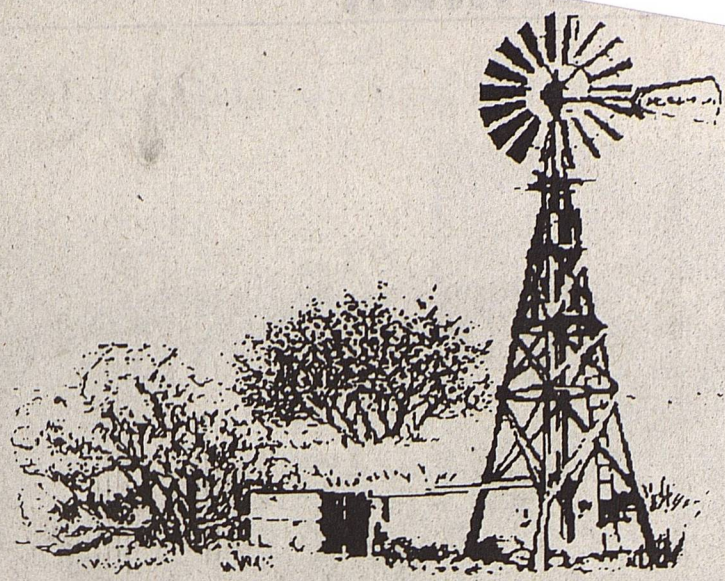


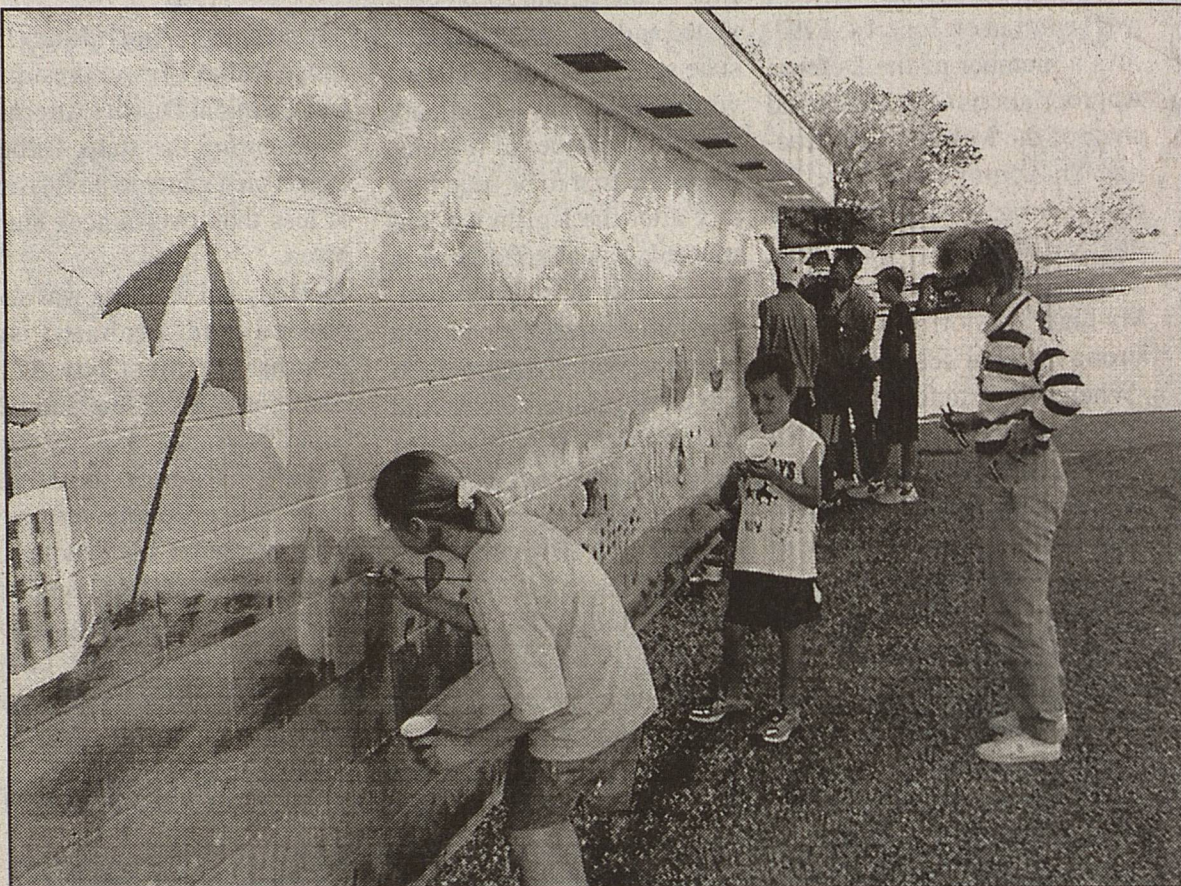
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Summer Youth Program young artists displaying Rembrandt like qualities



Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Program is producing some budding young artists who last week finished an attractive sea-side scene on the front wall of the new County Pool Bath House. Volunteer teachers Susie Powell and Linda Powell and Abel Ramos gave a few artistic tips to the young muralists, including Holden and Hunter Welch, Natalie Haynes, Mychal Sainz, Derek Garza, Kelby Bartley, Stephanie Addison, Jordan Rivera, Troy Alldredge, Hunter Parrott and Chris Gonzales. Planned to be a four day project, the youngsters completed the work in three.

Half or more million acres of High Plains cotton lost County losses not determined yet

"More than 400,000 acres of High Plains cotton has been wiped out by hail, rain or blowing sand, and that number may grow significantly in coming days," Mary Jane Short, Lubbock Avalanche, said in a recent article detailing the 2003 cotton crop.

Roger Haldenby, vice-president of operations for Plains Cotton Growers, reported, "We're rapidly getting to where the damaged acreage is approaching the half-million mark. By the weekend, we're going to be looking at 500,000 to 700,000 acres, based on the reports coming in."

A loss of 500,000 acres represents 12 to 15 percent of the South Plains cotton crop, Haldenby reported. Of 3.5 million acres of intended plantings, it appears as though some acreage in the southern portion of the High Plains still has not been planted for the first time.

"Their farmland was dry, they were waiting for a rain," Haldenby said. "Now, they've had rain, and they have to wait for it to dry out some before they put seed in the ground."

Tuesday, June 10, was the final planting deadline for insurance purposes for this area, while the deadline was June 5 for the northern half of the High Plains. Planting after the

final deadline means producers have to take a reduced amount of insurance on the acres they plant, Haldenby explained.

Reduced cotton production has a direct effect on the regional economy. "Every dollar that goes through the farmers hand's is multiplied in the local area economies, so there are communities here that won't see the benefit that comes from cotton production in their area," Haldenby said.

He said the best comparison to this year's failed acreage is the 2001 crop. "It's something farmers learn to live with, the vagaries of West Texas weather. Those who have not lost a crop this year have actually been blessed with more moisture than we've seen for some time."

Gary Six, Executive Director of the local FSA office, told CNN it is too early to determine the final cotton acreage in Yoakum County. "Producers still have time to make a decision about destroying cotton fields which have been weather damaged, so we really don't know where we stand with this crop." A number of producers who have emerged cotton are reporting a significant amount of it is badly stressed by the persistent West Texas weather.

Grand Jury indicts seven

In the June 10 convened session of the Yoakum County Grand Jury, ten true bills of indictment in felony crimes were handed down on seven defendants. All bonds were set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Fernando Galindo Medrano was indicted for sexual assault, a second degree felony. Bond was \$2,500 by Jerome Head.

David Allen Garza was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, third degree felony. Bond was \$4000, Jerome Head.

Juan Zapata was indicted for a third driving while intoxicated, third degree felony. Bond was \$2,500, Jerome Head.

Guy Alexander Ingram was indicted for theft of services, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, a state jail felony. Bond was \$2,500, Central Bail Bonds.

David Laureles was indicted on two causes of burglary of a habitation, second degree felonies. The defendant is in jail.

Estanislado Barrios Caballero Jr. was indicted for tampering with government record, driver license, third degree felony. He was also indicted for assault on police officer, third degree felony. A third indictment was handed down for escape causing bodily injury, second degree felony. The defendant is in jail and bonds were not set.

Second degree felony convictions can result in confinement in the TDCJ Institutional Division for not more than 20 years or less than two years, and optional fine up to \$10,000.

Third degree felony convictions can result in the same confinement up to ten years, nor less than two years and optional fine up to \$10,000.

State Jail felony convictions can call for state jail confinement up to two years or no less than 180 days, and optional \$10,000 fine.

District Court Cases Heard

In District Court June 2, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Adolfo Alvarez agreed to the state's motion to modify conditions of community supervision from a prior third or more DWI cause. The defendant must be at his place of residence seven days per week from 10 PM until 6 AM the following day.

One June 13, a District Court jury found Salome Robledo Guerra guilty of evading arrest or detention with the use of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to fourteen months in the State Jail Division of the Criminal Justice Department. He was also ordered to pay \$368 court costs and court appointed attorney fees of \$1,000. Paul Mansur served as his attorney. Sheriff Deputy Curtis Coffman was investigating officer.

Very mixed reviews on 78th Legislative Session

Texas Association of Counties examines pluses-minuses for local government

The June issue of *COUNTY ISSUES*, published by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is devoted to examining issues addressed, bills passed or failed, which directly affect county government.

Carey "Buck" Boethel, TAC Director of Governmental Relations, wrote, "Because of the inherent challenges of the severe economic downturn shaped the character and feature's of the session's yield, it will take the practical application of legislative policies to finally determine how things will shake out for Texas. Not all proceedings of the recent session were cordial or pleasant to see. There were tense times, tempers often flared. But that's part of the process -

rival interests competing. Comments on the outcome of the session, in terms of success or breakdown, will run the entire gamut from taxpayer victory to loss for uninsured children and the poor. We must be mindful assertions of blame are not costless, and political assessments of fault are often inaccurate."

Probably a big disappointment to TAC was the fate of House Joint Resolution 91. The amendment would have required the legislature to reimburse Texas counties for costs implementing a state mandate or funds supporting it.

A positive was passage and forwarding to the Governor a bill authorizing a county, city or town to establish an ad valorem

tax freeze on residence homesteads of those over 65, similar to the freeze given by school districts.

A disappointment for TAC and most average citizens was the failure of a bill limiting the maximum average annual increase of five percent in the appraised value of real property for tax purposes, excluding mineral interests.

Legislators faced with an almost \$10 billion budget shortfall wielded axes on many expenditures, and added fees and charges to dozens of other revenue sources, including courthouse fees, and surcharge on retail sale, lease or use of certain equipment.

More than \$120 million was trimmed from the Children's

Health Insurance Program budget, and \$20 million from Mental Health Community Hospitals, while Medicare budgeting increased some \$2 billion. Among other budget cutting targets were the Historical Commissions courthouse preservation funds, a number of agencies of public safety and criminal justice, and the judiciary.

It should be remembered many items passed by the legislators and forwarded to the Governor have not yet been signed into law by Governor Perry, and not all of them will be signed. It is impossible to publish a report or grade card on the performance of the legislators in the 78th session; There are more than 20 million of us Texan graders.

Come on in, the water's fine!

The County Pool is open Tuesday thru Saturday 12 to 6 p.m., 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Pool parties from 6-8 p.m. any night except Monday are \$30. Thomas and Jill Rotunno are pool managers, and life guards are Moriah Traweek, Kelly Bowers, Kim Trent, Evan Cain, Breck Hamm, Ben Hays, Ashley Vantine, Keri Hansen, Payton Bean and Todd Williams.



The Good.....



This photo shows an excellent crop of 2003 irrigated cotton planted between wind protecting rows of wheat stubble. Average height of the plants was some sixteen inches. A drip irrigation system is being used to water the crop.

and then the Bad and Ugly



A scene unfortunately familiar to many county cotton producers following recent storms, featuring badly needed rain, but in many areas, devastating hail which has destroyed many fields. Crop insurance adjusters should be in the area assessing the damage in the next few days.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



As I contemplate a decade in the United States Senate, it is plain to me that I have been privileged to serve during a unique time in our nation's history. From the breakup of the Balkans, to the impeachment of a president to September 11, 2001 and the war in Iraq, I have been awed and inspired by the challenges, the tragedies and the triumphs of the American people. So many critical issues have been considered in the past ten years, and our world has changed dramatically since I was sworn in on June 14, 1993.

As a member of the Defense Appropriations Committee and chair of the Military Construction Subcommittee I have focused on improving the quality of life for military personnel and strengthening Texas bases. My highest priority has been a strong national defense.

When I first ran for the Senate in a special election, I visited every corner of the State. One visit remains particularly vivid and continues to motivate me to this day. Ten years ago, I was led through the streets of a colonia, a community that lacked paved roads, wastewater facilities and running water. Quite frankly I could not believe I was in America. I offered as my first amendment in the Senate a bill authorizing \$50 million for a colonias clean-up project, and I have consistently worked to improve the quality of life for people who live on the border. Since then I have helped secure more than \$615 million to upgrade the colonias of our state.

When I learned from personal experience that homemakers could not fully contribute to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) as could their counterparts in the workplace, I knew this inequity needed to be eliminated. A woman's role in the home is every bit as important as a woman's role in the workplace, and savings and investment opportunities should be equal. I made it my mission to ensure that our laws did not discriminate against homemakers. I was proud my legislation

passed and today homemakers and those who work outside the home may make equal savings investments in IRA's.

In 1996, Congress passed "Interstate Stalking" legislation I introduced to protect people from predators who travel across state lines with the intent to kill, injure, harass or intimidate. Two years later, an Alabama man accused of threatening his ex-wife and sons here in Texas became the first in the nation to be convicted and sentenced for interstate stalking, under the law I wrote. This was a landmark case for a number of reasons. It was the first to be tried by a jury after the legislation was enacted; it was tried here in Texas; and most important, this legislation stopped him before violence occurred. It was clear from his words and actions that this predator intended to harm or kill his ex-wife. Fortunately, he was sent to prison for 20 years before he could act.

I have long advocated the elimination of the marriage penalty, which places a tax on couples simply because they get married. In 2001, I was able to pass a law to lessen this fundamental inequity. With this year's jobs and growth package, we eliminated temporarily this added tax by doubling the 15 percent bracket and the standard deduction for married couples. In June, I introduced a bill that would eradicate permanently this penalty levied on American couples. One of my top priorities since I joined the Appropriations Committee in 1997 has been to increase the amount of federal research dollars coming into Texas' institutions for higher education. When I began looking at the funds coming into our state, I was astounded to learn we ranked 6th nationally. Since that time I have worked closely to our universities and medical schools to ensure we are actively pursuing federal research dollars and highlighting the vneters of excellence at our

universities to federal agencies. We are now ranked 4th in the nation, bringing in nearly \$1 billion in 2001. After September 11, securing our nation's aviation system became a top priority. As the chair of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, I worked closely with my colleagues, the airlines, and the Administration to make our skies safe again. The changes we enacted were dramatic and clearly made a difference. As I reflect the year's in the U.S. Senate, I am honored to serve the greatest state in the union and to represent the finest people in the world.

Dope case in County Court

In County Court June 11, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney representing the state, Gilbert Corral pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana.

A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated six months. He must pay \$211 court costs, \$250 fine and \$25 time payment fee, attend weekly narcotics meetings, serve 24 hours community service, surrender his driving license 180 days, and complete the drug offender education program. Lisa Switzer, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, was investigating officer.

SPC Summer Registration Rescheduled

South Plains College's second summer registration will be July 7.

Sign-up for classes at SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Ave., will be 1-5 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Enrollment at the SPC Reese Center campus, 528 Gilbert Drive in Lubbock, will be 1-6 p.m. in Reese Building 1. SPC offers classes in Lubbock at Reese and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q. in Lubbock. Registration permits are required at both enrollment locations.

For more information or to obtain a registration permit, contact SPC Levelland at 894-9611, ext. 2570 or ext. 2375 or the SPC Reese Center at 885-3048, ext. 2902 or ext. 4660.



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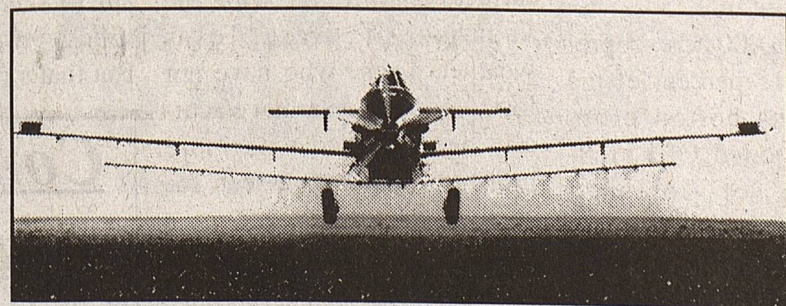
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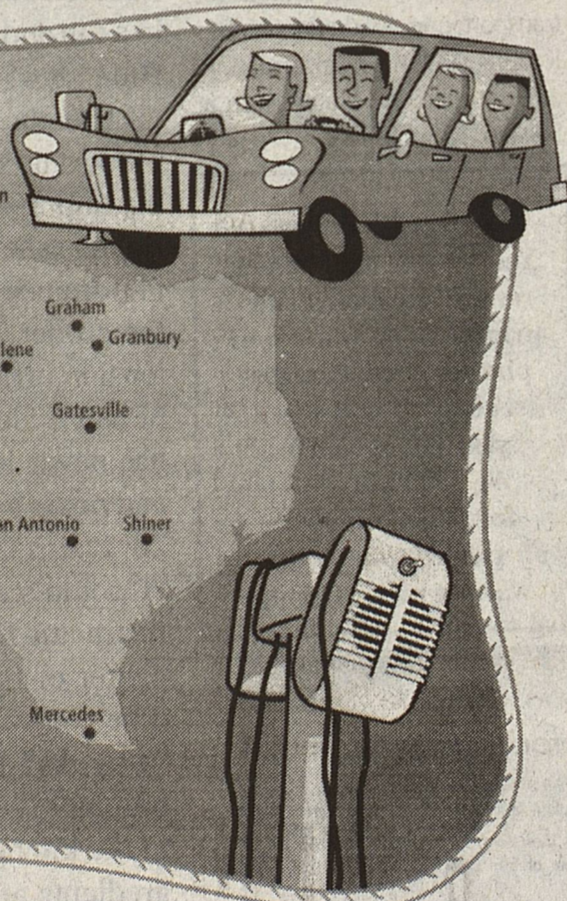
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No Budget Smoke and Mirrors

Editors Note: As a follow-up to the front page article on the legislative session and the budgeting process, we are reproducing a recent article by the Texas Comptroller, Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

I am strongly urging the legislature to pass a budget that is balanced and does not rely on accounting tricks and gimmicks-smoke and mirrors.

I am here to fulfill my responsibility and pledge to the people of Texas-to keep them informed of any new information regarding the state's budget as I am aware of it.

This is an ongoing process. My staff has completed costing the House and the Senate versions of the Appropriations Bill-a very detailed and time-consuming effort. We literally put a price tag on every line of the budget. We continue to do that with each new version of the budget from the conference committee. Ultimately, I must certify the adopted budget before it is sent to the Governor for review and signature.

The proposed budget is riddled with one-time payments, delay's, deferrals and serious raids on the Rainy Day fund. God help us if there is a true emergency in this state. The Legislature leaves enough money in the Rainy Day Fund to run state government for two day and 10 minutes; after that, who is going to pay the teach-

ers, guard the prisons and build the roads?

There was also a provision in the Senate budget that requires the Comptroller to make across-the-board reductions in the budget if I cannot certify the budget is balanced.

None of us can abdicate our responsibility to the people of Texas. I believe this would be an unconstitutional delegation of authority from the Legislature to the executive branch. Spending decisions are clearly

and emphatically the provenance of the Legislature; ensuring a pay-as-you-go budget-no deficit spending-is mine.

We cannot mortgage Texas' future on the backs of our children and our children's children. This June, I hope to have a budget in hand that I can certify as meeting the letter and spirit of the constitution that requires state government to live within its means.

Texas Tech Announces Spring 2003 Graduates

Spring commencement at Texas Tech University saw more than 1,900 students awarded degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 17 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

About 5,000 Texas Tech University students made either the President's List or Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintain either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

The following students graduated from Texas Tech, Spring 2003:
Kyley Jo Bearden-Dean's List-Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Exercise & Sport Sciences
Abraham Gregory Garcia-Bachelor of Science, Exercise & Sport Sciences
Phillip Jay Rushing-Master of Business Administration, General Business
Sandra Leigh Warren-Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting
Shyloh Sheyenne Winn-Dean's List-Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Studies

HONOR'S LIST

Krystle LaShaye Blundell-Dean's list, Jaime Caballero-Dean's list, Anne Charie Palmer-Dean's list, Kyley Jo Bearden-Dean's list, Shyloh Sheyenne Winn-Dean's list

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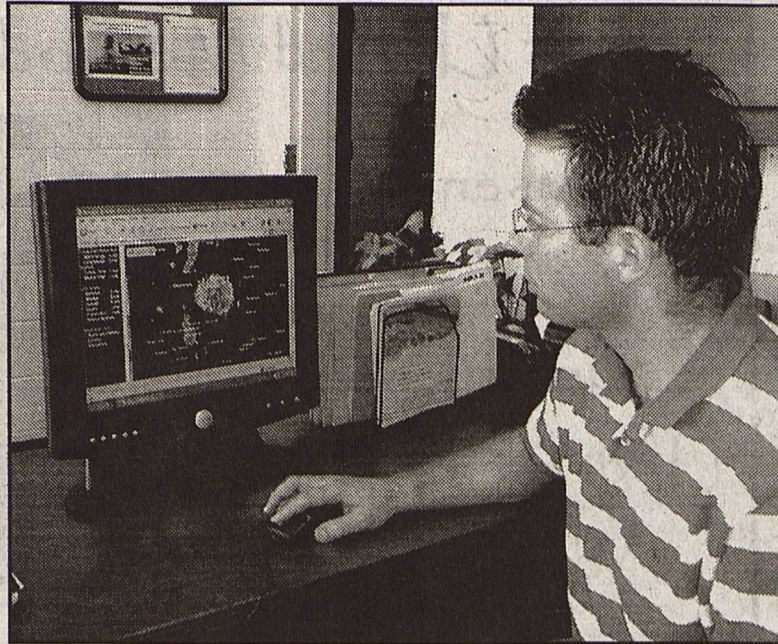
Duncan Axisa, meteorologist for the Plains based Southern Ogalla Aquifer Rainfall (SOAR) program, furnished CCN his assessment of recent weather developments, and his thoughts on future weather for our area.

"April was a very dry month for West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The western part of Yoakum County and adjacent New Mexico counties received less than 30 percent of normal rainfall. Most of Lea County, western Yoakum and Gaines counties received no rainfall at all during the month.

Surprisingly, May was very wet, with areas in Yoakum, Lea and Terry counties receiving more than 500 percent of normal precipitation. The wettest spot in the SOAR seeding target area was western Gaines County, showing a total of five inches of rain some ten miles east of the stateline.

"June has also been wet so far, with our area and most of Central Texas showing above average rainfall to date. All of Terry County, northern Yoakum, and parts of Gaines county all showed in excess of 500 percent normal precipitation. I must remind you, however, the recent drought could be ongoing - the weather pattern is about to change.

"Meteorologists rely on numerical models to provide a guidance to weather forecast-



ing. These models use current weather conditions and project meteorological variables into complex mathematical equations. These models are showing a confident degree of certainty that a change in the weather pattern is in store.

"The pattern change suggests an end to the deep, convective, severe spring storms, and the onset of the Mexican Monsoon in southern and southeastern New Mexico. The main feature will be the prolonged presence of an elongated high pressure in upper atmosphere levels, commonly referred to as a ridge.

"This high pressure ridge usually meanders over the Southern Plains and desert Southwest, putting the region under a northerly flow as opposed to a northwesterly flow, which steer thunderstorms developing over New

Mexico mountains to cross the stateline.

"Convection in our area will have a hard time developing in the absence here of the dryline and cold front. The high pressure ridge will tend to cap thunderstorms due to daytime heating and humid conditions. Deep convection will depend on the presence of disturbances rotating along the back side of the high pressure ridge. Plumes of tropical, continental air from Mexico will supply plenty of moisture, but long lived thunderstorms will be rare.

For the next few days, most convection will be contained along higher New Mexico terrain. The trend will be dry and warmer, with temperatures in the mid 90's next week."

on February 1, 1924 in San Antonio, Texas. She had been a resident of Denver City since 1940, having moved here from Hobbs, New Mexico. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Denver City. She married Alfred Allen, Sr. on April 10, 1948 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He preceded her in death in 1983. She was a homemaker and baby sat for many years in Denver City.

Survivors include two daughters, Anita Luther of Denver City, Beverly Lowrey of Plains; Three brothers, Dr. Dewey F. Langston of Portales, Ralph Langston of Odessa, Leslie Langston of Roswell; Nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Precinct 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases Filed:
38 traffic cases, four issuance of bad checks.

Bonds Set:
Possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces- \$500
Motion of Surety/Marijuana- \$1000

Public intoxication- \$500
Issuance of bad check- \$300
Bond forfeiture/harassment- \$3000.

Theft, over \$500, under \$1500- \$1500.

Possession of controlled substance- \$2500

Three cases motion to revoke probation- held for hearing.

Assault causes bodily injury- \$1500

DWI- \$1000

Assault causes bodily injury, family member \$2000 bond plus emergency probation order.

Scuba Diving Course Rescheduled

Scuba diving PADI certification course will begin July 8 at the South Plains College Natatorium. Classes will meet 6-8 p.m. July 8 and 6-10 p.m. July 14, 16, 21, and 23rd. Cost is \$250, which includes tanks with air, regulators, buoyancy compensators and wet suits (if needed). Students must obtain a personal mask, fins and snorkels at the first night of class.

A check-out dive is scheduled July 26-27 at Balmorea, Texas. Students will be responsible for transportation, food and a night's lodging. For more information, contact the SPC Natatorium at 894-9611, ext. 2228.

About Photos

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Services for Hazel Virginia Allen

Graveside services for Hazel Virginia Allen, age 79, of Denver City, Texas were held Monday, June 16, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the Denver City Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Services

were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Chapel of Denver City.

Mrs. Allen passed away June 13, 2003 at her residence in Denver City following a lengthy illness. She was born

Crime Line Rewards Offered

If you have any information on the following crimes, please call the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department @592-2727 or 456-2377:

*Criminal Mischief (Building): Between April 5, and April 7, 2003

Jack's Car Wash 1100 Blk Cowboy Way Plains, TX
Coin control box at car wash destroyed. Reward \$100

*Burglary of Habitation: Around April 12, 2003

Jim Long Residence, west on 83 behind old Sunrise office
Miscellaneous household and personal items-Reward \$1,000

*Theft: Between April 17 and April 21, 2003

E.O. Winkles- Taken from behind the old John Deere building, 1/2 mile west of Plains on Hwy 82 Black 2000 Model 26 ft Tex Gooseneck Trailer with wooden floor-Reward-\$500

*Theft: Between May 2 and May 19, 2003 Neal Newsom, Cornelious Corp.

Taken from 3 miles north of Plains on 214 Yellow 1979 shop made 24ft gooseneck trailer-Reward \$500

*Theft: Between 4/28 and 4/29, 2003

N.C. Clanahan-Taken from 3 1/2 miles north of 82/380 on CR 445, Plains, TX 12 volt diesel pump-Reward \$100

*Theft: Between May 1 and May 2, 2003

Pool Company-taken from 6 miles north of Tokio on Hwy 1780 Miscellaneous hand tools-Reward \$200

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Summer Youth Program Schedule

*Stenciling-Instructor Debbie Pollard- Learn to stencil on gift bags. A great way to make your gifts Unique! June 16, Plains Extension Office 10:00-11:30 ages 9-12

*Coolest Soaps-Instructor Janie Ramos-Participants will create this fun and easy craft where you can make an original accented & colored bar of soap. June 13, Plains Community Building 10:00-12:00 ages 8 & up.

*Sprouting Dude-Instructor Pam Burgess-Participants will create this fun character that sprouts after some TLC. June 17, Plains' school Greenhouse 10:00-11:15 ages 8 & up.

*Texans building character-showing character-Instructor-Debbie Pollard-Hands on experience demonstrating how we use the six pillars of character in caring for pets and animals. Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship are all character traits we use while raising pets and animals of all kinds. June 18, Plains extension office 10:00-11:30 ages 10 and younger.

*Summer Hats-Instructor-Treon Ortega-Using poster board, 20 oz. soda bottles and fabric, participants will design these beautiful magnets. Students will accent their magnet with beads, ribbon, and silk flowers. These make great gifts. June 19 Plains Comm. Bldg. 9:00-10:15 ages 6-8, 10:30-11:45 ages 9-11.

*Tye-Dye Fever-Instructor-Tera Price-Participants will learn the technique of tye dye and design their own T-shirt. June 20, Plains Comm. Bldg. 10:00-12:00 ages 8-12.

*Fringed Fleece Pillow-Instructor-Debbie Pollard-Great project for your room. Very simple and easy to sew! The trick is to buy bright material, (prints or solids are fine) that coordinates with your room!! June 23 Plains extension office 10:00-11:30 ages 9-12.

*Denim Patch Sweatshirt-Instructor-Debbie Pollard- This is very easy. Make your pieces of denim material different sizes and shapes. Sew to front of white sweatshirt so fringe edges are the result. Participants will need to supply their own white sweatshirt for this project. June 24, Plains extension office 10:00 -11:30 ages 9-12

*Mosaic Stepping Stones-Instructor-Janie Ramos-Participants will design an original stepping-stone for your yard. They will use a mosaic technique. June 18 plains comm. Bldg. 9:00-11:00 ages 8-12.

*All About Me-Instructor-Treon Ortega-Participants will work on building their self-esteem. This will all be done in a fun and positive atmosphere. June 25, Plains Comm. Bldg. 8:45-9:45 ages 5-8.

*Buster the school bus-Instructor-Debbie Pollard-Buster, robotronic school bus will be on hand to talk to you about the importance of safety while riding on the school bus. Buster talks, dances, blinks his eyes, and illustrates the importance of sitting quietly while riding on the bus and the proper way to exit a school bus. June 25, Plains extension office 10:00-10:00 ages 10 and younger.

*Paint Paddle Flag-Instructor-Janie Ramos-Old GLory has never looked better. Using wooden paint paddles and rustic items, we'll make a flag for the holidays. June 26, Plains Comm. Bldg 10:00-12:00 ages 7-12.

*Cookin's A Blast if You've Done Your Homework!- Instructor-Debbie Pollard- All of us like to eat. As a matter of fact, we have to eat to survive. SO the next time you're in that science or math class asking yourself "why do I have to know this?" think of it as survival training! Preparing food to eat is actually science at work in the kitchen. The kitchen is our lab and the recipe ingredients are the chemicals. We combine to cause several chemical reactions which result in the tasty things we enjoy eating June 30, Plains extension office 10:00-11:30 ages 10-12

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Cancer Kills fourteen in Yoakum County

In Yoakum County, 14 citizens died from cancer in 2000, the most recent year for which death figures are available. This tied cancer with heart disease as the most fatal illness in the county. Statewide in Texas, 33,298 died from cancer. Pharmaceutical researchers are working on 395 new medicines for cancer, a survey by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) found. Many of these are high-tech weapons that fight the disease in new ways, while some involve research on new ways to use existing medicines. The National Cancer Institute and 181 pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are conducting the research. The medicines in development, all of which are either in clinical trials or under review by the Food and Drug Administration, include 70 for lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer death in the United States; 49 for breast cancer, which is expected to strike 200,000 American women in 2003; 48 for colorectal cancer, the third most common cancer in both men and women in the U.S.; 44 for prostate cancer, which is expected to kill 29,000 American men this year. Other potential medicines target kidney cancer, pancreatic cancer, brain cancer, skin cancer, ovarian cancer, and others. In addition, companies are working on medicines to improve the quality of life for

people undergoing cancer treatment. "This commitment to research promises to continue and accelerate the remarkable progress made against cancer in the past decade," said PhRMA President Alan F. Holmer. He pointed out that in the past few years, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies have contributed to this progress by bringing cutting-edge new cancer treatments to patients. These include: A breakthrough drug for a chronic myeloid leukemia that works by blocking the chemical signal responsible for cancer cell growth. A monoclonal antibody engineered to zero in on, and kill, non-Hodgkins, lymphoma cells. A medicine that keeps growth factors from feeding certain types of breast cancer cells. "Despite the progress, cancer remains the second leading cause of death by disease in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease," said Holmer. "This year, some 556,500 Americans are expected to die of cancer. More than 1,500 people a day. The pharmaceutical industry's commitment to research, evidenced by the hundreds of medicines in development for this disease, is our best hope of stemming this toll and, one day, winning the war on cancer."

SPC Announces Spring Honor List

South Plains College has announced the slate of students named to the President and Dean's Honor List for the spring 2003 semester at South Plains College. Students named to the president's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours. Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours with no failing grades. Joshua Bayer from Plains has been named to the President's Honor List. Plains residents named to the Dean's Honor List are Joel Gallegos, Carmen Mendoza, Hayley Ponce, and Ryan Ross Rogers.

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Senior Center News

Our sympathy goes to the family of Carmen Wilson this week. Carmen was an integral member of our Senior family for many years as a client and as a hostess. Inez Turner and Charlie Gillis were winners in the "42" tournament this week. Ione Johnson brought in several beautiful baskets of ivy to be used around the center. Thanks, Ione, they certainly do brighten things up! Everyone was delighted to see Anna Taylor this week as she came to share a health program with us. She also delivered to each one a little container of prepared fresh vegetables. They tasted much better than they do at home. Kimberly and Nathaniel Todd were luncheon guests one day this week. These folks are Melba Gayle's daughter and grandson. Welcome, you two. We are receiving all kinds of things for our garage sale to be held on June 28. Please let us know if you have things you would like to contribute as you do your housecleaning. And mark the date of the sale on your calendar! You may find exactly what you are looking for! LADIES! 1:30 pm on Tuesday, June 17, is the time! Please come to the dining room at the Senior Center for an afternoon tea and special meeting to discuss women's exercises. For ten years we have had a line dancing class for women. The senior summer olympics describes line dancing as the second most popular exercise in the world. I quote these folks to say, "Line dancing reduces stress while lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels. It improves strength and muscle tone while increasing energy. Age is not a factor and no special clothes are needed. It's friendly, it's social, and it encourages interaction." All ladies are welcome, regardless of age. Come to our meeting and help us plan an exciting daytime exercise/fellowship class that will be beneficial to us all! If you have questions, call the Center at 592-8655.

Bridal Shower honoring Kim Willis Bride Elect of David Hix
Sunday, June 22, 2003, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the home of Mrs. Shay Lowrey 1402 Third Street
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Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am
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Get An Authentic Emmitt On-Line Buyers Beware

In March 2003, shoppers on eBay were bidding up to \$600 for jerseys autographed by former Dallas Cowboy football player Emmitt Smith. But were they really signed by Smith? An FBI investigation that began in 1997 uncovered an estimated \$10 million in fraudulent Memorabilia. According to the FBI's sources in the investigation, up to 90 percent of the \$1 billion annual memorabilia market could be fraudulent. Smith and other players are fighting back. Smith is a director of St. Louis-based WeTrak, a sports collectibles security company that developed an authentication and security system that uses microchips embedded in footballs, jerseys and other equipment to verify that a player used a certain item. The chips also contain statistics and information from the day the equipment was used-a major concern for collectors because the jersey Smith wore on October 22, 2002, when he broke the NFL's all-time rushing record could be worth more than the jersey he wore the previous Sunday. WeTrak was originally formed as an inventory control system for team equipment managers, but the company saw a larger market for memorabilia authentication.

Come Join the Summer Fun!

Out door Swim Party-
Friday, June 27, 8-11 P.M., Grades 7 thru 12-Refreshments

Youth Center Pool Tournaments-
Friday, July 11, Plains Students and Adults-Grades 7 thru 12, trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd. 8:30 PM until finished. Saturday, July 12, Grades 7-12, singles and doubles, 8:30PM until finished.

Outdoor Swim Party-
Friday, July 25, 8-11 PM All Youth Center grades-food and drinks.

New Items at the Library

Fiction:
Persuader...by Lee Child, Artifact...by Kevin Anderson, The Wandering Hill...by Larry McMurtry, Blue Horizon...by Wilber Smith, The Dragon's Doom...by Ed Greenwood, The Face...by Dean Koontz, Dead Ringer...by Lisa Scottoline, Gettysburg...by Newt Gingrich

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From The Hack

Last week in this space I wrote a whimsical account of the successful efforts of two of our local golfers in a recent tournament.

In today's mail, I received a rather scurilous letter referring to my own golfing abilities, or lack thereof. Since I rather vividly learned in recent Sunday School sessions if you are guilty of being a dumPER of stuff on others, you had better be prepared to accept being the dumPEE. Therefore, I decided to feature the letter to the editor, even though it is only mildly accurate and cuts much, much deeper than my few jesting words;

Dear Editor,

I have been a faithful reader of your column for the past thirty-three years and am also an avid golfer. You being an avid golfer, I gathered that from the name of your column, "The Hack", one can only assume that you have reached the goal that all golfers of your experience wish to obtain. I learned from a few of your dearest golfing buddies that you were able to shoot your age during a recent outing at our local course. I might add that shooting a 98 at your age is commendable and should not go unrecognized. You are to be commended. Should you ever be able to complete the entire eighteen holes, I have no doubt you will once

again shoot your age. I understand that your golfing buddies have gotten up a love offering and are anxiously awaiting your return to the game. See you at the course.

Gary L. Six
Macky McWhirter

See, I told you it was journalism of the very cheapest sort!

A few memorable quotes from CBS' Andy Rooney:

Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game.

I believe they are called Boy Scouts for a reason... that is why no girls are allowed. Girls belong in the Girl Scouts. Are you listening, Martha Burke??

I don't think being a minority makes you a victim of anything except numbers. The only things I can think of that are truly discriminatory are things like the United Negro College Fund, Jet Magazine, Black Entertainment Television, and Miss Black America. Try to have things like the United Caucasian College Fund, Cloud Magazine, White Entertainment Television, or Miss White America, and see what happens. Jesse Jackson will be knocking down your door.

I have the right 'NOT' to be tolerant of others because they are weird, rude, or tick me off.

I feel much safer letting a machine with no political affiliation recount votes when needed. I know what the definition of lying is.

We did not go to the aid of certain foreign nations and risk our lives in wars to defend their freedoms, so decades later they

can come over here and tell us our constitution is a living document, open to their interpretations.

I believe a self-righteous liberal or conservative with a cause is more dangerous than a Hell's Angel with a bad attitude.

It doesn't take an entire village to raise a child right, but it does take a parent to stand up to the kid and smack their little behinds when necessary, and say "NO!"

Tattoos and piercing are fine if you want them, but please don't pretend they are political statements. And, PLEASE, stay home until that new lip ring heals. I don't want to look at your ugly infected mouth as you serve me french fries!

To the point, isn't he?

Hey old Dad, how was your Fathers Day? Mine was good. Had a long nap after Church and lunch. The church session featured Bro. Bill Wright asking all fathers to stand, and then very eloquently recognizing them. I am sure he was not aware I was in the audience.

The next AM, drinking coffee in Johnnie's, I heard a bit of Father's Day talk. One dad reported, "Had a nice call on Dad's day. Daughter in Tech called, wished me all the good stuff, then said, 'Dad, can you come up here and check on my car? It's just not running right.' 'What's wrong with it?' 'I don't know. It won't steer right, so the police hauled it away.' 'Oh My God, what happened?' 'Well, not much, but I ran over a cow.'"

panicking, the guy blurted, "Where were you when you hit the cow?" "Oh, we had just left the Strip and had barely got back on Highway 1585." He was visibly ageing when he finished his tale.

I can recall a few memorable Fathers Days. Some years back a number of the kids announced they would enjoy the day with us if I would barbecue. Aren't they thoughtful?

This particular Sunday it was already 94 degrees at 10:30 when I began to start the BQ pit. I squirted the starter stuff all over mesquite wood, scratched a match, tossed it, and WHOOOM!, fire and brimstone belched from the pit. I had completely forgotten adding a bit of gasoline to the lighter fluid, to be used for cleaning some of my tools. Some of MY tools were seriously scorched, including all my eye brows, the frontal part of my head, and according to the Bride, thankfully 90 percent of my nasal hair. The major tools, Praise the Lord, were unscathed.

At the DQ that same Monday morn, a nameless farmer reported, "The sweetest Fathers Day message I ever got was from my son. He sent a card saying how much he loved and appreciated me, all we had done for him, and in the next breath, asked me to loan him our credit card. Said his professor at South Plains told him it would be extremely beneficial in his geography class if he could do some worldly travel - the prof suggested a trip to Cancun to explore the rapidly eroding beach fronts, causing major revisions in map making. Dad gruffly

said, "I told him I figure the erosion is being caused by all the bikini clad gals and the panting boys following after them - no dice."

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