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County girl to serve as Intern for Rep. Larry Combest



When Julie Hancock of Denver City received a call from a secretary in U.S. Representative Larry Combest's Washington, D.C. office June 9th, she "was elated, just thrilled to death."

She was notified she had been selected to serve as an

Intern in Combest's office starting August 31. The news was the culmination of a selection process started months earlier while she was a soon to graduate student at West Texas A & M in Canyon.

Julie told CCN she happened across a flyer in an WT office outlining the internship opportunity. She completed application forms, and then was extensively interviewed by WT faculty members, who finally put their stamp of approval for her appointment.

Julie graduated from WT in May, and while working for Rep. Combest in Washington, she plans to take one or two correspondence courses towards her Master Degree. She hopes to receive her Masters in Agri Business.

Julie, 22, is the daughter of Joani Hancock, secretary in the local Extension Service office. She graduated from Denver City High in 1995. Until moving to her Intern position in Washington, she will continue to be employed by FMC corporation, a multi faceted agri-

cultural firm, and she is currently a sales intern for the firm, scouting area crop fields for insect pests.

Precip total still rising

Recent rains throughout the South Plains area have many people wondering, "Were the experts wrong about a continued drought, is it actually over?"

One thing is definitely certain-Yoakum County has already received more rainfall this year to date than all of 1998.

Official Weather Bureau instruments here at City Hall have recorded 3.26 inches of precipitation as of Monday morning, bringing the year to date figure to 15.66 inches.

In all probability, some areas of the county have received less moisture than this, while other areas have received much more, and unfortunately, crop damage from severe hail storms is very heavy in many locations.

'GO TEXAN' program will promote state's agricultural products

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has launched a high profile Texas Department of Agriculture marketing campaign to persuade Texas consumers to choose Texas products when they shop for food, wine, plants and natural fiber and leather products.

It's called GO TEXAN, and you'll soon be seeing its distinctive image all around the state. "I want consumers to know that whether they're shopping for food or fiber, if they're looking for the best, then they should GO TEXAN," Combs said.

The campaign identifies Texas agricultural products with the image of a glowing brand and the words GO TEXAN. It has enlisted the star power of pitching great Nolan Ryan and actor Tommy Lee Jones, who have donated time to appear in public service television commercials touting Texas products.

On April 8, Ryan joined Combs and Governor George W. Bush to kick off the GO TEXAN campaign in Austin at the state capitol.

"By putting all our efforts into a unified campaign, we can spend both dollars and energy more effectively on behalf of Texas agriculture," Combs said.

GO TEXAN is part of Combs' initiative to promote Texas agriculture to Texans. A survey of Texas shoppers found that almost 90 percent of them would buy a product identified as coming from Texas.

"We want to tap into that loyalty," Combs said. In the recent legislative session, HB2719, commonly referred to as the 'GO TEXAN' bill, was passed by the House and Senate, and Governor Bush signed the bill on May 21. The measure goes into effect September 1 this year.

The bill appropriates \$1 million a year to give the GO TEXAN campaign more clout. The money will be matched by commodity groups in a partnership with TDA to help create a big-



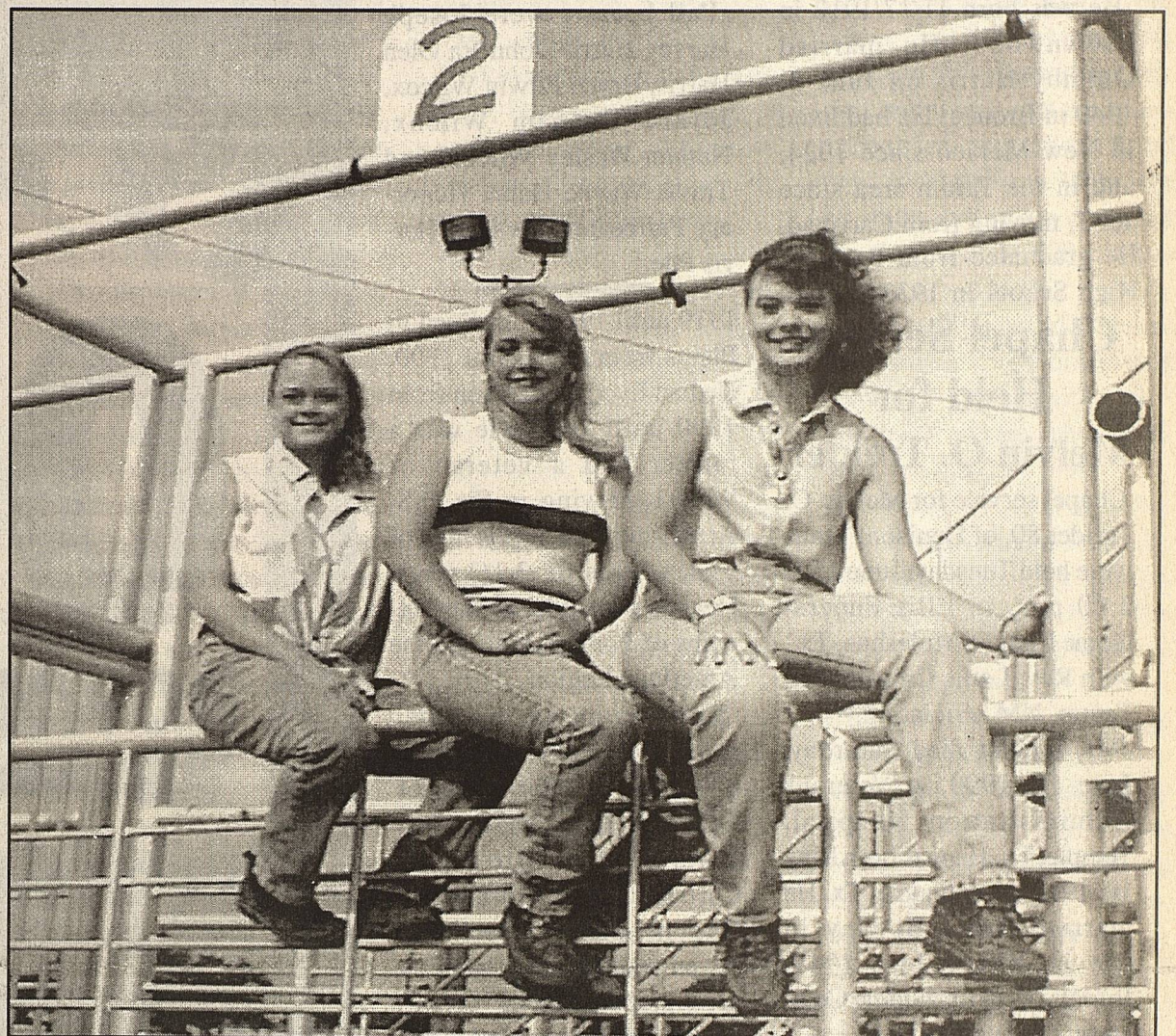
ger market for Texas farmers and ranchers.

Sixty percent of the funding would go toward the new agricultural brand campaign. The rest would fund commodity-specific promotions.

Dramatic results have occurred from promotions in other states. In Washington, for example, a \$5 million advertising campaign over a one year period caused apple sales to increase 12 percent. A \$10 million campaign in California boosted cheese sales by 9 percent.

That's the kind of success I envisioned for GO TEXAN," Combs said. "No other state can match the sense of pride Texans feel for this state. I want to convert those feelings into sales for our producers and manufacturers, revenue for our state and jobs for Texans."

The 1999 Queen Contestants are READY TO RODEO



This trio of young ladies will soon be hard at work, calling on YOU to buy tickets from them, \$1 per ticket, one ticket a vote to elect one of them for Rodeo Queen of the up coming Annual Plains Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion.

Pictured on a bucking chute gate at the Rodeo Arena are, L-R; Erica Bell, 15 daughter of Alan and Teresa Bell, sponsored by the Plains Lions Club, Erica will be a Sophomore in PHS this fall. Kimbe Jones, 16, daughter of Kathy and Steve Jones, representing the Plains Roping Club. Kembie will be a Junior this fall in PHS.

Dawn Garland, 16, daughter of Debbie Garland, sponsored by Plains Chamber of Commerce, and Dawn will be a Junior in PHS this fall.

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Legislative finale ends doom and gloom air for school district

Plains ISD Superintendent James Haynes told CCN last Wednesday, "When the 76th Legislative session ended in Austin, I think our teachers, administrators and our Board members all breathed a sigh of relief. I know for sure I did."

Haynes was referring to passage of the school finance bill, Senate Bill 4, which not only provided hope for relief for strapped districts suffering from declining tax valuations, but individual teachers across the state, recipients of a boost in salaries of \$3000 per year.

Haynes said preliminary figures here showed a 24.5% loss in property valuations, primarily due to lower gas and oil prices. Senate Bill 4 allowed the appropriation of some \$133 billion to offset the values loss. "This means our district will have to bite the bullet and absorb a minimum of 4% of these losses, which is a much better scenario we faced going into the session."

He said the process of crunching numbers to determine the exact amount of state funds going into the salary increases is still going on. We know there is work being done on various finance formulas which will determine the actual dollar amount our district faces."

Haynes reported Plains ISD will remain a Chapter 41 district, one of the formerly referred to "rich districts required to send money to poorer districts" under the Robin Hood plan. "We know, with this legislative bill, the amount we send out of the district will be greatly reduced, if not completely eliminated, allowing us to use that money to continue our program here."

Haynes said "There is no doubt in my mind the legislature accomplished something positive, something good for public education. We realize we are going to be forced to run a tighter operation, and there will have to be some cuts in spending. The state has shown they were willing to help us, and now we must do our part in curbing spending, while maintaining the quality education our students and their parents expect and deserve."



Obituaries

Graveside Services for Irby Harris

Irby Harris, 86, of Tatum, New Mexico died Friday June 11, 1999, at Lovington Good Samaritan. Graveside services were held Sunday June 13, 1999, at Murphy's Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home. Memorial services were held 2:00 pm. June 14, 1999 at Tatum First Baptist Church, with pastor, Rev. Wayne Brazil officiating.

He was born 11/17/1912 in Brownwood. He married Quimby Harris on June 3, 1940 in Bronco. He had lived in New Mexico since 1924, and in the Tatum area since 1957, moving from Carlsbad. He graduated from Portales High School in 1932 and at-

Chapel Service Held for Melvin O. Treider

Chapel service for Melvin O. Treider, 80, of Denison, Texas were held Tuesday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Muleshoe, Tx., with Rev. Louis Crenshaw of Tatum, NM officiating.

Mr. Treider died Saturday, June 12, 1999, at Veterans Administration Hospital, Temple, Tx. He was born May 10, 1919 in Lazbuddie, Tx. He married Anita Bewley in Clovis, NM in June 1947. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery, Lazbuddie, Tx.

Mr. Treider lived in the Lazbuddie Community from

Poll Finds No Agreement on Social Security Options

Three-fourths of American adults think they should have the option of investing part of their Social Security withholdings in the stock market, according to a poll conducted for The Associated Press, but only one-half would do it. Two-thirds, however, opposed letting the government invest Social Security funds in the market.

The poll also found that 75 percent of Americans feel fundamental changes are needed in the Social Security program

tended ENMU. He was a self employed farmer, dairyman and carpenter.

Survivors include; his wife Quimby, of Tatum. Sons; Joseph Harvey Harris of Carrolton and Archie Harris of Plains, Texas. Daughters; Beatta Harris of Albuquerque, NM., Olene Wilcox of Gradn Junction, and Alice Hahn of Eunice, NM. 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A brother Lowell Harris of Shreveport, La. He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Sandy Hahn in 1978, by 2 brothers, a sister and his parents.

Pall bearers were Joseph Harvey Harris, John Ira Olen Harris, Bryce Edwin Wilcox, Joshua Graham Wilcox, Nathan Wesley Wilcox, and Travis Wayne Hahn. Honorary Pallbearer was Paul Harris Poe.

1919 until 1970, also lived in Plains from 1970 until 1990. He had lived in Denison from 1990 until 1997. He was a farmer and a veteran of WW11, serving in the U.S. Army and was a prisoner of war in Japan for 3 1/2 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Anita, two sons, Gary Treider of Midlothian, Tx. and Mel Treider of Arlington, Tx. Two sisters, Clara Brown of Carlsbad, NM and Gladys Cheyne of Animas, NM. Seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorials to Disable American Veterans

Even Start Program Director delivers evaluation to Commissioners

Even Start Program Director Kathy Clark reported to Commissioners Court this Monday the local program has earned very high marks in a survey of other Even Start programs across the state and nation.

The objective of Even Start is to provide educational services to low-income families, in which parents have low literacy skills and/or limited English language skills. She handed out data sheets indicating the Even Start program serving county residents,

headquartered in The Learning Center at Denver City, received superior ratings in all categories of services, compared to other state and national programs.

The Yoakum County Even Start program is the only large project in the state serving 70 families. The survey also revealed county families spend an average 25 months in the program, compared to 12 and 13 state and nationwide.

Even Start offers 64 hours of adult educational services,

compared to 47 hours elsewhere, 61 hours per month of early childhood services compared to 48 in the state, and 40 in the nation. 40 hours of child attended programs are utilized here, and only 29 statewide. The local program operating budget per family served in Even start is \$2,303, compared \$4,370 in the rest of Texas, and \$5,587 across the nation.

Clark told the court, "The most powerful learning environment anywhere is right in the home. If parents crave and value education, their children will also, and if a strong work ethic is developed in the home, that same strong ethic will be passed on to the children."

The Learning Center in Den-

ver City is also the scene of a number of educational programs for adults, including classes in citizenship, English, Spanish, and classes leading to GED diplomas. 140 adults patrons participated in these classes in 1998-99.

All of these educational programs are primarily funded by federal grants, along with financial assistance from the Texas Education Agency and local contributions.

Clark ended her remarks by thanking the court for their generous support during the first five years of the Even Start program's inception here.



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Local youngsters take part in Greenbelt Bowl game and Queen Pageant program



Dustin Brunson and Lisa Parrish, May graduates of Plains High, took part in the 50th Annual Greenbelt Bowl game and Queen Candidate Pageant at Childress Saturday, June 12. Dustin, 18, and the son of Diane and David Brunson, was selected by Greenbelt staffers to play on the South Squad of the annual football game featuring some of the best players from 1A through 4A schools from a large area of the High Plains, West and Northern Texas.

Each player is allowed to nominate his personal candidate for the Queen Contest featured in the Pageant prior to the football game. He chose Lisa Parrish, 18 year old daughter of Jerry and Jan Parrish. Lisa told CCN she was very excited to take part in the pageant. "I met lots of really nice and interesting girls taking part in the event, and we had a lot of fun. All the pageant people treated us just great, and it was a special honor for me.

Dustin, listed at 6' 2" and 215, started in the game for the South at linebacker. He said the quality of the selected players on both teams was outstanding. "It was considerably tougher practicing and playing against those guys than our normal competition in district play here. There were some really outstanding athletes on both squads." He said he was equally impressed with the entire coaching staff of his South team, all members of the

coaching staff at Navarro Junior College. Ironically, Dustin earlier had been offered a football scholarship at Navarro, but has since decided to hang up his football gear and concentrate on academics, and will enroll at South Plains College in Levelland this fall.

Lisa left town this week for an almost two week excursion to Washington D.C., one of a number of area youngsters Lea County Electric Cooperative selected for the annual honor. When she returns, she will then move to College Station, and will start her Freshman year at Texas A&M this fall.

In addition to many family members attending the Greenbelt event, a number of other Plains people were on hand. Stoney Garland, who also played in the Bowl game in 1994, was wheeled to the center of the field prior to the game to make the official toss of the coin. Also present from Plains were Kayla Redman, Mike Bell, Kip Blount, former resident Dean Andrews, and Dustin's football coach here, Larry McMinn and wife Paula. An unusual aspect of the 50th Anniversary Greenbelt game was the inclusion in the official program of a two-team roster listing of players in 1950, including the name of Jack Logan, a 198 pound running back from Turkey, the great uncle of Dustin. Jack is the past husband of the late Genice Logan, a long time Yoakum County employee.

walked away with a 1st, 2nd, and a 4th in his four events.

Brett placed 1st in tie down calf roping with a time of 11.257 seconds, a 2nd place in ribbon roping with a time of 6.335 seconds, a 3rd place in team roping with his heeler, Dakota Perser from Tatum with a time of 11.430 seconds, and a 4th place in Breakaway roping with a time of 3.463 seconds.

This week Brett is a contestant at the Texas State High School Rodeo Finals in Abilene.

The next High Plains Rodeo will be at Post, Texas.

Governor urged to sign Voucher Bill

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander joined lawmakers and citizens' groups, urging Governor George W. Bush to swiftly sign landmark legislation that will expand the choices available to Texans with disabilities.

The measure will require health and human services agencies to give people with disabilities vouchers and allow them the freedom to choose how to live and the services they wish to receive.

"I believe that to be truly independent, people with disabilities, like all Texans, should be able to make their own decisions," Comptroller Rylander said.

The legislation requires the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop and oversee a voucher program that allows people with disabilities to buy a variety of goods and services. These include medical care, nursing home services, adult day care, community based residential care for children, and mental health and mental retardation services.

Health and Human service agencies now buy these programs and arrange for their delivery. The agencies hire and fire workers who provide many of these services. Recipients have complained that agencies and institutions are not always responsive to their needs, and that the workers are more loyal to the agencies than to the clients.

Asked about his play on the field, Dustin said he was very pleased to be named a starter. "I don't think I did anything really outstanding. I did make a few tackles, and was in a lot of pass defense setups. There was a lot of physical stuff going on, but the only thing I got was a scraped knee."

He said he thought the coaching he received at PHS made him feel he was well grounded in all the basics, and the skills and techniques he had learned here enabled him to compete well in the bowl game.

High Plains Jr. Rodeo

The Lea County Jr. Rodeo Association sponsored the H.P.J.R. in Eunice, Nm on June 3, 4 & 5.

Marcey House placed 9th in the girls 16-19 Poles event.

Brett Squyres had his best showing of the season. He

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A League of it's Own

Everyone gets in the game with University Interscholastic League

Just about every Texan has a story about playing in a game or competing in a contest sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the governing body of all public school competition in Texas.

Barbara Jordan honored her now legendary skills in UIL speech and debate competitions in Houston. Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander battled on the court in UIL Suatin High School tennis matched.

Gridiron heroes Earl Campbell and Tom Landry played UIL football. The well rounded Landry also competed in basketball, track, music and drama.

Renowned opera diva Barbara Snith Conrad participated in debate; spelling and music competitions during her school years in Thornton.

Half of Texas Public school students graduation this May will have UIL stories of their own. Two million students more than any other state competed in more than 65 subjects and 19 championship level sports in Texas during the 1997-98 school year. The goal is to encourage students to be well rounded and take pride in their academic and athletic accomplishments.

More than 7770,000 Texas students played UIL sports during the school year, with Texas accounting for 16% of the nation's 1 million high school football players.

More than 400,000 Texas students compete in academic contests. In everything from computer science to poetry interpretation. Another 388,000 compete in music contests. Texas also hosts the world's largest one act play competition.

Students can get involved in UIL academic events as early as second grade, while sports and music activities begin in middle school. From then on, kids in many Texas schools have their pick of nearly any sport or activity imaginable.

Most UIL funding comes from playoff game ticket sales, membership dues and broadcast rights. Total revenue was close to \$5 million in 1998.

UIL collects 15% of all ticket

sales for public school football and basketball playoff games, plus 15% of ticket sales for all state championship events.

Boys basketball brings in more revenue each year than football because basketball includes more games. State football playoffs generated \$869,000 in ticket sales in 1998, while boys basketball playoffs brought in \$1 million, including some sales for next season's tournament. Girls basketball ticket sales topped \$420,000.

School pay as much as \$950 a year for UIL membership in Division 5A, the state's largest category. Smaller schools in Division A pay \$600 a year.

One of UIL's most profitable products is the Prescribed Music List, which sets the repertoire and judging criteria for all music competitions. More than 30 states and seven countries use the list of 13,500 compositions submitted by publishers around the world. Sales of the music list, combined with academic study guides purchased by private schools, totaled \$663,000 in 1998.

UIL makes all rules for scholastic competition in Texas, including eligibility. Rules change frequently the organization's constitution is updated each year.

UIL executive committees reviewed 30 cases where participant eligibility was challenged in 1997-98. One high school football team was knocked out of the playoff's in 1998 because of an eligibility infraction, while several boys and girls basketball teams had to forfeit games.

Ten factors are used to determine eligibility, including attendance, school recruiting and parent residency. Each requirement can be waived in certain circumstances, except for the "no pass, no play" rule mandated by the Legislature in 1984. That rule requires students to earn at least a "c" in each class in order to complete. Advanced and honors classes do not count against a student under approval.

Anyone can submit an idea for a new rule to UIL. The league's Legislative Council votes on suggestions, then forwards them to the State Board of Education for final approval.


The Bottom Line

Athletic playoffs generated almost \$3 million for UIL in fiscal 1998. After UIL's 15% take and the expenses to conduct the competitions, about \$404,000 was returned to participating schools.

Source	Fiscal 1998 Revenue
Entry fees, gate receipts, ticket sales	\$2,876,800
Membership fees	810,000
Sales, misc. income	633,100
Broadcast, photo and video rights	209,800
Convention, workshop fees	145,400
Interest	103,800
Corporate sponsorship, donations	60,400
Waiver of eligibility fees	47,700
Drama, library fees, fines	7,000
Total	\$4,894,000

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and University Interscholastic League.

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New officers elected on PISD Board

In Monday night's meeting of the Plains ISD Board of Trustees, new officers were chosen. Superintendent James Haynes said outgoing Board President Tim Addison had earlier suggested the Board consider changing the office of President every year, or at least every other year.

In Monday night's election, Addison was replaced by board member Dwayne Canada. Wayne Sisson will serve as Vice President, and Randy Tuggle will assume the duties of Secretary of the Board.

In other district business, Haynes said the board voted to eliminate the long standing

\$100 per month housing allowance for all eligible employees. "This will allow us to trim our operating budget by some \$100,000."

He explained the pay scale of non-contractual employees including maintenance, custodial, secretarial and teacher aides will, in a future meeting, be reviewed and modified. "The elimination of the housing allowance would amount to a reduction in wages for these people, and the board doesn't feel that would be fair or justified, when the legislature has approved the recent \$3000 per year salary increase for all teachers."

Limited English Program to be Offered

Plains Independent School District will provide a summer program for limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to Kindergarten and first grade at the beginning of the next school year. Limited English proficiency will be determined by screening students using informal oral language inventories or oral proficiency instruments. The program will be offered for one half day for eight weeks during June and July for a total of 120 hours. Daily attendance will be required. Enrollment in the program is optional. Transportation will not be provided.

Please call the Elementary school at 456-7438 for further information. El Distrito De La Escuela Independiente de Plains tendra este verano un programa a pata los que esta limitados con el idioma de ingles Y que esten elegibles para admision para ir a kinder O A primer ano el siguiente ano escolar.

La incapacidad de limite de ingles sera determinada con una investigacion que se le dara al estudiante usando una prueba oral informal O tambien con un instrumento para incapacidad.

El programa consiste en medio dia por ocho semanas durante los meses de junio Y julio con un total de 120 horas. La asistencia diaria se requiere. Es su decision si usted quiere inscribirlo. No habra transporte usted tiene que traerlo Y recogerlo del la escuela.

Por favor llame escuela elemental A 456-7438 para mas informacion.

J P Court Summary

June 11, 1999 - The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct

1, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding: Cases filed - 54 traffic cases, 1 civil case. Bonds set - 3 cases Fugitive from Justice - held until transported. Consume intoxicating beverage while on duty - \$500 bond. Possession of in-

toxicating beverage while on duty - \$500 bond. Criminal mischief - \$500 bond. Attempted escape - \$1000 bond. Resisting arrest - \$1500 bond. Motion to revoke probation - no bond. Failure to appear on DWI - \$2500 bond. 2 cases - Assault causing bodily injury - \$1500 bond each. Driving while license suspended - \$500 bond. Motion to revoke probation - \$2000 bond.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

June weddings don't take the cake

The traditional notion of June weddings doesn't fit the most recent figures. For the first time in the 1990s, more Texans married in March 1997 than any other month, topping the chart at 21,118.

Texas marriages by month, 1997 (in thousands)

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Department of Health.

Nurses Aide course set at SPC

A short course in Certified Nurse Aide has been scheduled for July 5 at South Plains College. The course will meet 5:30 - 9:30 PM Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the SPC

Technical Arts Building. Clinical instruction is scheduled 8 am - 2 pm on four Saturdays. Instructor is Linda Newman, LVN, tuition is \$250, and a state exam fee is \$64.75.

The 80 hour course provides necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. Students completing the course

will be required to take the State Certified Nurse Aide Competency Exam.

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The South Plains Opry, a family oriented musical variety show, has scheduled performances June 17 and July 4 at the Hockley County Courthouse Square in Levelland. Show time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. The South Plains Opry ensemble will also have performances June 19 at the Roxy Theater in Olton and June 25 at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Levelland. The Opry, featuring a talented cast of students and faculty members from the South Plains College Creative Arts Department, will wind up their 1999 season with a performance July 10 in Levelland's City Park for the Early Settlers Day Celebration in Levelland. The South Plains Opry is presented by the SPC Creative Arts Department in cooperation with the Levelland Main Street Program, Levelland Downtown Association, Levelland Chamber of Commerce and Pan Handle South Plains Fair. Cast members are (from left) Lance Smith from Houston, electric guitar; Cary Banks, instrumentalist and coordinator; Janalei Potrament from Mesa, Az. vocalist; James Randorff from Houston, vocals and guitar; Allison Branch from Whitharral, vocals and guitar; Les Lawless from Midland, drums; Jeremy Crady from Rowlette, vocals; John Hartin (seated) pedal steel and vocals; Kyle Hind from Hobbs, N.M., vocals and guitar; Barbara Curry from Alpine, vocals and keyboard; Melody Harlow from Odessa, fiddle, and Amanda Brown from Temple (right), vocals.

Youth Center Summer Schedule of Events

- Fri-June 18, 8:30 pm** Pool tournament-youth center, Doubles/Grades 7-12, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Trophies
- Fri-July 9, 8:30 pm** Pool Tournament-Youth Center, Student & Parent/Adult 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies
- Sat-July 10, 8-11 pm** swim party-outdoor pool-all youth center grades 3-12/Plains Students
- Fri-July 23, 8:30 pm** Pool tournament-youth center, Doubles/Grades 7-12, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Trophies
- Sat-July 24, 8:30 pm** Pool Tournament-Youth Center, Singles/Grades 7-12 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies
- Fri-Aug. 6, 8-11 pm** Pool Party-Outdoor Pool Grades 7-12

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SPC Summer Registration July 5

Registration for the second summer term at South Plains College is July 5. Enrollment is 3-6 p.m. in the Women's Gym. Late registration is 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. July 6-7 in the Counseling Center and 5:30-6:30 p.m. both days in the Admissions and Records Office in the Administration Building. A late fee of \$15 and an add/drop fee of \$5 will be charged during late registration. Classes begin July 6 and end August 5.

Courses are offered in accounting, anthropology, biology, chemistry, commercial music, computer information systems, English, government, history, law enforcement, math, music, physical education, psychology, reading, sociology Spanish and speech communication.

Summer 1999 class schedules are available, listing courses offered and other information. To obtain a class schedule or find out more information, contact the SPC Office of Admissions and Records at 806-894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375.

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Senior Citizens Corner

The birthday people for June were, Wanda Black, Tony Nevarez, Valda Darthey, Virgel Bennett, Gladys Thomason, and Euna Mae and Earnest Tipton. Congratulations to each and we wish them many more birthdays at the Center.

First time lunch visitors this week were Leona Sugate, Cecil Odom, and June Segars. It's always nice to see new faces. A lady representing SPAG visited our Center on Tuesday and did the reporting. She gave us a 'thumbs up' report. Good News. The 'Pot Luck' Supper on Thursday will be supper and games. The music will be back next month.

Sparky and Jean are back from an extended vacation. Some others are on vacation.

We hear from Ireta Davis often. She is still recuperating in Lubbock hospital. We all miss her and wish the best for her.

The Garage Sale is an on going thing. Come browse any day.
 See you next week,
 Smitty

Summer reading program is cool for young readers

The following article was presented by Mrs. George W. (Laura) Bush, for the 1999 Texas Reading Club Kickoff in Austin, May 28, 1999.

A book is a friend; a good book is a good friend. It will talk to you when you want it to talk, and it will keep still when you want it to keep still--and there are not many friends who know enough to do that. A library is a collection of friends.

Lyman Abbott

When I was a child, my mother often took me to our local library in the basement of the Midland County Courthouse. These trips to the library were an important part of my childhood and are the source of fond memories today.

I'd pick up a book whenever I felt bored or lonely, and reading would always make me feel better. Little did I know that reading was doing much more than providing entertainment--it was making me smarter and more imaginative.

Common sense dictates that when you exercise every day you grow stronger. The more you exercise, the more you realize the results: more energy, agility, strength and endurance.

We can explain to children that the more they practice reading, the stronger their brains and the smarter they become. For children who have just learned to read (or are in the process of learning), it is vital that they practice the skill regularly. Reading actually improves a variety of skills, including writing, reasoning and imagining.

Like exercise, the less young readers read, the more their reading skills could deteriorate over the months. Children who are rusty at reading by the end of summer have to work very hard to get back in good shape once school starts again.

That's why I am urging children and adults alike to read, read, read during the next few months. Open your favorite book and read it again, or pick up books you've longed to read but haven't had time. Now that summer is here, we can take advantage of reading for fun--not because we have to, but because we want to.

Reading opens doors to other worlds, other people, histories and languages. Have you ever finished a book and thought it was so good, you wanted to read it again, or you still think and talk about it months, even years later?

Reading is an essential element of a lot of fun summer activities: playing board games, cooking with recipes, making grocery lists, shopping, playing school, writing on the sidewalk with chalk, or even writing a children's neighborhood newspaper like the Governor did when he was a child.

Finally, don't forget to read with your children. Now is the perfect time to begin a wonderful tradition of reading together.

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From The Hack

A few issues back, we wrote a few tips about how to stop unwanted phone calls soliciting your telephone business. It actually produced a few favorable comments. Well, should we say one or two, the most favorable being, "For once, I agree with you. If you continue to print this type article in your raggedy rag, we will stall on your tar and feather proceedings." I needed no more encouragement.

While the general elections are almost eons away, the media is already pelting us with intriguing stories of possible political scenarios, and let me tell you, none of the now mentioned possible candidates for statewide, nationwide offices stand a chance to get on a ballot without our filthy lucre. The pleas for filthy lucre have already started.

I received a very impressive, hefty, color envelope in the mail recently pleading for desperately needed funds to enrich the campaign for something called "The Christian Majority For Conservatism In All Things Democratic, Including Our Jewish, Northern Ireland, Malaysian And Islamic Brothers Who Have Not Bombed A Church Or School Within The Past Six Months."

I was a bit un-intrigued, and filled out the questionnaire card indicating, (1) My home was the state institution for the mentally disturbed, (2) My keepers did not allow me to sign any documents, for I could not write, and a checking account was something unheard of, and (3) I was on welfare. To date, no further messages.

Then, of course, came the plea for funds to "combat combat type weapons for heinous use in schools, churches, synagogues, choir practice and pep rallies." I filled in their questionnaire, complete with the little boxes you are supposed to check in-

dicating you are \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or millionaire crazy with your money.

I wrote, "Sorry, all available money, past, present and future, is ear-marked for Khadafy, Hussein, or Chinese spies. Check with me again in a few years. I still don't think Janet Reno or Bubba will prosecute my past recipients." Again, no reply to date.

The health insurers are also seriously hounding, by mail, TV, and on the incessantly ringing phone. Last week's call went somewhat like this;

Me - "Hello.

Them - And hello, Mr. Dyer, and I hope your day is going as well as mine, and when I tell you how you can protect yourself and your family loved ones with our fantastic and greatly improved health insurance plan, I'm sure your day will even be finer!

Me - I doubt it.

Them - Uhhh, and why is that, Mr. Dyer?

Me - Cause my cat died.

Them - (pause - long pause) Uh, I'm sorry, Mr. Dyer, sincerely sorry, and what caused the cat to die?

Me - She licked my wife.

Then- really BIG pause - uh, I see, I think, and uh, what caused the cat to die from licking your wife, sir?

Me - The cat was plain stupid. Kept licking on the wife all the time, lick, purr, lick, purr, and both kept telling her, Cat, don't lick on her all the time, we've told you seven months now she's got AIDS."

An audible click ended that trouble spot.

The Bride went to Sam's last week. You're all familiar with Sam's, that humongous building housing most everything you will need from your Nativity scene until the last shovel pat in the face on the hill north of town.

Sam's is also where you go, list in hand, start wandering up and down the Olympic size aisles, wondering, "Am I still in Lubbock?"

You will, eventually, cross the path of a Sam's employee, while pushing one to 17 buggies before you, anticipating loading all the incredible bargains. All

patrons ask the ritual question, "Where can I find the five pound cans of Oregano, and the full size pallets of oatmeal, so I can save all that money you guys spout about?"

The normal response is, "Mam,

(or Sir), I don't have a clue., I've only been here six months, and I'm still trying to find a restroom."

Anyway, the Bride returned with our little Blazer, subject to a ticket by the weights and measurement guys. In my estimation, it's un-realistic to anticipate using 960 rolls of necessity paper, 340 rolls of Brawny towels, 27 seven dozen packs of table napkins, and four gallons of mouth wash in the next six weeks.

I pointed this out to Bride, she "Hah-hahd, what do you know, you're only around 14 hours a day, what do you know about this stuff?"

I suppose not much. I'm sure, however, I will have to go to the bank and attempt to borrow enough money to repay all the money the Bride "Saved Me."

From Geoff Gentry, Via the Internet

Yesterday, scientists for the USDA suggested that men should take a look at their beer consumption, after considering the results of a recent analysis which had revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women. To test the finding, 100 men were fed 8 pints of beer each. It was then observed that 100% of the men gained weight, talked excessively without making sense, became overly emotional, couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing, and refused to apologize when wrong. No further testing is planned!

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IPM Update for Yoakum and Terry Counties

By Phillip Kidd, Extension Agent - IPM

Boll Weevil Management

The number of boll weevils emerging from habitats this spring is very high. The cheapest way to deal with these boll weevils is to band an insecticide at the match head square stage. This is a very effective control method. The objective of these applications is to eliminate boll weevils before they can begin to successfully reproduce in 1/3-grown squares (about the size of a pencil eraser). If these applications are not properly timed, they will be only marginally successful. Therefore, you should have pheromone traps positioned around the perimeter of fields at least two weeks prior to pinhead square to assist in making this management decision (See trap index below).

Hopefully, you noticed a couple of subtle hints about the previous statements. First of all, if you intend to band an insecticide, which is not only the cheapest but also a very effective way to control this pest, you need to have a spray rig ready to roll within the week. This brings me to the second point. Timing is absolutely critical. Third, if you are going to use traps, which I highly recommend, they should be in position now in most cases. If you don't have them out yet it's

not too late, but get them in position right away.

Last of all, I hope you noticed I refer to applications in the plural sense. These traps will tell you if you need to treat the field, and hopefully, when you can stop treating the field. Judging from the way trap counts look so far this year, every field in the scouting program, including some which have not had economic boll weevil infestations before, will need to be treated more than once.

Don't panic. Remember these are cheap applications which can be very effective if properly timed. The expensive applications are the ones dealing with mid and late season multiple pest complex situations. You may be able to avoid these expensive applications. If you are in an active eradication zone and you deal with overwintered boll weevil populations properly, you may NEVER have to treat for boll weevils again. Properly timed overwintered boll weevil applications should control this pest in your fields until migration begins in August. If you are managing for earliness, you may be able to close the gap between your overwintered boll weevil applications which will be made by the Eradication Foundation beginning at the cracked boll stage.

Thrips In Cotton

Cotton should be scouted for thrips as plants begin to emerge. Thrips are slender, straw colored insects about 1/15 inch long, with rasping and sucking mouthparts. Adults are winged and capable of drifting long distances in the wind. Thrips attack leaves, leaf buds and very small squares and may cause a silvering of the lower leaf surface, deformed or blackened leaves, terminal loss and square loss. Under some conditions, heavy infestations may reduce stands, stunt plants and delay fruiting and maturity.

Field observations have indicated that control may be justified when an average of one to five thrips per plant is found. The number of thrips per plant to use as a treatment guideline increases as plants add more leaves. An average of one thrips per true leaf is a good treatment threshold.

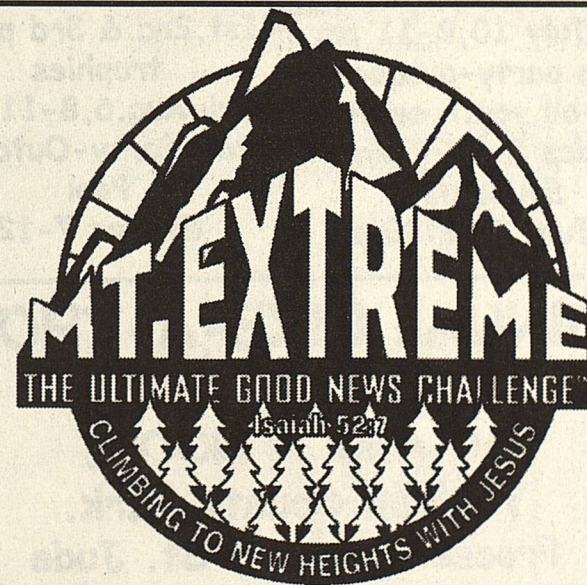
Field Scouting Program

The Terry-Yoakum Pest Management Associations is once again offering an intensive field scouting program for area producers. The total number of acres accepted in this program is limited to approximately 4,000 and the cost is \$6.00 per acre. Fields will be completed on each visit. We still have room for more fields in the program, so if you would like to enroll a field or would like more information, contact me at 637-4060.

BID NOTICE

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