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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Two charged in suicide pact

A man and woman who tried to carry out a suicide pact are facing a hearing on charges they aided each other's attempted suicides.

Pittsburgh authorities said Sandy Cummings, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, and her boyfriend, Greg Woods, who has struggled with alcohol and drugs, washed down handfuls of prescription pills with vodka June 16.

They were found passed out in her apartment in South Park, a township south of Pittsburgh. Both were hospitalized and remained comatose for several days.

In October, South Park police sent both notices that they were being charged with aiding a suicide — a felony.

### Web site helps non-dancers

Got two left feet? Help is on the way thanks to [www.bustamove.com](http://www.bustamove.com), a new learn-to-dance web site.

Jeff Grossman and Kate Moschandreas of Berkeley, Calif., started the site with salsa, swing, the fox trot and the waltz. Soon to come: the cha-cha, Lindy Hop and hip hop.

Grossman and Moschandreas, both 30, wanted to put their mutual love for swing and salsa to good use. They set up the site after noticing last New Year's eve that people out dancing usually have a great time.

At Bustamove, a digitized couple shows you the basic dance steps for free, and each additional move — such as spins — is \$1.

### Oldest person dies at 119

Sarah Knauss, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest person, died Thursday at the age of 119, according to a spokeswoman at the Allentown, Pa., nursing home where she lived.

Knauss was born Sept. 24, 1880, and lived as a homemaker and insurance office manager. Born in the coal town of Hollywood, Pa., she lived through seven U.S. wars, the sinking of the Titanic and Charles Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic.

Knauss is survived by a 96-year-old daughter and several other descendants.



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### On this date in history

**Jan. 3** — Texas hero Stephen F. Austin is arrested by Mexican authorities while on a mission for the Convention of 1833. He does not return to Texas until Sept. 1, 1835 (1834).

**Jan. 4** — The Imperial Colonization Law allows Moses Austin to settle 300 families in Texas even though it is part of Mexico (1823).

**Jan. 5** — A mob destroys the printing office of *Die Union* in Galveston (1861).

### LOCAL WEATHER

The forecast calls for mostly sunny and warm through Monday, with high temperatures of about 57 Sunday and 61 Monday, dropping to about 48 Tuesday with increasing cloudiness. Expect morning lows of about 34 Sunday, 26 Monday and 31 Tuesday.

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## State tax credits take effect with new year

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

A robust Texas economy and state officials have cleared the way for a series of tax credits that took effect at the beginning of the new year.

Two new tax credits recognize the challenges that many working Texas families face in ensuring that their young children are receiving adequate day care and appropriate supervision when school lets out.

Earlier this year the Texas Legislature passed, and Gov. Bush signed, the after-school and day-care tax credits for corporate and

private citizens who contribute to after-school and day-care programs.

Starting Jan. 1, the benefit for corporations is that they can receive a tax credit on 30 percent of their contribution to an after-school program as long as it doesn't exceed 50 percent of their total franchise tax liability.

Private entities that make donations to after-school programs enable more children to receive the extra tutoring and mentoring they need. They also mean that parents can feel better about having to work

at a job that requires them to stay at the office after school ends for the day.

But the benefits go far beyond friendly tax incentives. Corporations that contribute to after-school programs are ensuring a better learning environment for the state's children, and an alternative to bad influences that seek to lead them into a life of crime, drugs and hopelessness.

In essence, they are investing in brighter futures for their future employees.

State leaders also created a new

day-care tax credit enabling participating companies to claim 50 percent of their qualifying expenditure up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 90 percent of their franchise tax liability, whichever is less.

This is an important investment for companies to consider making in their employees. They will have workers with peace of mind who will be more productive because they don't have to leave work or miss a day when their child is sick.

Three other new tax credits — see **TAX CREDITS** on page 2

### Potential jurors in Reyes case won't be named

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A spokeswoman for the 287th District Court Clerk's Office said Thursday that the court had told her office there will be no public disclosure of the list of potential jurors in the capital murder trial of Gilbert Guadalupe Reyes of Muleshoe.

Reyes is accused in the 1998 kidnapping and death of Yvette Barraz, also of Muleshoe.

Jury selection in the case is due to begin at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 10, when 500 potential jurors have been ordered to report to Bailey County Coliseum.

The case will be heard before Senior District Judge Jack Young, who was appointed after Judge Gordon Green recused himself.

Reyes' attorney is David Martínez of Lubbock.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Expanding the kitchen

Coy Pigg (on the ground between vehicles) and Alberto Salinas (among the rafters) lend their assistance as a truss is lifted into place on the kitchen expansion under way at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe. The men work for McCutchin Construction of Levelland, the contractor on the project.

### Berta Combs seeks tax assessor post

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Berta Combs of Muleshoe has filed as a candidate in the Democratic primary for the office of Bailey County tax assessor-collector.

Combs has served for the past five years as program director of Bailey County Aging Services. The agency includes Meals on Wheels, benefits counseling and the senior citizens' van program. Combs also serves as the veterans' service officer for Bailey County.

Combs said she has endeavored to provide the best possible services to senior citizens of the community during her tenure with the agency.



Combs

"I believe that everyone should be treated equally, with

respect and consideration, regardless of their age, race, financial or social position," she said. "If elected, I promise to run the office with integrity, honor, and with respect to my fellow citizens."

Among her recent community service has been serving as treasurer of the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance's Hope Chest, treasurer of the local unit of the Salvation Army, secretary-treasurer of Muleshoe Meals on Wheels and committee member of the

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### Dryness continues to plague farmers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

In the Panhandle, district Extension director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said winds continue to be a problem.

"The dry, dusty conditions are causing some health problems in cattle," he said.

Robinson said the dryland wheat is also very drought-stressed.

He pointed out that most of the region had no moisture for the entire month of November, so recent light snows have not been enough in many of those areas.

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### County to adjust pay periods

By **RONN SMITH**  
Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court agreed Thursday to a proposal by County Treasurer Donna Kirk to modify the way county employees are paid.

The change will not affect the amount of pay employees get nor the number of pay days they will experience during the year, Kirk assured commissioners.

As employees are now paid, she explained, they receive their checks several days before the end of the pay period. This has resulted in full-time employees quitting after being paid for days they had not worked, she said, and sometimes there was not enough vacation time accrued to cover the overpayment.

Plus, she said, the situation creates confusion in that part-time employees already are paid only for time they have

already worked, and department heads sometimes start new employees on the 10th of the month in the belief that they are starting them at the beginning of a pay period, when the period actually begins on the 15th of the month.

By adjusting pay days between now and the end of June, Kirk said she can change the practice without either having a long period between paychecks or having an extremely short pay period.

Once the new system is in place, she added, there will be five days between the end of the pay period and the payroll date. This should allow enough time for time cards to be turned in and any payroll adjustments made during the same period they are incurred, she said, rather than operating a pay period behind as has been the case.

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Journal photo: Janie Sherbon

### New Year's ritual

Shelling dry black-eyed peas may not seem like a fun task, but this group was willing to go the distance to make sure their families had black-eyes for luck on New Year's Day. From left are Joey Guerra, 5; John Michael Salinas, 8; Billy Sherbon, 11; Ricky Morin, 6; Mercedes Morin, 4; Priscilla Arzola, 5; and Delilah Arzola, 6.



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Robinson said there are reports of greenbugs in many wheat fields.

"However, producers are reluctant to treat because of poor dryland wheat prospects and poor prices," he said.

In Far West Texas, district Extension director Charles Neeb said high winds and drought conditions persist.

"No range feed is available," he said. "What livestock are left will be fed throughout the winter."

Neeb said a killing freeze did occur, allowing producers to complete the cotton harvest.

"This is the first freeze so far," he said. "Blooms were recorded as late as Nov. 15." Neeb said more cold weather is

needed for pecan harvesting in his region.

"Some parts of the district have not had a hard enough frost to drop leaves," he said. "All small orchards are waiting for total leaf drop before harvesting."

Overall livestock, crop and weather conditions reported from the Panhandle included:

- Soil moisture is very short. Dryland wheat is drought-stressed; greenbugs are a continuing problem.

- Cotton harvest continues, with good yields being reported.

- Cattle are still in good condition, but dry, dusty conditions are causing some health problems.

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courage continued investment in jobs based on technology and digital advances.

The research and development, job creation and investment tax credits were passed into law because state leaders recognize that a key to growth and job creation is the lowering of tax barriers.

Companies that spend in excess of current levels on research and development will qualify for a 4 percent credit in the year 2000 on those excess expenditures, and a 5 percent credit in the years following, not to exceed 25 percent of

their franchise tax liability.

The other credits specifically target job creation and investment in areas of the state with high unemployment and below-average per capita income.

They also can be claimed in urban enterprise communities.

The credits are available to companies that invest in data processing, research and development, and warehousing and manufacturing.

Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in a county with less than 50,000 people are eligible to qualify for the job creation credit.

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Muleshoe Crane Fest.

In 1998, she was named the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's woman of the year.

Prior to working for the county, Combs spent 12 years at Muleshoe State Bank. She also worked for several years in the accounting firm now known as Sudduth Field and Co.

Combs, 53, and her husband, Larry, have lived in Muleshoe for 34 years. Their three sons, Jeff, Jeremy and Greg, all graduated from Muleshoe High School before going on to college.

Larry Combs is the substation technician supervisor for Bailey County Electric Cooperative and has worked there for 37 years.

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In other business, the county agreed to:

- Update its banking information on file with the Texpool investment pool, after Kirk told the commissioners she was not listed as an authorized representative. The discovery came about after the county had decided to transfer some money into the fund;

- Authorize Sheriff Coy Platt to sign a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allowing representatives of the Bailey

County Sheriff's Office to maintain order on the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, which is federal property; and

- Appointed Commissioner Jerry Damron as the county's voting delegate to the Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area.

Commissioners also heard an informal report from County Judge Marilyn Cox that some long-delinquent soil conservation bills have been paid since Justice of the Peace Jack Bates sent letters to those involved.

**Texas pearls could become cultured gift**

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Gift selection might get quite a bit easier for guys in the near future. What woman wouldn't want a string of genuine Texas pearls?

If researchers and potential producers who are backing them are right, the gem could rise from the murky waters that feed into Lake Anahuac near Houston to jewelry stores across Texas and the nation, according to Dr. Leonard DiMichele, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station fisheries researcher.

DiMichele is heading a research effort to develop a cultured pearl industry from mussels found in Texas waters.

Japanese and other Asian markets have a firm grasp on the cultured pearl industry though the United States literally shells it to them, he said.

Almost all of the nuclei, or shell substance that is introduced into the mussels or oysters to initiate pearl formation, is produced in the United States, then shipped to the Asian countries to produce pearls that are sent back to the U.S. retail jewelry market.

"The southeastern United States has a large number of freshwater mussel species with thick shells," said DiMichele, referring to the nuclei industry. "There are other species of mussels in other parts of the world, but most have been exploited to the point of not being viable.

"You can liken the economy of what we are doing now to Colonial America — you produce the raw material and ship it overseas for the manufacturing, and then it gets sold back to you," DiMichele added. "That is never as good an economic arrangement as doing the manufacturing yourself."

Johnny Pillars of J&F Supply in Pioneer, La., agrees. His company markets the nuclei

overseas. Pillars would like to have a new U.S. market and even his own pearl farm.

He said it is commonly accepted that freshwater pearls from the United States are among the most valuable.

"Well-known gemologists say the American freshwater pearl has no equal," Pillars said. "We have been blessed with a better quality animal, and that is why U.S. shell is used around the world to make pearls."

He expects the U.S. pearl farms to become a multimillion-dollar industry. "Seventy percent of the pearls sold worldwide are sold in the United States," he noted.

Pillars noted that pearl beds can produce widely varying quality — from the pearls that formed a 28-pearl string that sold for \$1.8 million in New York City to the \$5 string of pearls in a discount store.

"It's up to the animal to produce gem quality," Pillars said, noting that an animal that produces a gem-quality stone first will produce an even better one the next time, and may produce as many as five pearls over its lifetime.

There is one U.S. company already producing freshwater pearls, American Shell Co. in Tennessee, but its techniques

were self-developed and kept as a trade secret.

DiMichele not only wants to find a way to culture freshwater pearls — he wants to write papers about it and inform anyone who is interested.

"I foresee an industry in the United States, and Texas ought to be wonderful for it," he said. Mussels, even those of the same species, may produce differently colored naces — the substance that they secrete around the nuclei — depending on the environment. "There has never been any evidence that gem-quality pearls can meet the saturation level on the retail market."

DiMichele noted that all pearls developed are not gem quality, so some of the product might be marketed in lower-cost department stores, which could drive those prices down.

"But you could put a lot of pearl farms in, and the number of gem-quality pearls produced would be few," he said. "There is a lot of marketing research to do."

Making money sounded good to producers around Lake Anahuac, where the navigation district had been looking for something to provide an alternative for the fledgling rice industry. The area already has

an infrastructure of water delivery that might be diverted for pearl production if the project is successful.

The Liberty-Chambers County Navigation District was hopeful enough to put \$8,300 towards the project.

Others along the Gulf Coast also believe the effort is viable. A Pearl Association of the Americas was formed in Oxford, Miss., to include researchers and shell producers for continuing dialogue as the effort evolves.

"Texas farmers can't compete against Alabama farmers because they are raising different animals," Pillars explained. "They produce from different kinds of animals, so they get a variety of pearls. So the industry will benefit overall if pearl farmers from the different areas share the techniques they learn with each other."

As for the Texas project, DiMichele and implantation technician Lori King went diving in search of mussels along the bottom of Lake Anahuac.

He said many species of mussels are known to exist in Texas waters, so the industry would not be restricted to the south-east part of the state.

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**OBITUARIES**

**SANTIAGO SAMARRON**

Services were Friday at the First Baptist Church in Earth for Santiago García Samarron, 78, of Earth. Brother Manuel Samarron officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Samarron was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Pandora, Texas. He died Wednesday at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

He married Genoeva DeLeón on May 8, 1947, in Jourdanon, Texas. They moved to Earth in 1952 from Charlotte, Texas.

He was a farm labor contractor and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife; nine sons, Manuel Samarron, Francisco Samarron and Raul Triana, all of Earth, Santiago Samarron Jr., Dimas Samarron and Enrique Samarron, all of Levelland, Arturo Samarron of Roswell, N.M., Refugio Samarron of Beeville, Texas, Julio Samarron of Crowell, Texas; seven daughters, Guadalupe García, Juanita Samarron, Eufenia Longoria, Teresa Dabrowski and Rosadrio González, all of Earth, Rebecca González of Levelland and Senaida Martínez of Springlake; two sisters, Gloria DeLeón and Irene Ramón, both of Earth; 38 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

**CLIFFORD MEEKS**

Services were held Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Clifford "Pat" Meeks, 80, of Farwell. The Rev. Richard Laverty officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mr. Meeks was born Aug. 8, 1919, in Mangum, Okla. He died Tuesday at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

He married Mary Beth Martin in Roswell, N.M., on Sept. 14, 1947. He farmed in the Dodd community until his retirement in 1979, when he moved to Farwell.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Alene McClelland of Clovis and Wilma Robinson of Muleshoe; two sisters, Odie Mae Gregory of Earth and Cleo Joyce White of Show Low, Ariz.; two brothers, Marvin Meeks of Globe, Ariz., and I.V. Meeks of Fallon, Nev.; three grandchildren, Cavin Jacobs, Charles Roebuck and Monty Roberts; and five great-grandchildren.

**OPAL McCLESKEY**

Graveside services were held Friday at Earth Memorial Cemetery for Opal McCleskey, 88, of Earth. Eric Dickey officiated.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. McCleskey was born July 24, 1911, in Kingfisher County, Okla. She died Thursday at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

She married Glen McCleskey on July 23, 1932, in Holdenville, Okla. He died July 1, 1993.

She had lived in Earth since 1935, moving there from Holdenville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Earth Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Norma Barden of Earth and Virginia Largent of Lubbock; a brother, Johnny Blasingame of Euclid, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Largent, and a sister, Mary Qualls.

**PEARLS**

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He also said one of the most valuable Texas natives is the Tampico pearly mussel that produces pink to flame-red pearls. It can be found all along the Colorado River drainage basin and in Lake Buchanan.

In fact, DiMichele's team is starting a project this month at Lake Buchanan with the Tampico mussel, and has collected about 50 for the lab work.

"For cultured pearls, the infrastructure would have to be developed from the ground up," DiMichele said. "So that would mean collection in the area in which you expect to farm, and then there are several culture

methods you could use to do them depending on location conditions."

DiMichele hopes his research will yield how the pearl sac grows, how to increase the yield of gem-quality pearls and how to speed up the process. In the United States, it takes about two years to harvest a pearl.

"We were talking about the possibility in Texas of cutting that time down some because the winters are not as severe, so the growing season is longer," he said. "I think that a U.S. cultured pearl industry is going to happen for sure. It is an industry for the new century."

**Disaster program details available**

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**

Sign-up for the 1999 Disaster Assistance Program started Dec. 13, and producers can now get additional details about how to qualify and what figures will be used to calculate total benefits.

Information released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency indicates that the program will work much like the 1998 Disaster Program.

Producers with qualifying losses totaling 35 percent or more of their historic yield will be eligible to receive ben-

efits.

Historic yields are defined as the higher of either the NASS County Average Yield or the insurance Actual Production History yield for each crop.

The program will be operated using \$1.2 billion authorized by Congress as part of the Fiscal 2000 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

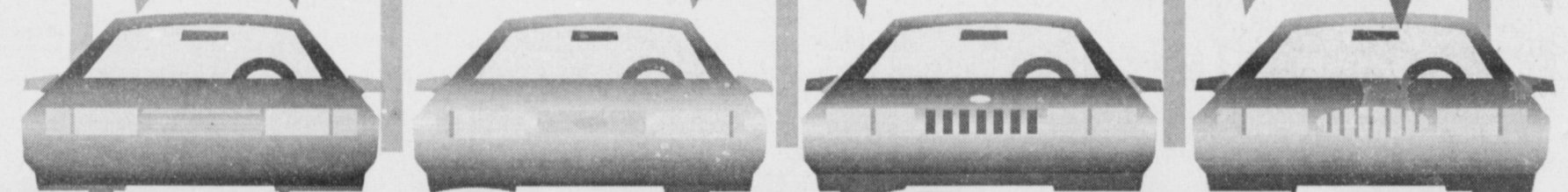
Once eligibility is established, a formula will be used to calculate the total dollars each participant qualifies for. Upon completion of all necessary

information, producers will be able to immediately receive an advance payment totaling 35 percent of calculated payment total.

Final payments will be made and any pro-rata factor applied after all applications have been received and processed by the FSA. An \$80,000 per person payment limitation will be applicable to all qualified participants.

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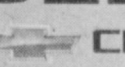


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## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Texas shines in the limelight

Total Texas production budgets for film, television projects and commercials in 1998 was \$266.7 million.

**Production budget, in millions**

| Year | Budget (Millions) |
|------|-------------------|
| '94  | ~100              |
| '95  | ~150              |
| '96  | ~200              |
| '97  | ~250              |
| '98  | 266.7             |

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## El bienestar de Texas

### Texas brilla como estrella cinematográfica

El presupuesto total para la producción de películas de cine, proyectos de televisión y comerciales en 1998 fue de 226.7 millones de dólares.

**Presupuesto para producción en millones**

| Year | Budget (Millions) |
|------|-------------------|
| '94  | ~100              |
| '95  | ~150              |
| '96  | ~200              |
| '97  | ~250              |
| '98  | 226.7             |

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## Windbreak trees available

The Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation will continue taking orders for more than 25 species of windbreak trees through March 1.

"Some species are limited in quantity, so early ordering is advised," said Johnny Ferguson, the district chairman.

The seedlings are expected to be available for pickup on March 8.

These trees can help control wind erosion in fields, beautify and protect farmsteads, and provide excellent wildlife food and shelter.

Information on species available, prices and ordering is available by calling 272-5124 or visiting the Natural Resource Conservation Office at 105 E. Avenue D in Muleshoe.

## Watch out for ankle sprains, common minor injury

HOUSTON — Early treatment can keep a minor ankle sprain from becoming a nagging injury.

Common among soccer, volleyball and basketball players, most sprains occur when the ankle rolls outward. This twisting motion can cause ligaments to stretch, tear or even rupture.

"The first thing to do after the injury occurs is to try to stand on the ankle," said Dr.

Lon Castle, a sports medicine specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "If you can stand and walk on it, chances are good that it is not a serious injury."

If the sprain is not severe, Castle recommends applying ice to the ankle two or three times a day for 15 to 20 minutes each time.

Over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medications also

## Texas cotton production up 42 percent from 1998

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — Texas upland cotton production for 1999 is expected to total 5.1 million bales, 42 percent more than 1998, according to figures released by Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. This estimate is 6 percent more than the Nov. 1 forecast.

"With the aid of recent hard freezes, remaining crop harvest activity is progressing well," state statistician Robin Roark reported.

Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5 million acres, 52 percent more than last year. Yield is expected to average 490 pounds per acre compared with 524 pounds last year.

Harvest is almost complete in North Texas. On the Plains, harvest has made good progress with ideal harvesting

conditions.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 2.30 million bales, 36 percent more than last year's production. Average yield at 470 pounds is 74 pounds less than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 740 thousand bales, is 18 percent less than last year. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 500 thousand bales, 304 thousand bales more than last year.

U.S. upland cotton production is expected to total 16.2 million bales, up 20 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 594 pounds per acre compared with 581 pounds in 1998. Harvested acreage is estimated at 13.1 million acres, 25 percent more than a year ago.

# Breast feeding boosts babies' immune systems

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON — The benefits of breast feeding extend beyond the warm feelings associated with bonding.

Experts at Texas Children's Hospital believe mother's milk helps babies get healthier starts in life, boosting their immune systems and resistance to certain diseases.

"Infection rates are lower in breast-fed babies," said Nancy Hurst, manager of the lactation program and Milk Bank at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "If they do become ill, it is less severe."

If mother and baby are exposed to a virus, Hurst said, it travels through the mother's body, which produces antibodies specific to that antigen. These antibodies become part of her breast milk, giving the baby immunity. Breast-fed babies get

these benefits within 24 to 48 hours after exposure.

Studies show breast-fed babies have fewer allergies, ear infections and colds. They also have lower incidence of diabetes and childhood obesity, and certain types of childhood cancers are less common in children who were breast-fed.

In a multi-year study now in progress at Texas Children's, researchers are projecting these benefits to a special group of babies — pre-term infants. They believe skin-to-skin contact between mother and baby helps with the quantity of milk.

"We believe breast milk also can help the smallest babies," Hurst said. "We've found that the more the mom holds her baby in skin-to-skin contact improves secretion of immunoglobulin, the component in mother's milk that boosts a baby's immunity."

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**Breakfast** — Breakfast muffins, Canadian bacon, graham crackers, juice and milk.  
**Lunch** — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, crackers, peaches and milk.

**Jan. 5**  
**Breakfast** — Scrambled eggs with cheese, toast, graham crackers, juice and milk.  
**Lunch** — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, corn, tossed salad, apple cobbler and milk.

**Jan. 6**  
**Breakfast** — Doughnuts, sausage links, graham crackers, juice and milk.  
**Lunch** — Tacos with cheese, Spanish rice, refried beans, green salad, salsa, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

**Jan. 7**  
**Breakfast** — Breakfast pizza, graham crackers, juice and milk.  
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**Jan. 5**  
**Lunch** — Hamburgers, baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad, Jell-O and milk.

**Jan. 6**  
**Lunch** — Pizza, Frito pie, lasagna, green beans, carrots, squash, fruit salad, Jell-O and milk.

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### Nursing graduates pinned

Brooke Barrett from Muleshoe (top row, center) was among the South Plains College nursing graduates recently pinned in ceremonies on the Levelland campus. Classmates included (from left, bottom row) MeLinda Christian of Ropesville, Diana Millman-Adams of New Deal and Trisha Gómez of Levelland; (middle row, from left) Kristy McClure of Brownfield and Andrea Leaks, Jenny Ramos and Barbara Gonzales, all of Levelland; (top row, from left) Lacy Tillman of Fieldton, Barrett and Mollie Garza of Levelland.

## Gene therapy yields larger, healthier pigs

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
HOUSTON — Baby pigs that received a growth hormone through gene therapy grew 40 percent faster and larger than untreated pigs.

Because the larger pigs were healthier and ate less, the treatment offers several potential benefits to the agricultural industry.

Scientists at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston report their findings in the December issue of *Nature Biotechnology*.

Two-week-old pigs received injections of synthetic growth hormone releasing hormone (GHRH). The original hormone, made in the brain, causes the pituitary gland to secrete growth hormone needed for maturation and development.

The synthetic version of GHRH was inserted into a bio-

degradable piece of DNA and injected into a leg muscle of each pig.

The injection caused the leg muscle to secrete a protein that raised the level of GHRH in the blood. The increase in GHRH eventually triggered the pituitary to secrete higher levels of growth hormone for up to two months.

"The pigs grow faster but eat less, which would enable the farmer to get them to market sooner and save money through the reduced quantity of feed," said Dr. Robert J. Schwartz, principal investigator for the study and a Baylor professor of molecular and cellular biology. "They also have less body fat."

Further studies are needed to determine the safety of meat produced with this type of gene therapy, said Dr. Ruxandra

Draghia-Akli, assistant professor of molecular and cellular biology, who co-directed the team of investigators. Both she and Schwartz said they are optimistic.

"Only a tiny amount of DNA is used for the injection, and because the synthetic hormone is biodegradable, it breaks down in the pig and cannot get into the human body," Schwartz said. "The growth hormone produced by the pigs is essentially the natural protein that they make anyway — they're just making larger amounts of it."

In the study, pigs that received growth hormone weighed 92 pounds 65 days after injection and ate 2.1 pounds of feed per pound gained. Untreated pigs of the same age weighed 65 pounds

## NURSING HOME NEWS

by Joy Stancell

Thursday morning, Brother David McIntire, Glenda Jennings and Zona Gatewood directed us in a special candle-light Christmas service.

Thursday afternoon, Olan Gatlin and Alta Gore were honored for having December birthdays. Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Snitker and Mr and Mrs. Curtis Snitker provided entertainment for the occasion. Decorator's Floral and Gifts provided corsages and boutonnieres for the birthday residents. The Activity Department and Volunteers Plus hosted the party.

Sunday morning, Buster Kittrell taught the Bible study. Sunday afternoon, the Progress Baptist Church visited the center and directed church services.

Tuesday afternoon, Ann Williams, Mary Jo Burge and Joy Stancell shampooed and

set the ladies' hair. Pat Wilson also helped by doing the hair of her mother, Muriel Lewis.

Wednesday morning, Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and doughnuts to the residents seated around the tables in the center's day room. Harold Burge read bits of wisdom and jokes as the residents enjoyed their coffee. Steve Claybrook, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed the devotional/inspirational time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie

Scoggins came Wednesday afternoon for the weekly sing-along and puppet show.

Dee Clements is in the local hospital as of this writing.

Happy January 2000 birthday to Jeanette Hukill (Jan. 23, 1909) and Finis Watts (Jan. 20, 1904).

Our residents enjoyed visits with and from their families over the holidays. Many of the residents were able to go out and be with their families during this special time of the year.

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## There are ways to save on auto insurance

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**

**COLLEGE STATION**—Many consumers think everyone pays the same amount for auto insurance, but in truth individual policies can be very different.

"What you pay depends on your insurance company, the kind of car you drive, where you live and the coverage you carry," explained Nancy Granovsky, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

An auto insurance policy will pay for damage, injuries and other losses covered by the policy. Texas drivers are required to show that they can pay for accidents they cause through liability insurance. The other coverages are optional, but you must carry minimum coverage of liability insurance of \$20,000 per injured person, up to a total of \$40,000 for everyone hurt in an accident, and \$15,000 for property damage.

"This basic coverage, often called 20/14/15, may not be enough if you are held liable for an accident, so it is wise to carry more liability coverage than the basic minimum required by law," Granovsky added.

Drivers must carry proof of insurance as evidence of financial responsibility. They also need to show a proof-of-insurance certificate if asked for it by a law enforcement officer, have an accident, register a car or renew its registration, obtain or renew a driver's license or have the car inspected.

The penalties for driving without liability can be severe — far more costly than the insurance itself.

Texas auto insurance typically offers eight common types of coverage.

Except for the required liability insurance, drivers can select and pay for the coverage they want. Many people want to know how to reduce their auto insurance costs; here are some suggestions:

- Comparison shop. Texas encourages competition to keep car insurance rates in line. That means costs will vary. Compare the costs of car insurance in your county by consulting the Texas Department of Insurance Web site ([www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us)).

- Each insurance company doing business in your area will be listed, along with premium information, a company rating and a consumer complaint rating.

By comparing costs among different companies, drivers may be able to select a policy that meets their needs while still saving money.

- Be aware of where you live and what you drive. Urban counties have more accidents and thefts, so premiums tend to be higher there. Insurance (collision) rates are highest for luxury, high performance vehicles and sports cars.

Cars that cost more to repair or those that damage easily may also carry higher insurance costs. Living in a non-urban county and driving less costly vehicles will save you money on your insurance premiums.

- Raise your deductibles. Insurance has always been intended to provide compensation in the event of large losses. Many people expect insurance to pay for everything, and it can, but at a higher cost.

Raising your deductible from \$250 to \$500 or more will save you premium dollars. You may have some out-of-pocket expense, but only in the case of an accident or damage.

- Investigate mandatory discount options. Certain discounts are mandatory in Texas (defensive driving and driver education courses for young drivers, air bags and other passive restraint systems, drug/alcohol education, anti-theft devices and two or more cars on a policy).

If you have these features or meet these requirements, your insurance company must give you a discount that reduces the

premium on certain parts of your policy.

- Investigate optional discount options. When comparing the costs of auto insurance, check to see if the following discounts are available: having a full-time college or high school student with a B or 3.0 grade-point average, anti-lock brakes, being a parent or family whose young driver is away at school without a car, or having a car with automatic daytime running lights.

Check current coverage against alternative coverage available from the same company, and compare costs with the costs charged by another insurance company.

"By checking out the details, you may be able to save important premium dollars without sacrificing the coverage you need," Granovsky concluded.

*The family of Raymond Gonzales would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. The sudden loss of our father will be with us for a long time but, all the calls, visits, flowers, prayers and food have helped us realize that we are not alone. We know we will never be able to respond to each person who has touched our lives with their thoughts and prayers, so we hope this note will let each individual know how much we appreciate your kindness. Simply saying "thank you" hardly seems appropriate in return for what you have given us. May God bless each one of you, and please know how much your support means to us.*

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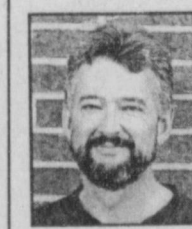
## Y2K Will Be Better Viewed in the Rear View Mirror

I don't know how you feel about it, but I, for one, will be really glad when the Y2K hoopla is in the rear view mirror. I'm tired of it.

Lots of folks would like to profit from Y2K jitters. And I suppose if the kilowatts quit flowing and the lights go out at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999, or maybe a millisecond or a few later . . .

And if the water supply suddenly dries up . . .

And if we all start speaking in



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

ugh and grunts and foraging around for roots, legumes, and, if we're lucky, fat earthworms, all excellent sources of protein . . .

Well, if those things happen, I'll probably be very apologetic about my feelings toward candle-makers, bottled water sellers, and even half-crazed ammunition & ration peddlers who've managed to turn paranoia into profit.

But I doubt those things are going to happen, though by the time you read this, maybe we'll know. But, then again, if those things happened, you probably won't be reading this, so . . . Hmm. This is complicated.

So what I'd really like to do, instead of adding another article to the stack of idiocy already in print regarding Y2K is do something truly beneficial like finding another piece or two of the jigsaw puzzle we've been working on this Christmas, and maybe drink a nice

hot cup of Earl Grey tea with cream and sugar, climb into bed, whisper a grateful but sleepy prayer to the God who is sovereign over this and all years and for whom this particular cosmic odometer rollover is probably not all that noteworthy and certainly not all that cosmic, pull up the cozy covers, and drift off to sleep.

Come to think of it, that's exactly how I'd be happy to enter the new millennium which, forgive me for again mentioning, won't really roll around until midnight on Dec. 31, 2000 anyway. If the world ends then? Well, I'm gonna go out giggling since so many folks were fooled into peaking their panic early.

It seems to me that indeed "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself," but since there seem to be enough people doing a great job of Y2K worrying, I'll let them do it for me. I've worried about dumber things, but I'm not planning to worry about this. I don't look for the world to end this weekend or this year. The billboard a good friend saw recently listing 15 reasons Christ is coming back very soon is, in my opinion, largely moonshine coupled with shoddy thinking and rotten theology. As a Christian, I share the prayer of the early Christians, "Lord Jesus, come quickly." I hope he does. The sooner the better. I do firmly believe he's coming back sometime. And Dec. 31, this year, next year, or any year would be just fine with me. When he comes, I'd like to be found doing my duty, reading my Bible, or praying to my Lord. But I don't think I'd be at all embarrassed about being found propped up on a soft pillow with a cup of hot tea in one hand and a good book in the other.

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



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## AUCTION CALENDAR

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RISING HILLS INC., OWNERS  
LOCATED: OLTON, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
JAY HERINGTON, OWNER  
LOCATED: MULESHOE, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

TUESDAY, JAN. 18, 2000 • SALE TIME 10:30 A.M.  
SANDRA HILL, OWNER  
LOCATED: HART, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
ADAIR ELAM, OWNER  
LOCATED: OLTON, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
JAMES HIGGINS, OWNER  
LOCATED: HEREFORD, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

TUESDAY, JAN. 25, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
TOM HALEY, OWNER  
LOCATED: MULESHOE, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

THURSDAY, JAN. 27, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
RODDY ALLRED, OWNER  
LOCATED: WILDORADO, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM & RANCH EQUIPMENT

SATURDAY, JAN. 29, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
BOBBY JOE WIGGINS, OWNER  
LOCATED: LAKEVIEW, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT & PIVOT

TUESDAY, FEB. 1, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
BOYD MILNER FARMS, OWNERS  
LOCATED: TULIA, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

THURSDAY, FEB. 3, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M. TX TIME  
ROBERT MARTIN FARMS, OWNER  
LOCATED: CLOVIS, NM • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

SATURDAY, FEB. 5, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
JERRY SNEIDERJAN, OWNER  
LOCATED: BUSHLAND, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM & RANCH EQUIPMENT


TUESDAY, FEB. 8, 2000 • SALE TIME 10 A.M.  
PAUL FARMS, OWNER  
LOCATED: FARNSWORTH, TEXAS • SELLING: FARM EQUIPMENT

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Mail resume to:  
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The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce is seeking a Part-Time Chamber Manager.

- Must have the ability to meet the public.
- Billing and public relations experience.

Please submit goals and references to:  
**The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce**  
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- NICE 3-2-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., stor. bldg. \$50's!!! HS-2
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, nice carpets, six fans, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd., \$30's!! HS-5
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, stove, DW, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$38K!!! HS-4

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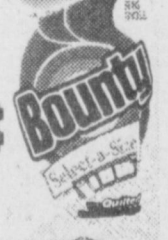
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