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Flomot Native Jimmy Ross Leaves Strong Legacy As Leader of World's Largest Service Organization

Flomot native, Jimmy Ross steps down as president of the International Lions Clubs after a year of stellar accomplishments, from increasing membership to establishing the Lions Alert emergency response program, and to exceeding fund-raising goals for the organization's worldwide program to prevent blindness.

"When I took office, I said the only way the Lions Clubs can grow and prosper is through a paradigm shift in the way we do things, especially in better serving the needs of our members," said Ross, a native of Flomot, Texas. "We were able to achieve that by asking Lions what they wanted and then working to meet those needs. It strengthened our foundation by better equipping our members to just be Lions and serve their communities."

Under his watch, membership grew by more than 7,000 worldwide, with 931 new Lions clubs chartered across the globe, including the association's first club in Iraq, which Ross visited. Over his year in office Ross traveled to every continent, visiting Lions Clubs in more than 50 countries, including China, Russia, Korea, Mali, Sri Lanka, Nairobi and Jordan.

"Bringing Lionism to Iraq was a very gratifying experience," said Ross, a Quitaque Lions Club member since 1969. "Despite the ongoing conflict, we have been able to help their people give, assisting in the establishment of orphanages and setting up medical facilities that provide basic services. It was heartwarming to see how excited the people of Iraq were about this opportunity."

One of Ross' chief objectives when he took office was to kick-start fund-raising efforts around Campaign SightFirst II, the Lions international program to combat preventable blindness. He set the goal of raising \$90 million by their 90th convention, which begins this week in Chicago. That figure was exceeded with donation so close to \$100 million to date and additional funds coming in daily.

Ross recalled a memorable trip to Mali, in Africa, for World Sight Day, when he was firsthand the impact of the SightFirst Campaign. "The sheer joy on the faces of the people in Mali when they put on their first pair of glasses and saw the world clearly for the first time ever is a day I will never forget," said Ross. "We also conducted eye exams and testing for diseases. It was a proud day to be a Lion."

Another hallmark of Ross' year in office was the establishment of Lions Alert, a worldwide emergency disaster response program. Lions Alert provides members with a standardized structure and network to deliver such basic services as food, water, shelter and clothing to people in emergency situations.

As Ross concludes his term, he has no plans to slow down his commitment, dedication and activities as a Lion. "We Serve" says it all. Those two words have given inspiration and guidance to the greatest service club in the world," said Ross. "I will continue to serve my community and the Lions Clubs to make this world a better place."



Fish Fry To Honor Ross This Saturday

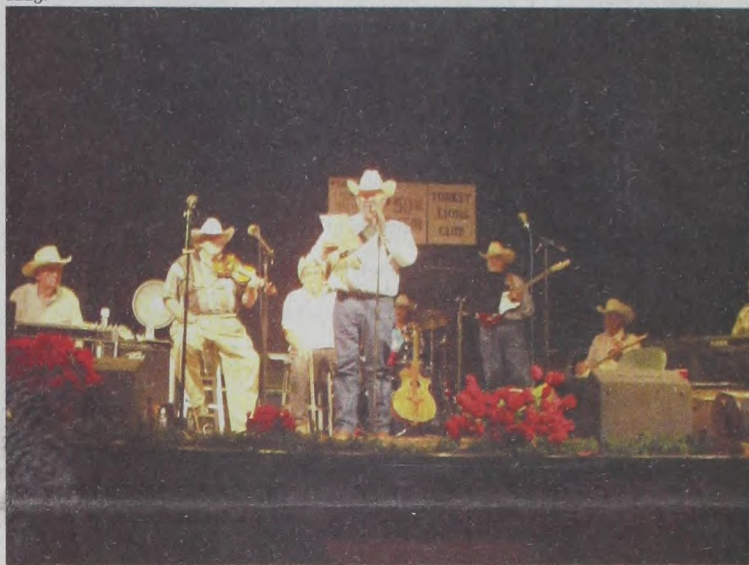
The Quitaque Lions Club will honor former Lions International President Jimmy Ross and his wife, Velda, on Saturday, July 14 at the Hope Center in Quitaque. Fish fry and musical entertainment will begin at 6 pm, followed by an auction of items donated to President Ross as he has traveled around the world. The cost of the fish meal is \$7. For more information call 455-1225.

Fatal Crash Near Memphis Kills One

Collingsworth County - Monday morning, July 9 at 11:52 AM 5.5 miles North of Memphis on farm road 1547 DPS troopers responded to a one vehicle rollover. A 1999 Chevy van was traveling south when it ran off the road to the right. The driver overcorrected causing the vehicle to slide across the road. The vehicle then overturned in the west barrow ditch ejecting the driver. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by the Collingsworth JP Rita Henard. The driver was not wearing his seatbelt.

Driver - Luis Esparza, 36 years old, resident of Memphis was pronounced dead at 12:35 PM 7/9/07.

Troopers are still investigating the cause of the crash.



The Turkey Gems

July Jamboree Plays To Full House

By RJ Kalafus

This past Saturday night the July edition of the Jamboree was the largest ever both in audience and participants and all went home happy. We had visitors from Los Angeles and Texarkana, who stated that it was one of the best shows that they had seen.

The night's entertainment started off with the mother and daughter team of Jamie and Kelcy Timmons of Guthrie, TX. They were well received by the audience and their set was well balanced vocals and fiddle tunes and from Country to Bluegrass Merle Haggard's Wine Me Up. Kelcy ended with The Orange Blossom Special, which earned them a long and loud round of applause.

Following was Cecil Wright, who returned to the Jamboree after being away for two years and playing in Branson. Cecil, who is a fine guitarist and song writer. His set included the instrumental Walking Back to Texas and Where Can The Lady Be Going. Cecil then surprised the audience with a classical selection Maleguena, which is one of the most difficult of tunes to master and to play. He finished off with the standard Still A Lot Of Love In San Antonio.

Last up in the competition were the brothers Jordan and Jacob Hackett of Plainview. When they took the stage they had captured the crowd with their selection of Bob Wills standards and their playing was flawless. Their Faded Love was as good as it gets and their finale was the Hoyle Nix classic Big Balls In Cowtown, which had the audience clapping and stomping their feet. These boys are teenagers and perform like seasoned professionals. The talent showcase featured eight entertainers and all were good and some were invited back as competitors and put on a 30 minute show.

It was then time for the finest band in West Texas, our own Turkey Gems and as always they were superb and with three new returnees and Cecil White filling in on bass guitar they entertained as always with a good mix of country and instrumental. The band welcomed back Larry Darnell of Altus, Oklahoma on steel guitar, Michael Grace of Turkey on the bass guitar and Mike Hughes of Estelline on the keyboard. As always Dewayne and Melody Pettiet emceed and kept the show moving and they are real crowd pleasers. Fan favorites Jimmy Adams and Glenn Waters on twin fiddles played their hearts out for the fans of good fiddlin' and Tom McCarty on he drums and JM Dickson on bass rounded up the rhythm for the band. The Gems are true musicians, who play for the love of music and donate their time and talent once a month of for free. They only receive applause as payment.

The audience voted after the show and determined that Jordan and Jacob Hackett deserved the 1st prize. Again the prize was donated by Billy Ray Hardcastle and the Turkey Lions Club. The \$25 door prize was donated by the Jamboree Committee.

The pre-show dinner was a success and benefited the Turkey Roost museum. A special thanks to Peggy Logan for preparing the desserts add cornbread.

The August Jamboree will be Saturday, August 4th at 7 p.m. at the Gem Theatre in downtown turkey where there is always free parking. See you then!

New Extension Agent In Briscoe/Hall Counties

Missy Reynolds has been named Texas Cooperative Extension family and consumer science agent in Hall and Briscoe counties, according to Donna Brauchi, Extension district administrator.

Reynolds will do her First Step mentoring program in Childress County beginning July 9 and begin serving Briscoe and Hall counties on Aug. 10. "Missy's expertise in working with youth and families, her 4-H background, and her enthusiasm and desire to serve will make her a valuable asset to both the Hall and Briscoe county Extension teams and most directly, to the citizens of those counties," Brauchi said.

Reynolds is currently a home-life community director at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and has worked with Cal Farley's Girlstown and Boys Ranch programs for several years. "I'm looking forward to serving a wider community," she said. "I've been working with youth for the last 15 years, and I'm interested in working with all ages."

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Kids Camp July 21

All kids ages 3 to 12 are invited to Kids Day at Quitaque United Methodist Church, Saturday, July 21, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Crafts, games, safety, science experiments, and lunch. Over 12, come help. Everyone welcome.

NOTICE

There is a man in Quitaque who is collecting cars for a crusher. He is working on his own and dealing directly with the people who have wrecked cars. He IS NOT connected to We The Women and We the Women ARE NOT responsible for any payments on any vehicle crushed.

Any commitments that you and he make are strictly between the two of you. We The Women have not asked for a crusher due to a lack of interest. If you are interested in talking to him, please call Roy Garza at 806-778-0896.

What's Happening This Week?

July 12

- * Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Matador City Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- * Matador Masonic Lodge meeting

July 15

- * Baseball Games @ Quitaque Park beginning @ noon

July 16

- * Quitaque Lions Club meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Turkey Extension Club meeting

July 17

- * Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7 p.m.
- * Turkey Volunteer Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

July 20

- * Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD



Mrs. Charles Cole Walden

Estes & Walden Exchange Vows In Turkey Park

Joanna Brooke Estes and Charles Cole Walden exchanged wedding vows Saturday night, June 30, 2007, at the Main Street Park in Turkey with Stuart Smith, minister of the Church of Christ in Turkey, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Westmoreland of Lubbock and the late John J. Estes and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Roberts and Mrs. Medlin Carpenter of Plainview.

Walden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fro Walden of Turkey and the grandson of Mrs. Charles Walden of Sparks, Nev., and the late Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sossaman of Paducah.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Jarret Pigg of Turkey, the bride wore a diamond white strapless gown featuring a soufflé skirt accented with Alencon lace at the hemline. A diamond white sash was attached with a brooch of pearls and Swarovski crystals. She wore a pearl necklace belonging to her mother and a layered elbow length veil edged with satin trim and adorned with pearls.

She held a bouquet of hot pink roses accented with baby's breath, galax leaves and love knots of sheer ribbon. Tucked into her bouquet were two handkerchiefs that belonged to her maternal great-grandmothers.

Matron of honor was Erica Pigg of Turkey, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Machele Walden of Bushland and Cydni Fisher of Tulsa, Okla., the groom's sisters, and Brittney LeFevre of Canyon.

They wore sleeveless two-piece fuchsia pink gowns and held handtied bouquets of mixed flowers accented with hot pink sheer ribbons and bows.

Madison Pigg and Chance Pigg of Turkey, the bride's niece and nephew, were flower girl and ring bearer.

Best man was Fro Walden of Turkey, the groom's father. Groomsmen were Clay Walden of Happy, the groom's brother, Mark Voss of Guthrie and Chance Maynard of Quitaque. Ushers were Tel Walden of Wildorado and John Kelly Walden of Vega, the groom's cousins.

Musical selections were by Will Boedeker of Quitaque, fiddle. Cynthia Curry Fletcher of Coppell, the bride's cousin, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and Vivian and Savannah Smith of Turkey sang "When You Say Nothing At All."

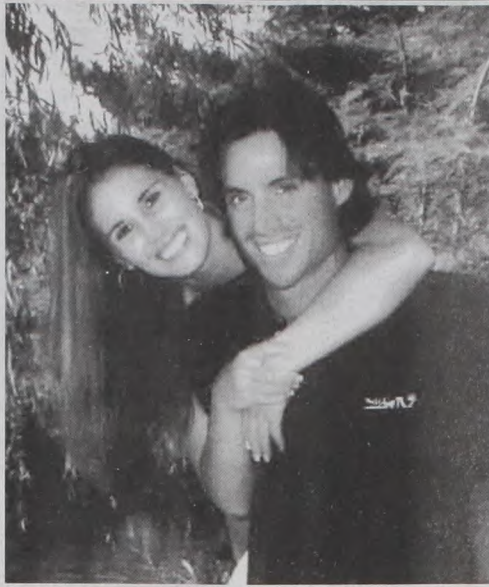
A reception, catered by Janinne Brooks of Silverton and Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, was held at the Hope Center in Quitaque. Reception assistants were Payton and Jessie Price of Turkey, who served at the bride's table, and Angelic Walden of Happy, the groom's sister-in-law, who served at the groom's table. Hayley Daniel of Bushland, the groom's niece, registered guests.

The bride is a graduate of Valley High School and attended Clarendon College. Walden is a graduate of Valley High School and is employed by the Waggoner Ranch in Vernon.

The groom's parents were hosts for a rehearsal dinner at Galvan's Restaurant in Turkey.

Hostesses for a miscellaneous shower to be held July 14 in the home of Korea Price of Turkey are Joanie Pigg, Jamie Martin, Brenda Smith, Ginger Mullin, Lacie Cruse, Shay Seymour, Phyllis Wall, Jeanie Pennell, Shadi Buchanan, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Belinda Barrett, Christy Maynard, Julie Pigg, Lacy Shannon, Laura Davidson, Dana Hancock, Jackie Jenkins, Lisa Campbell, Lisa Fuston, Vivian Smith, De'Lane Brown, Paula Phillips and Mona Wheeler.

Other bridal courtesies included a lingerie shower given by Cydni Fisher, the groom's sister.



Mr & Mrs Billy Heffinger

Potts & Heffinger Wed

Holly DeLynn Potts, daughter of Lisa and Noel Potts of Turkey, married Billy Heffinger June 15th at the Baker Building on and 13th Street in Lubbock. A reception followed. The Man of Honor was her brother, Tommy Potts and his Best Woman was Deborah Heffinger. Among the 140 guests that attended the wedding were her grandparents, Bea and Tommy Potts of Parnell and grandmother, Aleen Abram of Estelline. Holly and Billy honeymooned in Hawaii. They will make their home in Weed, CA.



John David Harmon & Tonya Potts

Harmon & Potts To Wed

Rex and Elaine Harmon are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son John David Harmon to Tonya Lynnic Potts, daughter of Larry and Judy Potts of Friona. Grandparents of the couple are Odis and Jessie Reagan and the late R.J. and Lollabelle Harmon all of Quitaque, and Jim and Christine Zorns, and the late Cordie and Helen Potts of Friona.

The bride elect is currently employed by the Department of Family and Protective Services in Lubbock. The prospective groom is involved in the farming industry and insurance adjusting. The couple will be united in marriage on August 25th, 2007 in Quitaque.

The couple will be united in marriage in a small ceremony with family and close friends on August 25th, 2007 in Quitaque.

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FLOMOT NEWS

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

At our age wouldn't it be nice if our lives were like a VCR and the AUTO REVERSE would kick in?!

Independence Day Birthday of USA Was Observed At Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot met Tuesday afternoon, July 3rd at the Community Center and observed the birthday of the USA, July 4th with red, white and blue decor.

Hostesses, Mrs. B. Rogers and Mrs. Suzie Shannon presided at a patriotic designed service. The table was draped with a large USA flag over a white cloth. The centerpiece was a basket of colorful assorted fruit. They served refreshments of Mexican pinwheels and decorated brownies with cranberry punch.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the business session. Mrs. Suzie Shannon read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved. Mrs. Brenda Browning reported she is laying new tile in the Center's kitchen, but said the new tile in bathrooms was on hold due to the commode's flooding waters that caused damage to the floors.

The club members will begin work on the beautiful spring-time floral quilt for Bazaar at the next meeting. Underneath each flower the name is embroidered.

Members signed a Thinking of You card to send to ex club member, Mrs. Leona Degan, who has moved to retirement home in Quannah. Mrs. Waydette Clay, whose name was drawn for the hostess gift, was presented the fruit basket centerpiece.

Those attending were mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Nada Starkey, Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Suzie Shannon, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers, and Tommie Jo Cruse. Guests were Mrs. Velma Winston of Monroe, Washington and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia.

July 4th Celebration

Jackie and Terry Sperry hosted a celebration July 4th at their home. They had a brisket supper, two American flag decorated cakes, freezer ice cream punch and soft drinks. Climaxing the night go good entertainment was a display of fireworks.

Those celebrating were Will and Cally Sperry and children, Travis and Linda Kendall, Tim and Melissa Kendall and sons, Mrs. Mandy Hughes and children of Flomot; Jerimah and Kristen Brooks and children, Brianne and Scarlett Sperry of Lubbock, Susie and Max Meyers and children of Quitaque; Jeanine and Bill Brooks of Silverton; Erica and Jarrett Pigg and children, Shay and Adam Seymore, Clinton and Jonie Pigg of Turkey.

Donnie Rogers met his daughter, Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia at the Lubbock airport Friday, June 29 and accompanied her for an indefinite visit. They and his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers visited in Lubbock, Saturday with Billy Hand of Roaring Springs, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center. He is listed in serious condition.

Weekend visitors of Janice and Butch Hughes were sons, Rickey and Roger Hughes of Floydada and Bengie Hughes and friend, Jimmy of RoyceCity.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited Saturday with his parents, Jack and Nada Starkey.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was a special guest Saturday afternoon at the birthday of her grandson, Brennan Hughes celebrating his ninth birthday at a swimming party at the home of his parents Billy and Becky Hughes and sister, Baylee in Lubbock. He had a race car decorated cake served with ice cream and punch.

Visiting Jerry and Sandra Barclay Saturday night and Sunday were Sherryll Barclay and children, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock. The children remained to visit this week with their great-grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington.

Donnie and Judy Cruse had a weiner roast July 4th at their home. Those enjoying the celebration were son, Talon, Donnie Rogers and B. Rogers of Flomot, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia.

Visiting Sunday on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and houseguests, Cinday, Chad and Cade Calvert were Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Ropesville. They enjoyed swimming Sunday at the Floydada Country Club. Visiting them Monday was Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville.

Mrs. Deidra Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma was honored on her birthday with all the trimmings at the home of her daughter and family Saturday night, Monica, Tanner, Cutter and Jaxon Smith of Floydada. Those attending was her husband, Larry Clifton, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey, Ms. Billie Clifton of Amarillo, Carol Ann and Johnny Turner and grandson, Skylar of Lubbock, Darla, James and Danielle Gwinn, Brenda and Darrell Cruse and their houseguests, daughter Leah Cruse of Canyon d granddaughter, Reese Cruse of Turkey.

Wilburn Martin visited Wednesday and Thursday, July 4-5 in Borger with daughter rand husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They enjoyed a fireworks display Wednesday night. Wilburn met his grandson, Cole Martin of Portales, NM in Lubbock, Saturday to visit and entertainment.

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Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Summer is here and you are probably expecting company sometime soon. It is nice to have some muffins in the freezer to serve for breakfast, brunch or snacks. So turn on the oven and make a batch or two! Enjoy!

Almond Berry Muffins

- 1 1/4 cups sliced almonds, divided
- 1 egg white, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 1/4 cups fresh strawberries, chopped

In a bowl, combine 1 cup almonds and egg white. Add 1/2 cup sugar; toss to coat. Spoon into a greases 15X10X1 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 9-11 minutes or until golden brown, stirring occasionally.

In a large mixing bowl, cream shortening, butter and remaining sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in extracts. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda; add to the creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk. Fold in the strawberries and remaining almonds. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Sprinkle with sugared almonds. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from the pans to wire racks. Makes 18.

Orange

- Blueberry Muffins**
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup orange juice
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup Crisco oil
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- Topping:
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine dry ingredients in large bowl. Stir in oil, eggs and orange juice. Fold in blueberries. Bake in muffin pans at 400° 15-20 minutes. Makes 18. God Bless America!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- July 12: Bobby Bean, Clay Lowrance, Lucy Jenkins, Mary Dowd, Guy Young
- July 13: Billie Jean Griffin, James Kimbell
- July 14: Charlie Rhoderick, Paula Scoggins, Jerry Bob Smith, Theresa Clinton, Kevin Henry
- July 15: Inetha Blankenship, Ruby King, Macy Valdez, Brianna Urteaga, Doyle Dean Proctor, Casen Hawkins
- July 16: Doyle Calvert, Adam Mullin, Amber Stark, Joe McKay
- July 17: Josh Breedlove, James Tiffin, Vanessa Barbour, Kimberly Leal, Delene Tyler, Sara Fierro, JayCee Galvan, Alexes Galvan, Sam Pierce
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "size" (evaluate)
- 5 bright star
- 6 U.S. is dependent on oil
- 7 The Galleria
- 8 TXism: "he's at the (exasperated)
- 17 TXism: "let sleeping dogs"
- 18 mixture of rock and country music
- 21 ex-Cowboy "Neon Deion" (init.)
- 22 hourly pay
- 23 city below El Paso was named for this Juarez
- 24 Dublin's Ben Hogan
- 29 TX-based Frito-Lay potato chips
- 30 TX Charley Fride's "An Angel Good Morning"
- 31 TX Phyllicia Rashad alma mater (abbr.)
- 32 TX-based '63 film with Robert Culp
- 34 pecan is the TX state
- 35 ex-Cowboy RB Springs (79-84)
- 36 TXism: "takes a _____ to rope him" (obese)
- 37 TX Tony Lama made boots out of these snakes
- 38 Chinese American secret society
- 39 Conway Twitty '70 hit
- 41 first name of Rio Grande: " _____ las Palmas"
- 42 White _____ TX
- 43 overwhelming defeat
- 44 TXism: "left _____ parts unknown"
- 45 TX drink: _____ Pepper
- 46 town west of Abilene
- 47 " _____ me to sleep"
- 48 Gilmer, TX celebration
- 50 cloth makers
- 51 ex-Mav Blab of Germany
- 52 "pick" or "wit" beginning
- 53 nat'l drug agcy.

DOWN

- 1 TXism for "dentist" (2 wds.)
- 2 actor Rick of film "Parenthood with TX Steve Martin
- 3 TX Dale Evans hometown
- 4 Sam Houston's middle name
- 9 brawl
- 10 TXism: "bunched up like _____ at a trough"
- 11 tea cooler
- 12 this King wrote "Carrie" who TX Sissy played (init.)
- 13 "Old Yeller" disease
- 14 TXism "he's perfected the board-inghouse reach"
- 15 "on _____ & needles"
- 16 UT grad & actor Wallach
- 19 TX-born Forrest was _____ Harrelson on "S.W.A.T."
- 20 TX Belle Starr had child of this Cole
- 22 Indian fighting group in early TX (2 wds.)
- 24 TX Tierney (init.)
- 25 TX Holly's " _____ Boy"
- 26 house of prayer in Sarita, TX " _____ Shomea"
- 27 _____ chicken
- 28 got two under par
- 29 ex-Mav head coach John Mac _____
- 30 apt radio station for Emmitt Smith?
- 33 TXism: "your barn _____ is open" (unzipped fly)
- 34 TXism: "put a pencil _____"
- 35 shingled house tops
- 37 northern Fort Worth suburb
- 38 car ownership document
- 40 noted UT football coach Darrell
- 41 in Haskell Co. on hwy. 380
- 44 TX Quaid's "Yours, Mine & _____"
- 47 in Lampasas Co. on hwy. 183
- 49 Boston is seat of this county

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Your Movie Review For This Weekend
Ratatouille

Genres: Action/Adventure, Comedy, Kids/Family and Animation

Running Time: 1 hr. 51 min.

A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a great French chef despite his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession. When fate places Remy in the sewers of Paris, he finds himself ideally situated beneath a restaurant made famous by his culinary hero, Auguste Gusteau. Despite the apparent dangers of being an unlikely - and certainly unwanted - visitor... See Full Description

MPAA Rating: G

Starring: Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm, Lou Romano, Brian Dennehy, Peter Sohn



1408

Genres: Science Fiction/Fantasy, Suspense/Horror, Thriller and Adaptation

Running Time: 1 hr. 34 min.

Renowned horror novelist Mike Enslin believes only in what he can see with his own two eyes. But after a string of best-sellers discrediting paranormal events in the most infamous haunted houses and graveyards around the world, he has no real proof of life--afterlife. But Enslin's phantom-free run of long and lonely nights is about to change forever when he checks into suite 1408 of the notorious Dolphin... See Full Description

MPAA Rating: PG-13 for thematic material including disturbing sequences of violence and terror, frightening images and language.

Starring: John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson, Mary McCormack, Jasmine Jessica Anthony, Christopher Carey



John Andrew Purcell Graduates From Citadel

Citadel Military College of South Carolina graduated May 5, 2007. John Purcell was on the Deans list all four years with a 3.7 grade point. He was the platoon leader and Cadre of Romeo Company. He was on the newspaper staff and the model in the Citadel catalog. John has entered the USAF in Panama City, Florida. He is stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base. He is a contracting Engineer. During his four years at the Citadel, he was the recipient of many awards, some of these include Kelly Cup Drill squad first place, clerk/squad corporal, layout editor for the Citadel newspaper, Gold Stars for exceptional grades, Who's who among America College Students.

John is the son of Mike D. Purcell and grandson of Margie and the late Dean Purcell of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

New Extension Agent

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Reynolds said she will have to learn how to balance the needs of both counties. She is interested in working with the schools and the youth, as well as with the senior citizens in meeting their activity and health needs.

A native of Claude, Reynolds earned a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in family life education from Lubbock Christian University.

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Jacy Proctor shows off her raccoon skin as she completes the week long West Texas Veterinarian Science workshop in San Angelo, Texas. Thirty students from across the state were introduced to various areas of animal science. Included in the course were animal dissection, microscopic blood work, the study of many diseases, entomology, feed lot operation, poisonous plants, and Artificial Insemination procedures.

More Than 38,000 Women Have Joined The Sister Study
12,000 Sisters still needed to help find the causes of breast cancer

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) needs 12,000 more women to join the Sister Study, the nation's largest research effort to find the causes of breast cancer. Researchers still don't know what causes the disease. NIEHS hopes to enroll a total of 50,000 women whose sisters had breast cancer. The Sister Study must meet its enrollment goal by the end of 2007.

Since its national launch in October 2004, The Sister Study has successfully recruited more than 38,000 participants — women whose sisters were diagnosed with breast cancer. Recruitment is far from over.

"Many women have heard about the Sister Study, but they haven't signed up yet, and we really need them now," said Dale Sandler, Ph.D., Chief of the Epidemiology Branch at NIEHS and Principal Investigator of the Sister Study. "Doctors know very little about how the environment may affect breast cancer, that is why the Sister Study is so important. We hope women will make that call today," she added.

Available in English and Spanish, the Sister Study requires very little time from its volunteers. The 10-year observational study begins with participants answering questions about diet, jobs, hobbies, and things they've been exposed to throughout their lives to determine what may influence breast cancer risk. Later, at a convenient time and location for the participant, a female health technician collects small samples of blood, urine, toenail clippings, and house dust, which will also help give researchers a better picture of the woman's environment and genes.

Women in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, ages 35 to 74, may be eligible to join the Sister Study if their sisters (living or deceased) had breast cancer. Women who join the Sister Study must never have been diagnosed with breast cancer themselves. Breast cancer affects women from every walk of life, so the Sister Study is seeking women of all backgrounds, occupations, ages, and ethnic groups.

"If you're a woman of color whose sister had breast cancer, your participation in the Sister Study is especially important," continued Dr. Sandler. "We want to learn more about how to protect your daughters and your granddaughters from this devastating disease."

Edith Joyner enrolled in the Sister Study in honor of her sister Carrie, who died of breast cancer, and her sister Pearl, who is a breast cancer survivor.

"In 2004, two of my sisters were battling breast cancer," said the 60-year-old resident of Nashville, Tennessee. "I felt helpless watching them fight the disease and wanted to do something," said Edith who signed up for the Sister Study at the suggestion of her doctor.

"The feeling of helplessness has eased a great deal," said Edith. "Giving a few hours of your time is a very small investment to improve the quality of life not only for your sisters, but for all sisters, daughters, nieces, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, girlfriends and most of all for our future generations of sisters all over the world."

The Sister Study follows sound, ethical research practices, and keeps all personal data safe, private and confidential. Women who join are not asked to take any medicine, visit a medical center, or make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life.

Organizations that are in partnership with the Sister Study include the American Cancer Society, NIH's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Sisters Network Inc., the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, and the Intercultural Cancer Council. In addition to working with its national partners, the Sister Study works with local, regional, and national organizations to inform diverse women about the study.

To volunteer or learn more about the Sister Study, visit the web site www.sisterstudy.org, or for Spanish visit www.estudiodehermanas.org. A toll free number is also available 1-877-4SISTER (877-474-7837). Deaf/Hard of Hearing call 1-866-TTY-4SIS (866-889-4747).

*You can buy a person's hands but you can't buy his heart.
His heart is where his enthusiasm, his loyalty is.*
- Stephen Covey

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On The QT

By Patsy Herrington

Cynthia Beck's mother, Veneta Chappel, Silverton, passed away last week. Mindy and Donny Cagle and Emory, Canyon, came down for the funeral. Later that week, Wade and Ruth Proctor hosted a birthday dinner for Donny.

Jack Johnson has moved his brother, Felix, to the very nice Prairie House Nursing Home in Plainview.

Ruby King has been visiting her sister, Imogene Bethel, in Lamesa. She also visited her son and wife Jerry and Wanda King while there. Her daughter, Joyce Price, took her down there and also returned her Friday.

Arlene Hinkle checked out 450 books at Caprock Canyons Library last month and registered 750 people.

Lex and Dana and Everett Herrington, Floydada, spent the 4th of July at Quitaque visiting his mother, Patsy Herrington, and popping fireworks. Later this weekend they travelled to Austin to pick up their son, Emery, who had been visiting relatives there.

Bonnie Waters and friend, Nonie, formerly of Silverton, visited her cousin, Lina Whittington, last week. Bonnie lives in Arizona and was a former schoolteacher for 50 years. They went to Clarendon to visit and shop, and also entered a golf tournament in Plainview.

Ten dilapidated, uninhabited houses have been demolished by We the Women, all with the approval and blessing of the owners. Many thanks to Deloy Myers, Benny Brown and W.E. Hawkins for assuming the cost of their own, and for the many contributions by others.

Wednesday, July 4th, Steve and Cindy Venable, Emily, and Ben of Canyon visited Weldon and Billy Jean Griffin for the day. Visiting them over the weekend were Rhiannon Griffin (granddaughter) and her friend, Jamie, students at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Wilburn and Zelda Leeper spent the 4th with Katie, Scott and Karen Leeper in Corinth, TX. Then they visited her mother and sister's in Jacksonville.

Buck and Ann Chadwick left Thursday for a two week cruise and tour of Alaska. More on this later.

To have news put in the Valley Tribune phone Patsy at 806-455-1239.

Things That Make You Go Hmmm...
By Laura Taylor

This Says It All

Joe Smith started the day early having set his alarm clock (MADE IN JAPAN) for 6am. While his coffeepot (MADE IN CHINA) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (MADE IN HONG KONG). He put on a dress shirt (MADE IN SRI LANKA), designer jeans (MADE IN SINGAPORE) and tennis shoes (MADE IN KOREA).

After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (MADE IN INDIA) he sat down with his calculator (MADE IN MEXICO) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (MADE IN TAIWAN) to the radio (MADE IN INDIA) he got in his car (MADE IN GERMANY) filled it with GAS from Saudi Arabia and continued his search for a good paying AMERICAN JOB. At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day checking his Computer (MADE IN MALAYSIA), Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (MADE IN BRAZIL) poured himself a glass of wine (MADE IN FRANCE) and turned on his TV (MADE IN INDONESIA), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job in AMERICA.....???

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An auction of items that have been donated to Jimmy and Velda as they have traveled throughout the world, will also be held that evening. Jimmy has just finished a busy year as Lions Clubs International President. Lion Jimmy will be home for a few days before he begins the chairmanship of the Lions Club International Foundation.

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Work Must Continue on Border Security and Immigration Reform

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Border security and illegal immigration are two of the most important issues facing Texas today. For several years, I have worked to help craft a bill that would secure our borders, create a temporary guest worker program and handle, without amnesty, the 12 million people who are here illegally. On June 28th, the Senate voted against a flawed immigration bill that fell far short of this goal.

This should not be the end of our efforts. We know terrorists, drug cartels and human traffickers are trying to enter our country, and we must stop them. We also know there's a need in this country for jobs that are not being filled by Americans, and we must provide a legal way for people to fill those needs.

We must not equate the people who have come here to work with terrorists and drug dealers. We need to provide a legal avenue for those who are trying to do better for themselves and their families to participate in our economy.

I am disappointed that the Senate could not come up with a better solution. Clearly, there were some good features of the defeated bill – including improved border security measures, an effort to end chain migration and a switch to green card distribution based on merit.

However, other provisions would have caused more problems in the long term, because the bill sent the message that illegal immigration will provide advantages in the future over waiting for legal entry.

The reality is, the vast majority of Texans – in both parties – welcome legal immigrants, but they also want to make sure that our borders are secure and that a dependable process exists for workers to enter our country. There is also a high level of skepticism that we must acknowledge. Most Americans do not believe the government will do what it says it will do on immigration. What is the root of that distrust?

In 1986, Congress approved a similar compromise plan that, in return for amnesty for most immigrants here illegally, promised an end to porous borders and disregard for our laws. Those promises were not honored. Repeating that failure was not an option for me.

There were other major problems with this bill, including the decision to sunset the guest-worker program after five years. This would have prevented American businesses from being able to meet our country's future labor needs, while undermining the purpose of the legislation: to create a permanent solution.

I worked to improve the bill, including introducing an amendment – unanimously passed – that would prevent undocumented workers from receiving Social Security benefits during the time they were illegally working in our country.

In addition, I introduced an amendment that would have gone a long way to removing amnesty from the bill, by requiring undocumented workers to apply for legal visa status from their home countries with a two-year window for compliance. This amendment failed by a narrow margin.

This crisis has plagued our country for at least two decades, and we must keep working toward a long-term solution. Looking to the future, I believe we should address this massive challenge one step at a time to better avoid the numerous political pitfalls.

As a first step, we should pass a bill that is focused on border security and a temporary guest-worker program. If the federal government is successful in securing our borders and creating a reliable guest-worker system, it could build public support for dealing with the illegal population in our country now.

I do believe there will be more acceptance of a responsible legalization process of people who are here illegally if the American people see progress on border security and a guest-worker program that puts the people in the front of the line who have waited to enter our country to work.

I will continue to search for positive and constructive ways to resolve this issue and contribute to a solution that protects our borders, provides for the economy and welcomes legal immigrants with clear laws to guide them through the process.



Stay Safe in the Sun: Simple Tips for a Healthy Summer

Summertime is time for sun, swimming and sports. Here are some tips from John Marcucci, M.D., medical director of emergency medicine on the medical staff at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano, on how to safely enjoy the season.

Beat the heat. Heat exhaustion and heatstroke can strike when you exert yourself in hot weather. Drink plenty of water, watch for heat alerts, try to exercise in the early morning, and keep a close eye on children and seniors, who can overheat quickly. Heatstroke is a medical emergency that needs expert attention right away.

Block those rays. Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher, and limit your exposure to the sun when it's at its strongest—between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Remember that you may need sunscreen underneath summer-weight, light-colored clothing.

Block those rays, Part 2. Don't forget to protect your eyes. Choose sunglasses that are labeled for UV protection. Sunglasses that don't protect against UV rays may actually cause more harm than not wearing sunglasses at all.

Banish bugs. While bugs can spread disease, it's the nuisance and itch that's more likely to be a problem. Sprays can keep them away. There's no need to visit the emergency room if a mosquito bites you, unless you develop a fever or a change in behavior or mental status.

Prepare Food Properly. Eating outdoors is a summertime treat, but be sure to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. If you can't chill leftovers properly, it's better to throw them away. And wash your hands before preparing food to cut down on the number of germs that could multiply.

Lock out the little ones. Make sure that there's no way for children to get into a pool area without an adult's help. And never leave kids unattended by the pool.

Remember, if you're faced with a true emergency, never hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Heroes Need Not Apply

By Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner

Texas has a proud military heritage. From the Alamo to Baghdad, Texas veterans have served our country in every major conflict, in every corner of the globe.

Yet, Texas heroes like William B. Travis, John Bell Hood, Earl Rudder and Audie Murphy would shudder to think Texas is denying educational benefits to her veterans. Even combat veterans in harms way are barred from receiving certain Texas educational benefits under state law.

The law is called the Hazelwood Act and it exists in Section 54.203 of the Education Code. It exempts eligible military veterans from paying tuition and most fees at state colleges and universities. This educational assistance is extremely helpful to returning veterans anxious to enter or finish college to begin a career.

Yet, in the fine print, the Hazelwood Act only provides this benefit to veterans who are U.S. citizens residing in Texas at the time they joined the Armed Forces.

Problem is, there are more than 35,000 men and women in our Armed Forces, thousands of them from Texas – who are not U.S. citizens. They are called legal permanent residents, or 'green card' holders. And they serve and fight and die – just like a U.S. citizen. Even if they become citizens after they join the military, they will still be denied because of their status upon joining the service.

This is not right and it is most likely unconstitutional.

Texas needs to amend the Hazelwood Act to ensure that any Texan who wears the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces is entitled to the benefits reserved for them by the people of Texas.

Right now a lawsuit is working its way through the courts that may settle this question. The case involves two Gulf war veterans, both legal permanent residents, who were denied Hazelwood benefits because they had not yet become U.S. citizens when they joined the Army. They are both now citizens, but have been rejected for the benefits afforded to their Gulf War buddies.

Do Texans really believe these veterans are somehow less worthy, or less deserving, of these benefits? Do we support the idea of a second-class veteran?

Here at the Texas Veterans Land Board, we provide the best veterans benefits of any state. All of our benefits, from low-interest loans to veterans homes and veterans cemeteries are available to every legal resident Texas veteran regardless of their citizen status.

When I authored the Texas Concealed Handgun Law, I ensured that the law allowed permits to be granted to legal permanent residents as well as citizens. I did so because I believe the right to bear arms is a constitutional right that applies to every legal resident, whether or not they have achieved citizen status. After all, they are in America by choice, rather than by accident of birth.

By the same token, I believe the Equal Protection clause of Fourteenth Amendment also applies in this case. Every honorably discharged veteran should be treated equally under law, regardless of whether or not he or she is a citizen.

If a Texan is willing to pick up a rifle in defense of our country, then they deserve the financial, educational and social benefits their sacrifice demands.

After all, there is no higher qualification for citizenship than one's willingness to lay down their life in defense of their country.

When it comes to veterans' benefits, a Texas veteran should never be told, "heroes need not apply."

JERRY PATTERSON is a former Marine and Vietnam Veteran. He was elected Land Commissioner in 2002 and again in 2006.

Many attempts to communicate are nullified by saying too much. ~ Robert Greenleaf

Baseball Game July 15 In Quitaque

Baseball games will be played Sunday July 15 at the City Park in Quitaque beginning at noon. The Catholic Church will be hosting the concession stand at the ballpark from 12 noon till games end.

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~ Thomas J. Watson

If you don't do it excellently, don't do it at all. Because if it's not excellent, it won't be profitable or fun, and if you're not in business for fun or profit, what are you doing there?
~ Robert Townsend

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Use Precautions - 2 Hanta Virus Cases So Far This Year - One In Crosby County

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is recommending precautions after two Texas residents developed hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, or HPS, this year.

One person, a Jefferson County resident, died. The other person, a Crosby County resident, recovered.

Hantavirus is carried by certain species of rats and mice. The illness is rare. Infected rodents shed the virus in their urine, droppings and saliva. The virus can be transmitted to people when infected rat or mouse urine, saliva, droppings or nesting materials are stirred up, temporarily aerosolizing the virus, which can be breathed in by humans.

DSHS recommends the following precautions.

- Seal openings that may allow rats and mice to enter homes and workplaces.
 - Remove brush, woodpiles, trash and other items that may attract rats and mice.
 - Tightly close garbage cans, pet food containers and other food sources.
 - Wear protective gloves to handle dead mice and rats or to clean up nesting areas, urine or droppings.
 - Before cleaning up nests or droppings found inside, open windows and doors to ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes.
 - Do not stir up nests by sweeping or vacuuming. Dampen areas before cleanup.
 - Use a disinfectant or 1-to-10 bleach-water mixture to clean up dead rodents, nests, urine and droppings.
- Early symptoms of hantavirus infection include fatigue, fever and muscle aches. These symptoms may be accompanied by headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Later symptoms include coughing and shortness of breath. If hantavirus is suspected, people should contact their health care provider immediately.

Researcher: Feeding Distiller's Grains Vital to Future Livestock Operation Success

There's no reason the cattle-feeding industry in Texas cannot remain strong and viable if it incorporates distiller's grains into rations, said a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher. "Our concern has been 'Will there be enough feed?'" said Dr. Jim MacDonald, Experiment Station beef cattle nutritionist. "Assuming all the distiller's grains are available for livestock feed, clearly there will be."

But, MacDonald said, the ratio of corn being fed vs. distiller's grains could go from 11-to-1 today to 3-to-1 nationally in the next 10 years. "So we'd better figure out how to feed distiller's grains," he said. Relatively few distiller's grains are fed in the Southern Plains states now, MacDonald said. Some beef producers are reluctant because there's no incentive and no ready supply.

However, with the opening of two ethanol plants scheduled later this year in the Panhandle, a steady supply of distiller's grains should be available, making the alternative feedstock more attractive, he said. "In the future, as long as it is priced relative to corn, I think there will be a necessity to use this new large pool of feed," MacDonald said. The proportion of corn used from 2002 to 2006 hasn't changed much in the areas of human consumption, high fructose production or exports, he said. The biggest change has been corn moving from the livestock-feed sector to the fuel-ethanol sector, MacDonald said. Livestock feed has decreased from 60 percent to 55 percent in that time period, while the ethanol fuel sector increased from 8 percent to 14 percent.

However, National Corn Growers Association forecasts show that while the percentage has decreased, the actual bushels of corn produced will continue to increase due to higher yields and acres planted, he said. The acres of corn harvest is expected to rise from the current 71 million to 80-85 million over the next five years, MacDonald said. Yields are projected to rise from about 150 bushels per acre to almost 180 bushels per acre in the next 10 years. "We're not sure how big the ethanol industry is going to get, but if every plant being proposed as of now gets built, the Renewable Fuels Association says we'll be producing 12.5 billion gallons of ethanol a year from starch," he said.

In estimating feed availability for livestock, MacDonald assumed as much as 15 billion gallons of ethanol being produced annually. At that rate, 35.5 percent of all corn would be needed for ethanol. This would bring the amount of corn available for feed down from the current 60 percent to 33.5 percent, assuming the other categories remain steady. Because yields are expected to increase, he said the decrease of actual corn fed will not be as dramatic, going from 6.1 billion bushels in 2006 to 5 billion bushels by 2017.

The beef and dairy industries are in the best position of any of the livestock industry to use distiller's grains, MacDonald said. Based on the number of plants proposed in the Texas High Plains, he estimated feed yards will need to include 15 percent to 20 percent of distiller's grains in the diet (moisture-free basis) to use all the available supply. The two Hereford plants, with a combined 200 million gallons of ethanol production per year, will produce 665,000 tons of distiller's grains, he said. This quantity alone would be enough to include 6 percent to 7 percent distiller's grains in the diets of the 5.75 million head of cattle fed in the Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma region. If a proportion higher than 20 percent were included into area feed yard and dairy rations, distiller's grains will need to be railed in from the Midwest, he said.

Growth of the ethanol industry in the Corn Belt has created a greater demand for corn in that area, MacDonald said. However, they now have a large surplus distiller's grains. That could make them cheaper to rail into Texas than whole corn. "The only thing that keeps this all in balance is our ability to utilize the distiller's grains," MacDonald said. "We still have to go through the learning curve of how to feed them."

In the tri-state area, distiller's grains would be mixed with steam-flaked corn. This is different from in the Midwest, where dry-rolled corn is fed, he said. Several studies are under way to see how to maximize the use of distiller's grains in the feed yard situation, MacDonald said. Those results should be available later this summer.



HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN FULL COMMITTEE MARK-UP OF 2007 FARM BILL JULY 17

Travel arrangements are being finalized and commodity groups are working out strategies to ensure their interests are protected and their ideas fully debated during the House Agriculture Committee's planned July 17 mark-up session to finalize its version of the 2007 Farm Bill from what is now a hodgepodge of individual legislative titles.

By the end of what is scheduled to be a three-day session ending July 19, HAC Chairman Collin Peterson plans to have a rock-solid recommendation for the 2007 Farm Bill ready to go to the House floor where debate could begin as early as July 26.

Plains Cotton Growers leaders are readying themselves for both debates and have already hit the ground running. In addition to the organization's July 11 Board of Directors meeting that will be an important source of guidance heading into the HAC mark-up July 17, PCG leaders are continually discussing issues with the National Cotton Council, other cotton industry groups and representatives from general farm and commodity organizations. Having those discussions now will enhance PCG's efforts to secure the continuation of the effective and predictable policies of the 2002 Farm Bill.

When it comes to policies impacting cotton, protecting the safety net provisions contained in the current Commodity Title is of primary importance says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. He notes that the HAC's Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management voted unanimously to extend provisions of the current Commodity Title during deliberations late last month thanks in large part to the input of groups like PCG and the NCC.

The subcommittee's recommendation to extend the current program's structure with only a few minor tweaks was good news for High Plains cotton producers and the cotton industry in general adds Verett.

The unanimous vote to extend the provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill was also a strong signal to farm bill opponents in Congress and the Administration that U.S. agriculture strongly supports the provisions of current farm law and that calls for significant reform do not represent the position of a majority of the agriculture sector.

Verett warns that there is still a considerable amount of work left to be done heading into the full HAC mark-up session and that a number of issues are expected to trigger additional debate and even undergo some modification. Among the top issues falling in this category are program pay limits and eligibility guidelines, two of the most misrepresented and often challenged provisions in recent farm policy debates.

It is clear that while there is no guarantee that everything will go exactly to plan, the groundwork that has been laid by PCG and others over the past few months is paying off, says Verett.

"The issues driving this debate are largely centered around the budget and there not being enough guaranteed money available to do all the things we would want to extend and improve on the current program," concludes Verett. "Through the years PCG has developed strong relationships with key leaders in Congress and their staff members which allow us to effectively communicate cotton's issues. The coming weeks are a culmination of those ongoing efforts and PCG is well positioned to represent High Plains cotton producers."

MAY AVERAGE COTTON PRICE PLUNGES; INCREASES LIKELIHOOD FOR MAXIMUM 2006 CC PAYMENT

The May Average Price Received by farmers for Upland cotton plunged 2.5 cents per pound from the previous month while the number of bales marketed during the month rose slightly to 1.55 million for the month.

Adding in these new marketing and price figures results in a lowering of the year-to-date Weighted Average Price Received to 47.39 cents per pound. Cumulative Upland cotton marketings through May 2007 total 13.406 million bales according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The downward movement of the Average Price Received significantly increases the likelihood of the 2006 Counter-cyclical program (CCP) payment rate for Upland Cotton being 13.73 cents per pound, the maximum allowed by current law.

Only a near miraculous combination of June-July marketings in excess of 6 million bales and average prices above 60 cents could pull the Weighted Average Price Received calculation close to the 52-cent Upland Cotton Base Loan rate, which is the point where the calculated CCP payment rate for cotton would begin to decline.

For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2006 marketing year that began August 1, 2006 and ends July 31, 2007.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007.

Average Price Received for 2006-crop Upland Cotton

Month	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,970	1,970	45.80	45.80
September	182	2,152	47.30	45.93
October	994	3,146	46.10	45.98
November	1,117	4,263	47.60	46.41
December	2,002	6,265	49.30	47.35
January	1,557	7,822	49.70	47.81
February	1,253	9,075	48.00	47.84
March	1,566	10,641	47.40	47.77
April	1,155	11,796	47.30	47.73
May	1,550	13,346	44.80	47.39
June	na	na	45.10*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

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Texas Among Three Highest States For Telecommunications Tax Burden

New Foundation report shows taxes make up 18-20% of Texas consumers, phone bills
AUSTIN - A report released today by the Texas Public Policy Foundation underscores how important it is that the Texas Legislature cut taxes on telecommunications services this session. "A Texas consumer that has a home telephone, a cell phone, and cable television service pays an average of \$26.51 per month just for taxes," said Bill Peacock, Director of the Foundation's Center for Economic Freedom. "This combined tax rate of nearly 19% ranks Texas among the three highest states in telecommunications tax burden."

The report, "Taxes and Fees on Telecommunications Services in Texas," was authored by Paul Bachman, Sarah Glassman, and David G. Tuerck of The Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University, which specializes in the development of state-of-the-art economic and statistical models for policy analysis. Bachman, the Institute's Director of Research, also serves as a Senior Fellow for the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

The report analyzed the monthly taxes and rates on various telecommunications services in 12 Texas cities. Texas wireline telephone consumers paid an average tax rate of 22.3%, compared against a national average of 17.23%. Texas wireless telephone consumer paid an average tax rate of 19.25%, compared against a national average of 11.90%. Texas "Voice Over Internet Protocol" (VOIP) subscribers paid an average tax rate of 16.40%, while Texas cable customers paid an average tax rate of 14.33%.

By contrast, subscribers to satellite television services (such as DirecTV or Dish Network) paid only the state sales tax rate of 6.25%. But rather than trying to apply the tax structure for traditional telecommunications services to such new technologies, the report recommends that Texas remove the special taxes applied to only the traditional services so that consumers will not face higher costs and that market innovation will not be hindered.

Peacock urged the Texas Senate to approve HB 735 by Rep. Joe Straus, which would repeal the 1.25% Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund tax on wireline and wireless phone services. He also urged the House to pass HB 986 by Rep. Carl Isett, which would end the double taxation of these same services. "Passing these two bills will reduce the tax burden on Texas consumers and make the Texas telecommunications market more competitive with other states," Peacock said.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin. The report may be downloaded from the Foundation's website, www.TexasPolicy.com.



This Week In Texas History!

July 14, 1881
William H. Bonney, (aka Billy the Kid) was buried at Fort Sumner, N.M. He was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett. The Kid and Garrett were both employed by the same rancher as hired guns at Tascosa years earlier.

July 14, 1843
Commodore Edwin Moore sailed without authorization and began attacking Mexican ships in the Gulf of Mexico. Sam Houston declared Moore a pirate, but when he returned to Galveston he was welcomed as a hero by island residents.

July 15, 1874
Gen. William Sherman wired Gen. Phil Sheridan and ordered the U.S. Cavalry to be sent to the Panhandle to fight the Indians.

July 15, 1862
Texans were subject to compulsory military service by Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

July 15, 1839
The Battle of Neches River between Texans and Cherokee Indians began near Tyler.

July 16, 1839
The Battle of the Neches River in Van Zandt County ended. Chief Bowles, Sam Houston's friend, was killed in cold blood. After the Cherokees lost the battle they were moved from east Texas to Arkansas.

July 17, 1945
Clara Driscoll died in San Antonio. She purchased the Alamo and surrounding property for \$75,000 in 1903, and was credited for saving it from commercial use.

July 17, 1917
Construction began on Camp Bowie in Fort Worth. The training camp was named in honor of Alamo hero, Jim Bowie.

July 17, 1847
President James Polk ordered Texas Ranger Capt. Jack Hays and his company of Rangers to guard the line of communications between Gen. Zachary Taylor and the U.S. border during the Mexican-American War.

July 17, 1804
The first immunization program in Texas began by the Spanish using cowpox vaccine brought from Spain.

July 18, 1917
Only one day after construction of Camp Bowie began, the 36th "Texas" Division was organized. The unit was composed of 95 percent Texans and was the first U.S. Army unit to invade Europe during WWII.

July 18, 1865
Col. John "Rip" Ford of The Cavalry of the West returned to Brownsville from his exile in Mexico after the Civil War. Upon arrival he was warmly greeted by Gen. William Sheridan.

July 19, 1933
The construction of an "all-weather" road into Palo Duro Canyon by about 600 CCC workers began.

July 19, 1878
Bandit Sam Bass and his gang of outlaws were engaged in a shootout with Texas Rangers. Bass was wounded in the battle and carried off by the surviving members of his gang.

July 20, 1874
The Secretary of War approved the "final campaign" plan against the Plains Indians.

July 20, 1867
Congress created the Indian Peace Commission in an effort to stop the fighting in the Plains area.

July 21, 1878
The bandit Sam Bass died of the gunshot wounds he had received in a shoot-out with Texas Rangers two days earlier. He died on his 27th birthday.

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The Lubbock Lake Landmark, a unit of the Museum of Texas Tech University, is located at 2401 Landmark Drive on Lubbock's northwest edge (accessible via marked Loop 289 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Road) through Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive).

For additional information or to request special assistance, call (806)742-1116, or email lubbock.lake@ttu.edu. Stay up-to-date... visit the Museums website at http://www.museum.ttu.edu and select the Lubbock Lake Landmark link.

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Officials Warn West Nile Virus Is Back

Lots of rain leaves standing water. Standing water attracts mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus. And July is the prime month for cases of the disease to start showing up, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Greta Schuster, an Extension integrated pest management specialist in Canyon, will be dragging out her carbon dioxide light traps this week to determine how many positive mosquitoes can be found in the area.

Schuster, who also is a West Texas A&M University associate professor, is working with Dr. James Alexander and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Alexander reported West Nile Virus is already active in Texas, with one human case in the Houston area. Positive mosquitoes have been found in Collin, Denton, Jefferson, Montgomery and Willacy counties.

West Nile Virus cases in Texas can be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/westNile/>.

In 2006, 33 West Nile human fatalities were reported, and since 2002, 71 fatalities due to the virus have been reported in Texas, Schuster said, quoting state health service figures.

Schuster has been sampling for West Nile virus-carrying mosquitoes for the past five years. She started in an effort to help Extension agents and area veterinarians know the severity of the situation and to help get horses vaccinated for the disease.

Each year she watches the reports from other parts of the state to know when to start collecting mosquitoes. When the positive cases start showing up in the south, she knows it won't be long before the virus moves north.

When Schuster collects the live mosquitoes in her traps, she sends them to the Texas health department in Austin where they are tested to see if they carry the disease.

"We're trying to find out when mosquitoes are becoming active and what species is active at the time," she said. With all the recent rain in Texas, a large hatch of mosquitoes can be expected, Schuster said.

"If they are showing up in my traps, then there are a lot more out there," she said. "That's when we start alerting the Texas Department of Agriculture and other agencies who can get the word out that it is time to be more vigilant in control and protection."

To protect against disease-carrying mosquitoes, Schuster said wear long sleeves when working outdoors, use a DEET product and don't go out from sundown to 10 p.m. if possible.

"When we were collecting mosquitoes off the horses, they were covered the heaviest from about 8 to 10 (p.m.)," she said.

Schuster said there is some concern about using products with the DEET chemical in it, but advises that if people spray most of the chemical over their clothing and use long sleeves to protect themselves, it is safe.

The DEET amounts in products vary, she said. The amount needed depends on how long an individual expects to be outside. The more DEET the repellent contains, the longer not better it will protect.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise that products with a low concentration of active ingredient may be appropriate when exposure to insects is minimal, Schuster said. Higher concentrations of active ingredient may be useful in highly infested areas or with insect species which are more difficult to repel.

When trying to limit mosquito populations outside, a combination of treatments is best, Schuster said.

"First, we advise sanitation," she said. "Empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels and cans. Remove discarded containers and other items that could collect water."

Second, use a larvicide chemical to control hatching mosquitoes so they never become adults, Schuster said. Larvicides, which kill immature mosquitoes, are put in water sources.

Bacillus thuringiensis more commonly know as BT is a biological larvicide that is safe for animals, she said. It is found in products sold as Mosquito Dunk. Methoprene, a chemical larvicide, is an insect growth regulator that kills larvae by disrupting their development.

As with all products, Schuster advised, read and follow all labels and directions.

The final step to treatment is the use of adulticides or products used to kill adult mosquitoes, she said. These products can immediately reduce the number of adult mosquitoes around the home. They include fogs, mists or sprays, which are often used by city and county officials to treat large areas, she said.

"There's no one control that works the best," Schuster said. "It's a combination of all of them. That's the whole basis to the integrated pest management program."

To control your cow, give it a bigger pasture.
~ Suzuki Roshi

The important thing to recognize is that it takes a team, and the team ought to get credit for the wins and the losses. Successes have many fathers, failures have none.
~ Phillip Caldwell

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.
~ John Foster Dulles

Work is love made visible.
~ Kahlil Gibran

PALO DURO BASIN ENERGY UPDATE

By Tom Musser

Oil and Gas: At the 21 June 2007, PetroGlobe Inc. Annual Meeting the Shareholders elected new members to their Board of Directors including new Chairman Mr. Bill Powers of Powers Asset Management, LLC of Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Powers has expressed his interest in seeing the Palo Duro Basin be successfully developed. Mr. Powers has kept himself informed as to the progress of the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas activity.

URANIUM: Uranerz Energy Corporation of Casper, Wyoming has filed Memorandums of Mining Lease Agreements in the Briscoe County Clerk's Office Deed Records for exploration of uranium within Briscoe County.

In Briscoe County Uranium has been found within the Dockum Group of Triassic Age Sediments.

Representatives of Uranium Mining Companies have recently been studying the possibility of renewing exploration for uranium in Briscoe County. These company representatives have collected local



information on both the 1955 Briscoe County Mining Operations and on the 1970's French American Metals Corporation Briscoe County core holes.

For many areas the most common uranium mining process is in-situ recovery mining. The in-situ recovery mining process has less surface disturbance and also has safe guards to protect surface waters and underground water. In-situ recovery is a mining process which uses injection wells pumping a leaching solution down to the uranium bearing formation, thus dissolving the uranium, then pumping this solution with uranium back to surface for processing. This process would have surface facilities, injection wells, recovery wells and monitor wells. In Texas in-situ recovery mining is permitted and regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

FLOYD COUNTY: On Friday June 29, 2007, Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. recorded a Release of Oil and Gas Lease with the Floyd County Clerk's Office for 15,257.57 Floyd County acres. This release was effective April 16, 2007. The oil and gas lease covering these 15,257.57 Floyd County acres had been executed with Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. on December 14, 2006.

FLOYD COUNTY: A pump jack was set on the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Inc., McIntosh Lease Well #176 on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 and the well is currently being pumped, recovering frac fluid.

MOTLEY COUNTY: The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Black 4 Lease Well #1 is drilling ahead.

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.
~ Carl Jung

There is no reason for anything in business to exist if it does not serve the needs of people
~ Bruce Cryer

The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem.
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