ashe Price, Micha Williams, Garrett Welch, Cade Box, Branden Locke, Tony Catillo, Bethlee Gable, Joyce Scott and Treg Box.

Rangeland workshop set for Jan. 10-12

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
SONORA, Texas—The Academy for Ranch Management will host a basic rangeland management workshop on Jan. 10-12 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora.

The two-day course will provide information on developing strategies to meet the resource goals for each individual, said Ray Hinnant, one of the instructors for the academy and senior research associate with the experiment station.

rangeland ecology, plant identification, grazing strategies, wildlife/livestock interactions, nutrition and habitat restoration will be covered in detail," Hinnant said.

Participants will tour the experiment station to observe the effects of grazing and burning treatments firsthand. The course is a prerequisite for the advanced rangeland management and burning classes taught during the year.

Cost for the workshop is \$350 per person. Lodging and meals are provided during

the workshop (space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis).

A beginning hands-on class for prescribed rangeland burning is scheduled for Feb. 7-9 at the experiment station. Cost is \$350.

The class will feature both classroom and practice burn activities, Hinnant said.

Participants can register online for any of the classes at rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm. More information is available by calling Hinnant at (979) 845-5580.

SPC takes aim at specialized marksmanship classes

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
LEVELLAND — South Plains College is taking aim this spring at two evening competitive firearms courses specializing in rifle proficiency.

SPC's spring registration begins Jan. 9.

The courses are offered through SPC's law enforcement program and will provide a collegiate counterpart for students who want to develop and improve their skills in the highly competitive, growing sport of rifle marksmanship.

arms safety and is a National Rifle Association training counselor.

Basic Firearms (CJLE 1211) will meet from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, while Advanced Firearms (CJLE 2237) will meet from 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in SPC's Law Enforcement-Petroleum Technology Building.

The courses are open to students who have marksmanship skills similar to those developed in 4-H.

ment.

"We start with safety, and we end with safety," Monger said. "Our ultimate goal for those students who have aspirations of international and or Olympic competition is to help them get to that level," he added.

The basic rifle course introduces students to competitive three-point rifle shooting (standing, kneeling and prone) and the intermediate course

Be alert to avoid hantavirus

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
The death last month of an Oklahoma girl due to hantavirus pulmonary syndrome serves as a reminder to residents of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains region to take precautions when dealing with rodent droppings and nests.

At this time of year, people may become at risk for exposure as they deal with holiday decorations that may be stored in places not frequently disturbed.

parts of water, or another disinfectant that will kill viruses. If rodent carcasses or nest materials are found, spray them down with the disinfectant, too. Allow the disinfectant to remain on the surfaces for at least 30 minutes.

To keep the amount of dust at a minimum, spray the disinfectant a second time just prior to beginning the cleaning process and before removing any nesting materials or carcasses. If a person develops flu-like symptoms after cleaning a rodent infested area, a physician should be contacted and the possibility of hantavirus should be evaluated.

- Other tips include:
- Keep kitchen and food preparation areas clean and store food and trash in containers with tight lids;
 - Plug entry points in the exterior of the structure with steel wool or caulk;
 - Eliminate possible nesting areas and materials by clearing brush from around the yard and foundation;
 - Keep garbage cans and wood piles off the ground and away from buildings;
 - Elevate hay and sacks of feed in barns; and
 - Store pet food in closed containers and avoid leaving pet food out overnight.

Supplemental feeding of livestock also may increase the risk of exposure if hay or feed that has been stored where rodents have access.

Humans are usually infected when they inhale contaminated dust, but rodent bites and getting contaminated material against broken skin are also hazards.

Anytime evidence of rodent droppings is seen, or rodent nests are encountered, critical steps should be taken before the area is disturbed.

Self-protection is critical, so the use of rubber gloves, eye protection and a good quality mask are recommended. Prior to initiating the cleaning process, open any windows and doors in the room to allow the air to circulate through the room.

Spray the area with a solution of one part bleach in nine

HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

- Dec. 20** — James K. Angeley, Chase V. Chisman, Mary Franklin, Tommy Gordon, Pauline Guinn and Al E. Jennings.
- Dec. 21** — James K. Angeley, Elmer Anglin Jr., Joseph J. Arrickiello, Eva Carpenter, Chase V. Chisman, Mary Franklin, Tommy Gordon, Pauline Guinn, Rachell S. Kitchens, Virginia Ortiz and William Lambert.
- Dec. 22** — None reported.
- Dec. 23** — None reported.
- Dec. 24** — None reported.
- Dec. 25** — None reported.

Dec. 26 — James K. Angeley, Viola Childers and Virginia Ortiz.

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HOROSCOPES

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Aries — March 21/April 20
There's no time for beating around the bush answering an important question — just be direct, Aries. A special friend comes into your life again. Make the most of the moment.

Taurus — April 21/May 21
Don't let the cold weather get you down, Taurus. Find ways to enjoy the snowy season. Organize a trip with friends — it could provide the excitement you need this week.

Gemini — May 22/June 21
Stop playing that Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde routine, Gemini. You're bound to lose friends when you act two-faced. Expect conflict by Thursday. You'll have things sorted out by week's end.

Cancer — June 22/July 22
Is a new neighbor trying your patience, Cancer? Well, you may want to keep your cool for a bit longer. A work project leads to adventure for Wednesday — something you didn't expect.

Leo — July 23/August 23
You've been a bit edgy lately, Leo. You might be taking on too many responsibilities at work. Rest up, so that you'll bring fresh ideas to the table. A loved one reaches out on Tuesday.

Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22
It could be the right time to take your relationship to the next step. The stars indicate that this one is really meant to be. Look to family members for some good advice.

Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23
If your work has been mediocre, Libra, it could be because you're not putting your "all" into it. Seek out a hobby to free up the creative side of your brain. Aquarius is key this week.

Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22
Your sarcasm has gotten you into trouble again, Scorpio. Not everyone appreciates your own brand of humor. Tread lightly at work on Friday — the boss is in rare form.

Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21
Now's not the time to be level-headed, Sagittarius. Explore that new romance and run with it. Expect a friend to need your help on the weekend with a serious matter — you're the one with the right answers.

Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20
Why do you seem to be seeking the war path lately, Capricorn? Set your sights on peace and quiet rather than confrontation. A stranger provides the answer to a question that's been a bother.

Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18
So, you've made a resolution to get in shape for the new year, Aquarius. Because you're not known for sticking to your guns, recruit the help of a friend who can motivate you.

Pisces — Feb 19/March 20
Does it feel like you've been swimming up-stream lately, Pisces? It could be because you're chasing the wrong goal. That special someone you've had your eye on is up to no good.

TODAY'S RECIPE

STEAK JAMAICAN

6 Tbsp. honey
1/3 cup lime juice
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
2 Tbsp. prepared mustard

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. grated lime peel
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
2 lbs. lean top round steak
Lime wedges

Whisk together all ingredients except the steak and lime wedges in a small bowl.

Score steak across the top and place in a shallow baking pan. Pour the marinade over the steak, turning to coat all sides.

Refrigerate six to eight hours, turning occasionally.

Broil four to six inches from heat for three minutes for medium rare, or as desired. Slice thinly on diagonal; serve with lime wedges.

Makes 6 servings.

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Employee of the month

Gathered to honor Carla Kelly as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce employee of the month for December are (from left) Chuck Smith, chamber President Mark Washington, Kelly and Tiffany Boehning. Kelly works in the office of attorney Criss Cleavinger.

Quail symposium aiming to find reasons for falling numbers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
CORPUS CHRISTI — Quail populations have imploded across much of their range in the past 20 years, and wildlife managers from across North America will convene in Texas to try to sort out the situation.

Texas hosts the National Quail Symposium on Jan. 23-27 at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi.

The symposium is expected to attract more than 400 scientists, landowners and sportsmen who share an interest in the sporty birds.

"Texas is viewed as the last stronghold for wild bobwhites," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist in San Angelo, and one of the program's organizers. "But even here we've witnessed 'quail decline,' especially in the eastern half of the state."

The theme for the symposium is "Quail Management: Issues, Concerns and Solutions for Public and Private Lands." More than 50 technical papers on aspects of quail management and research will be presented.

Steve DeMaso, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Upland Game Bird Program leader, said the program should be of interest to landowners, quail hunters, quail managers and scientists. DeMaso is the chairman of the program committee and editor of the symposium proceedings.

"There's a lot of attention being directed at Texas when it comes to quail," said DeMaso. "The southern Great Plains has traditionally provided prime habitat for wild bobwhites."

Keynote speaker for the Thursday evening banquet

will be Rollins, whose presentation will focus on sustaining the "quail wave" in the southern Great Plains. Known for his imitations of various bird calls, Rollins was crowned as the National Quail Calling Champion last July in Dallas.

A post-conference tour of the King Ranch is set for Jan. 26. The ranch and surrounding areas are among the best quail habitats anywhere.

A recent survey of Quail Unlimited members in Texas reported an average expenditure of just over \$10,000 per member spent in pursuit of quail hunting during 1999.

Demand for quail-hunting leases and ranch land over the western half of Texas has become especially keen as quail populations have declined further east. Nineteen per-

Alzheimer's guidelines offer hope

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, medication and management techniques can improve a patient's memory, thinking, behavior and functioning, according to a new practice guideline.

"These management approaches do not stop the progression of Alzheimer's, however, they may help improve symptoms or help patients maintain their abilities longer compared to patients not treated with medication

or other forms of treatment," said Dr. Rachele Doody, lead author of the guideline and an associate professor of neurology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, which is a progressive loss of mental ability that interferes with daily life.

Vitamin E can be used to slow the progression of the disease, and antipsychotic or antidepressant drugs can control some behavioral problems.

The guideline recommends medications called cholinesterase inhibitors as standard care for people with mild to moderate cases.

It also reviews how to detect and diagnose other forms of dementia such as vascular dementia, caused by multiple brain strokes, and Lewy body disease, a progressive form of dementia identified by abnormal structures in the brain cells.

These guidelines are available on the Internet at www.aan.org.

Cancer prevention is goal of research

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
COLLEGE STATION — What's the one thing every person in the world has in common? Growing older: No one is getting any younger.

Cara Henderson, a graduate student at Texas A&M University who has a degree in nutrition, wanted to know if diet could be used to help improve the aging process. That was the idea behind her research project for her master's thesis.

After all, said Dr. Joanne R. Lupton, regents professor and William W. Allen Endowed Chair in nutrition at Texas A&M and the committee chairman for Henderson's thesis, "I think everybody is concerned about aging; there's no way around it, so we (need to) make it better."

That's what Henderson set out to do.

"My project was to look at the effect of dietary fat and dietary fiber and the effect of aging on colon cancer," she said. "Specifically, to look at colon cancer... We looked at how dietary fat and dietary fiber can modify the effects (of) free radicals and DNA damage" to cells in the colon, which are known to be contributing causes of colon cancer.

Using rats as models, Henderson explored the ways fat and fiber in the diet might influence the growth of cancer cells.

"Because the risk of colon cancer increases with age and can be modified by diet, both the aging process and diet may be important targets for the prevention of this disease," she said.

"One trigger of cancer is damaged DNA in cells. We looked at levels of DNA damage — along with agents known to cause DNA damage — in colon cells of young and old rats consuming different types and combinations of dietary fat and fiber," Henderson explained.

"We found that both aging and dietary fat and fiber do affect rates of DNA damage and DNA-damaging agents in the colons of rats," she said. "Thus, both the aging process and dietary factors could be important risk modifiers of colon cancer."

What she found was that certain foods — specifically, those containing omega-3 fatty acids and pectin — can help prevent the damage caused by free radicals in the colons of young rats. However, "the protection effect was seen only in young animals, not old," Henderson said.

"Omega-3 fatty acids are found in fish oil," said Lupton. "The best sources are cold-water fish — (such as) tuna, salmon, fatty deep-water fish ... mackerel, halibut."

Getting the right amount of omega-3 in the diet isn't difficult.

"Increase the amount of fish you eat," Lupton advised. "Two or three times a week, have a fish meal."

Pectin is found in fruits such as apples and oranges, Lupton said, adding the white part of an orange peel is that fruit's richest source, and if apples are eaten for the pectin, "you've got to eat the peel."

The amount of dietary fat and fiber consumed by older populations "did not have as significant an effect on free-radical formation in the colon, but it can modify the level of DNA damage," which is significant in the fight against colon cancer, she said.

The result of her research in older populations is "still important; still could help," Henderson said, but "definitely more research in this area needs to be carried out before recommendations could be made."

In the meantime, a little more fish and a little more fruit in the diet couldn't hurt, she added.

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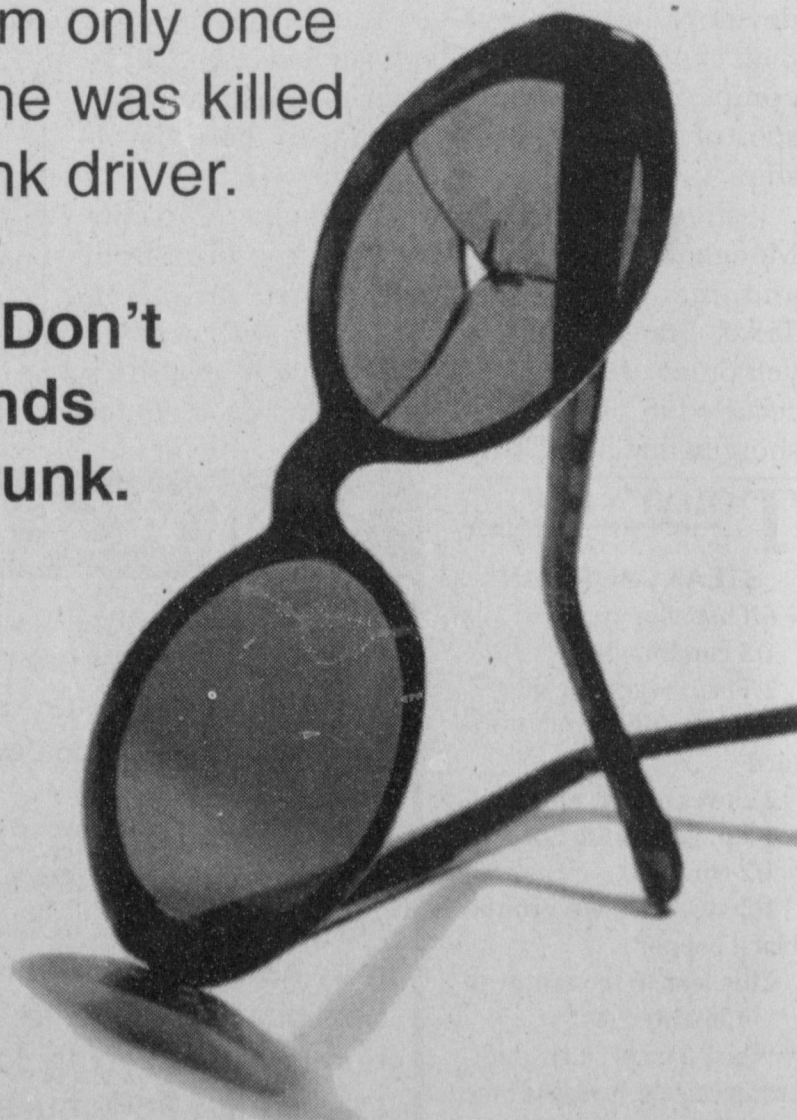
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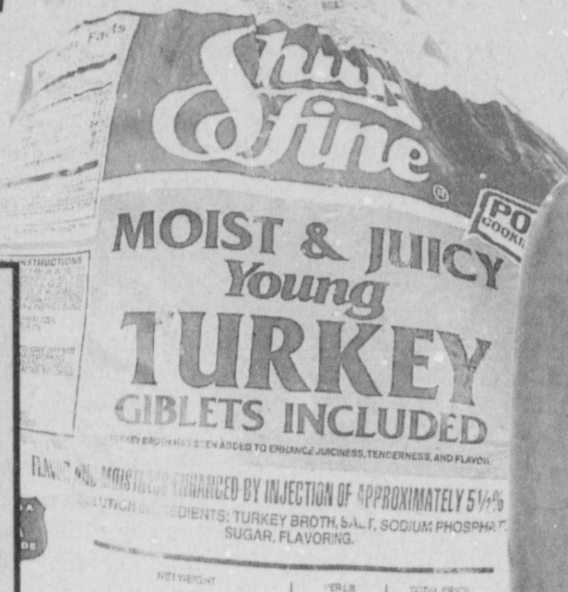
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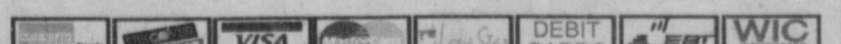
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