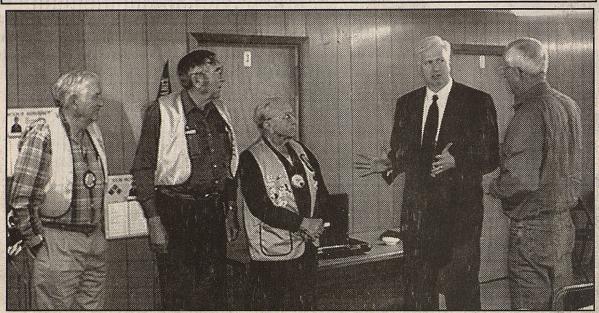
Cowboy Country

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Lea County Electric plans extravaganza 50th birthday



Mike Dreyspring, Gen. Mgr. L.C.E.C., makes point to Lions T.J. Miller, Harry Richardson, Pierre St. Romain and Jim Barron.

a commercative anniversary of Some of the entertainment prior McMillan, their service to customers, most to the annual business meeting represnting districts 4 and 7 of make public announcements of includes free bucket rides on the the cooperative, are seeking re- Texas Parks and Wildlife, on the event, extolling the number company pole trucks, a lineman's election to the board.

members and owners. versary on April 24. Mike Dreyspring said, "I still have no Dreyspring also spoke on cur-scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00

ers are invited." with a number of entertaining am.

When some companies herald Yoakum County.

of years of their service. Lea rodeo which will demonstrate A special attraction at the meet. Koko Palace, 50th & Q, Lubgala event for it's Golden Anni- egg in their mouth. Speaker members.

has normally scheduled the an- erative members, catered by J & question. He reported the Texas nual membership meeting in the M Barbecue of Lovington, will Senate has passed SB 7, their

booths will display historical said a finacial report of the com- encouraged by actions taken in records of the companies growth panies performance will be New Mexico, and are hopeful from the fledging stage to it's given, followed by the election positive action will follow in present day service to a wide area of two trustees. Long term memof southeast New Mexico and bers J. W. (Lefty) Spears, present

Secretary/Treasurer, and Jack Texas Big Game Awards Ban-

County Electric Cooperative is crew's skills in doing pole top ing will be the appearance and going a step further to celebrate jobs. One unusual event in- brief address by former Dallas their 50 years of service to the volves crew members from the Cowboy football stars Charley three service areas manually Waters and Cliff Harris. They will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 The cooperative is planning a climbing a pole while holding an will sign autograph requests for p.m. The Awards Banquet with

Dreyspring, General Manager of idea how they are supposed to rent legislative events involving p.m. Total cost for adults is the cooperative, told Plains Lions climb the pole, pass the egg deregulation of the electric util-Club members last Thursday, around the pole, then climb ity business. He stated the recent \$8.00 to be paid at the door. "We're celebrating,, we're having down the pole." These work and New Mexico legislative session a party, and all you Plains custom- skill demonstrations are sched- had favorably addresed the issue, number of people attending uled for 9:30 AM, MST time. while the current legislative, would be appreciated. The cooperative in years past Lunch for all registered coop- Texas session is still mulling the

Dreyspring said, "We think

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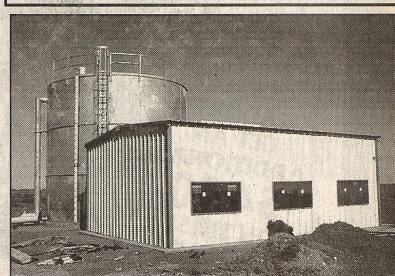
Top White-Tail, **Mule Deer and** Pronghorn harvested in Area

The 1998-99 hunting season has produced the #1 ranked typical whitetail in the state (Sherman County), #1 ranked nontypical whitetail in the state (Gary County), #1 ranked typical mule deer in the state (Roberts County), #2 ranked typical mule deer in the state (Randall County), #3 ranked nontypical mule deer in the state (Yoakum County), and #5 ranked pronghorn in the state (Dallam County).

These hunters, along with numerous participating landowners, will be recognized at the quet, sponsored by Texas Wildlife Association and Sunday, April 18, 1999, at the bock. Seminars for adults and kids (ages 7 and up) regarding wildlife and land management an all you can eat buffet is \$10, kids (age 12 and under)

Reservations are not required;

Water project nears final stages



City's new water storage tank and pump building.

building at the well have all pro- water quality of the wells. gressed either on or ahead of Brunson said, "That process schedule.

The excellent progress made on weeks. We have arranged to the project, however, may have samples from the three downshift to a much slower wells taken to an independent, gear. The three wells must now commercial testing firm in Lubbe approved by a governmental bock. When their tests are comagency, in this case Texas Natu- plete, their report will be sent to ral Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

These transplants should

City of Plains Council members City Administrator David and employees are well satisfied Brunson told CCN water with the progress made in bring-samples from the wells normally ing additional and badly needed would be sent to the Texas Dewater to town. The drilling and partment of Health in Austin for testing of new wells, ditching intensive tests for a large numand laying of pipe from the wells ber of harmful substances. The to the city transmission line, tests would then be reported to construction of a 100,000 gal- TNRCC, and that agency would lon storage tank and pump either approve or disapprove the

would take at least six to eight

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evening. This year, it will be held be served in the Zia building at version of the dereg question, and make tons of watermelons on a Saturday morning, starting the fairgrounds starting at 11:30 a substitute bill is now being debated in the House. events at the Lea County Fair- The annual business session grounds. A number of exhibit will follow at 1 pm. Dreyspring dereg is inevitable, and we are



Susana Harms is shown hand watering thousands of watermelon transplants in hothouse owned by ag producer Macky McWhirter

Don Parrish, a Director of the This scene in Mackie McWhirter's plastic cov- growth and early market prices. cation Zone described how co- it's Board authorizing seeking for three years, with an option Yoakum County watermelons. The tiny plants earlier harvest of watermelons, hopefully bringare to be transplanted prior to conventional seed ing a higher sales price. planting practices, hopefully to get a jump in

cials of Sandy Land Under- Sandy Land participated in the Weevil Eradication Foundation, ered hothouse behind the Eddins - Walcher sta- This is the second year McWhirter has grown ground Water District and the weather modification program said staff would lease the portion on the west side of town represents a pot the transplants. He told CCN the transplanting South Plains Boll Weevil Eradi- last summer. Negotiatons led to tion of the Sandy Land building tential multi-million pound crop of famed method of established plants should insure an

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Precip Enhancement, Boll **Weevil Eradication Programs** Will Impact Local Economy

welcome shot in the arm.

Interviews last week with offi- for many locals.

When the Boll Weevil Eradica- Cloud seeding flights originat- county airport, to house one of tion Foundation kicks off the ing from the county airport here the aircraft used in seeding cu-1999 aerial spraying effort to rid could play a huge role in com- mulus clouds when they are the area of the pest in our cotton bating the continuing statewide present. Last year flights origifields, and the Weather Modifi- drought. A local office staffed by nated from Lubbock and cation, or Precipitation En- some five to ten, year round Littlefied. The proposed buildhancement program starts cloud weevil eradication employees, ing will be large enough to lease seeding in the area, the counties overseeing work of possibly 75 a front portion for offices of the economy could receive a very seasonal field workers, would weevil eradication zone emmean economic opportunities ployees.

operation between the two enti- bids for the construction of a ties will result in multi-benefits; 5000 square foot building at the

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ban areas from dominating the Mexico customer/owners." market for electric power. He added, "Whatever the legislature passes, it will probably not take effect until 2000 or 2001."

He added an interesting foot note in his talk. The old diesel generating plant owned by the cooperative, just east of the town, shut down since 1983, may be the subject for aquisition in the future. "We've had several inquir-

more recent was from Navajo held it's annual meeting last Refining here in Lea County. Thursday evening in Denver TxDOT calls for They are studying the possiblities City.

of re-activating the plant to pro- Sale checks were distributed to He said he felt the House sub- duce wholesale electricity, in or- the annual Livestock Show exstitute bill definitely addressed der to utilize their petroleum in- hibitors, and board members the concerns of consumer inter- terests. This could be a possible were elected. Newly elected est, and was drafted to prevent source of more competitive members included; Mike Robthe huge power providers in ur- power for our Texas and New erts, Tracy Moore, Jimmy

> Livestock Association **Board And Officers Elected**

ies about the sale. One of the The Yoakum County Livestock stock Show and Sale.

Bearden, Trey Keesee, Tim Addison. Returning board members are; Jim Brown, Bill Anderson, Kevin Gibson, Don Parrish, Chris Chambliss, & Glen Trout. Officers elected for 1999-2000 are; President-Jim Brown, 1st up-Chris Chambliss, 2nd up-Jimmy Bearden, Sec/ Tres-Tracy Moore.

Preliminary talks were held about next year's Junior Live-

Applications

Nonprofit organizations that transport the elderly or disabled may now apply for a federal grant that provides funding to replace buses, vans and other vehicles. Applications should be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on or before May 10.

The Section 5310 Grant Program is administered through the Federal Transit Administration and provides up to 80 percent of the cost of the vehicle. The applicant provides the balance with local, nonfederal matching funds.



Massive pipes, valves and pumps inside new building

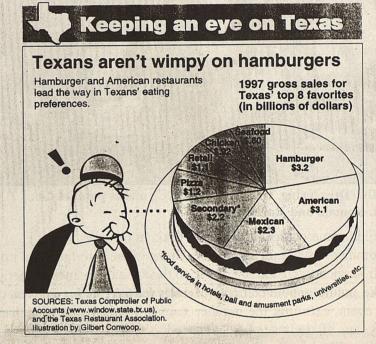
temporary approval to put wa- thoroughly flushed. ter in our lines."

allowed to sit 24 hours. When May 1. the disinfecting process is over,

TNRCC, who can then issue us the line will be drained, then

Brunson said an all weather, Brunson said a few projects caliche based road will be built must be completed while the by the county to the well site. testing process takes place. The Electronic automatic control storage tank at the well site must systems must be installed, and be disinfected, as well as the 12 each water well must have a proinch line bringing the water to tective shed installed. He is still town. When the line was being optimistic, unless the water laid, solid chlorine tablets were quality testing hits a bureauplaced in the pipe joints. The cratic snag, new water will be line will be filled with water and flowing in the city lines around





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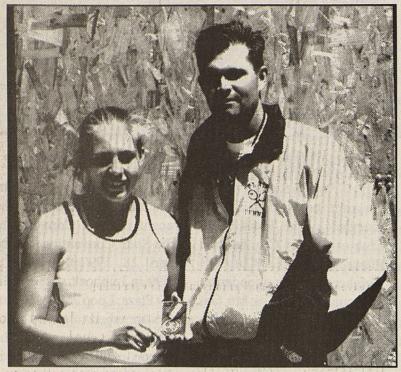
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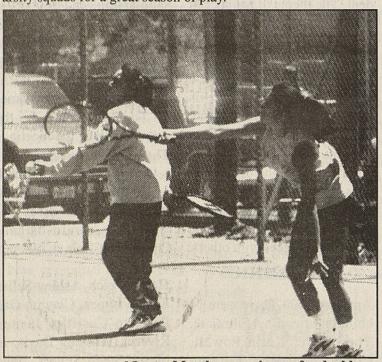
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District Tennis Wrap Up

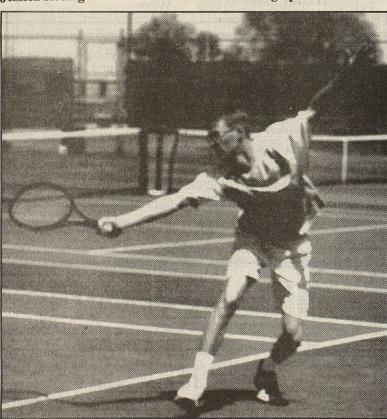


Velvet Canada accepted her district singles champ medal from **Coach Davis**

In District Play here last wek, Velvet Canada won the Girls Singles event the fourth time as a Cowgirl. Jessica Flores and Laura Morales also won their Doubles event. The Cowgirls won the team competition for district honors, and the three girls qualified for Regional honors. Dustin Brunson and Clint Burrus won second place in doubles, and they too will compete in regionals. Coach Davis congratulated both varsity squads for a great season of play.



Jessica Rodriguez and Laura Morales warming up for doubles



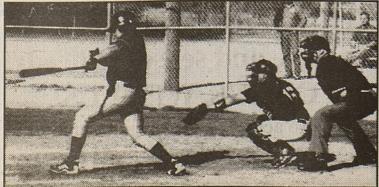
Clint Burrus had to hurry to make this return shot

Cowboy Baseball Action

The Cowboys defeated District foe Tahoka 2 - 1 in play here last week. Gerry Rivas went the distance on the mound. Getting hits at the plate were Steven Bunch and Jeremy Morphis, with two each, and Alex Tarango and Aaron Cain with one each. Cain also scored both Cowboy runds. ** This week's game against Hale Center has been rescheduled for Thursday, 4 P.M. here **



Jeremy Morphis in action at the plate



Alex Tarango tagged this ball

Middle School Honor Roll

Marlie Diaz

7th Grade:

Trent May

Grady McNabb

Helen Neufeld

Nolan Newsom

Moriah Traweek

8th Grade:

Jordan Bean

Liz Wilmeth

Mario Bonilla

Kayla Willis

Sandra Gallegos

All A, 1 B

All A's

Jill Gray

All A's

Mayra Flores

5th Grade: All A's -Michael Crump Allison Friesen B.J. Lester Adam McCravey Abel Ramos All A, 1 B -Reagan Haynes Ramiro Martinez Blake O'Quinn 6th Grade: All A's -Payton Bean Evan Cain Cody Flores Breck Hamm **Brandon Hise Brant Huerta**

Kerry Sisson

All A, 1 B

* Lauren Davis's name was left off the All A honor roll in elementary

All campuses score wins in UIL Academic contests

Plains Junior High and Elementary followed the High Schools pattern of winning their annual U.I.L. academic contests. Junior High students scored 490 points, 142 more than second place Tahoka, while the Elementary students totalled 341 points, 98 better than second place Post. Individual results included:

Elementary:

Tyson 3,

Art 4 - Plains 1st Art 5 - Plains 2nd Music Memory - Plains 5th

Spelling 4 - Scott Addison 1st

Erica Loewen 5th. Spelling 5 - Adam McCravey 5th Dictionary - T.J. Cordova 1st, Michael Threwanger 2nd Haynes 3rd, B.J. Lester 6th. Oral Reading 3 - Douglas Conway Villegas 4th

1st, Lauren Hise 3rd. Oral Reading 4 - Chase Wilmeth 2nd, Kayla Willis 4th Guetersloh 2nd, Caitlin Carter Maps, graphs, charts - Jordan Bean

Ora Reading 5 - Reagan Haynes Listening 8 - Jordan Bean 1st Friesen 5th, Blake O'Quinn 6th Creative Writing 2 - Kimber Williams 2nd, Holden Welch 4th. 2nd, Araceli Mendoza 6th

1st, Abel Ramos 6th.

Junior High:

Ready Writing 6 - Evan Cain 5th Ready Writing 8 - Nick Hays 1st, Jill Gray 4th

Payton Bean, Evan Cain, Breck 6th Ramon

Nolan Newsom 3rd, Trent May Impromptu 8 - Kelly Bowers 6th:

This weeks student of the week

is Emily Blair, a sophomore at

Plains High School, and the

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Royce

She was nominated by Mr.

Davis who said," Very seldom do

I nominate a student of the week,

because I feel that a student

should really make an impres-

sion upon me in order to be

singled out above all the rest of

the student body. Last week, one

such student impressed me with

her show of character, commit-

ment and dedication. Emily Blair

competed at the area one-act play

contest after having visited the

emergency room just hours be-

fore. She came to Post, made

honorable mention all-star cast

and helped our one-act play ad-

Number sense 4 - Angelica Men- Science 8 - Jordan Bean 2nd, Jill Gray 4th. Story Telling 3 - Doug Conway Math 8 - Jill Gray 2nd. 1, Chandra Carpenter 2, John Number Sense 6 - Brandon Hise 1st, Kerry Sisson 4th. Number Sense 7 - Trent May 1st, Grady McNabb 5th Number sense 8 - Jill Gray 1st Spelling 3 - Chandra Carpenter Spelling 6 - Kerry Sisson 6th Spelling 8 - Jill Gray 2nd, Krystal Gonzalez 3rd, Sandra Gallegos Calculator 6 - Cody Flores1st, Brandon Hise 2nd, Breck Hamm 3rd Maps, graphs, charts - Reagan Calculator 7 - Trent May 1st, Sa-

rah Martinez 2nd, Manuela Calculator 8 - Jill Gray 2nd, Liz 1st

1st, Skylar Keesee 4th, Allison Dictionary 6 - Cody Flores 5th, Mayra Flores 6th

Dictionary 7 - Helen Neufeld 3rd, Manuela Villegas 6th Ready Writing 3 - Caitlin Carter Dictionary 8 - Jill Gray 1st, Sandra

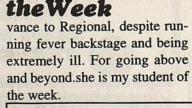
Ready Writing 5 - Blake O'Quinn Oral Reading 6 - Evan Cain 3rd, 3200 M- 1st, Felipe Reyna, 10:35.59 Payton Bean 4th Oral Reading 7 - Nolan Newsom

1st, Carmen Ponce 2nd Oral Reading 8 - Jordan Bean 1st,

Mandi Rogers 3rd, Kayla Willis 6th Music Memory - Team 3rd - Modern Oratory 7 - Carmen Ponce

Hamm, Brandon Hise, Isaac Modern Oratory 8 - Jordan Bean 1st, Kimberly Martinez 4th Science 7 -Grady McNabb 1st, Impromptu 7 - Austin Keesee 1st

Student of



PISD District Track Recap

District - Junior High Girls:

Moriah Traweek - 1sr 400M,72.09 5th 200 M, 30.29. 4th 800 M, 3:00.28 4th Discus, 53' 10

Kimberly Trent - 5th 1600 M, 7:24.48

JoAnna Diaz - 2nd 1600 M, 6"44/06, 2nd 2400 M, 10:56.15 Kayla Willis - 2nd 400 M, 71.86, 5th 800 M, 3:03

Chelsea Blount 4th 800 M, 2:58.07, 6th 400 M, 76.05 Jessica Rodriguez 1st 200 M, 29.09, 4th 100 M, 13.81 Jill Gray 3rd 100 hurdles, 10.09, 6th, 200 M, 30.50

Mackenzie Winn 3rd long jump, 13' 2", 1st Triple jump, 30', 4" Coach Diaz had words of praise for the girls hard work and determination throughout the season. Junior High Boys:

7th Boys - Shot Put: Ryan Martinez 5th, 29' 5.5"

2400 M: Armando Ramirez 1st, 9:31.14, Trent May 3rd, 9:45.17, Zach Broome 6th, 10:26.97

800 M: Larry Escobar 1st, 2.36.40

1600 M: Larry Escobar 1st, 6:07.36, Armando Ramirez 3rd. 6:15.31, Trent May 4th, 6:18.44

8th Boys - 2400 M: Jose Ramirez 1st, 8:53.55, Chisum Deaton 2nd, 8:59.90

800 M: Jonathan DeLaRosa 3rd, 2:27.81

110 Hurdles: Nick Hayes 1st, 17.29 400 M: Richard Diaz 1st, 58.21

300 Hurdles: Arnold Cordova 1st, 48.05

1600 M: Jose Ramirez 1st, 5:44.09, Chisum Deaton 2nd, 6:02.61 600 M Relay: 2nd- Nick Hayes, Jonathan DeLaRosa, Arnold Cordova, Richard Diaz, 4:04.95

Coach Brink congratulated the 7th and 8th Wranglers for a good meet in windy conditions, and a good season. PHS Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls brought home the District Runner Up trophy, earning 116 points to Post's 154. Coach Haragan was extremely proud of the girls team effort, and an excellent season. Eight girls will represent PHS at the Regional meet in Abilene April 30, including Srs. Kayla Redman, and Lisa Parrish, Juniors Krystle Blundell, Kristen Gray, Wendy Hernandez and Anne Palmer, and Sophs. Amanda Garcia and Michaela Traweek.

First Place:

High Jump- Kayla Redman 5'0". Shot Put- Kayla Redman 34' 4" 300 Hurdles- Kristen Gray, 46.68. 1600 M- Wendy Hernandez 6:03.04.

800 M- Lisa Parrish, 2:41.14. 200 M - Michaela Traweek, 27.56. 1600 M- Amanda Garcia 6:04 88. 1600 M Relay- Blundell, Parrish, Palmer, Gray, 4:23.82

Third Place- 400 Relay- Traweek, Palmer, Blundell, Gray, 52.01 3200 M- Amanda Garcia, 13.22.16

Fourth Place- 100 M- Traweek, 13.19. 800M- Cassie Dearing, 2:44.59.

Discus- Redman, 87'. 3200 M- Hernandez, 13:32.46 Sixth Place- Shot- Jolyne Burgess, 29' 2". Discus- Burgess, 77' 1.5" Seventh Place- Shot, Elizabeth Clanahan, 28' 2.75", 100 M- Anne

Palmer 13.44. Cowboys JV:

3200 M-1st, Luis Hernandez, 11:42, 2nd Manuel Hernandez, 11:47 1600 m-1st, Luis Hernandez 5:11, 2nd, Manuel Hernadez, 5:19 110 Hurdles- 2nd, Nathan Hays 17.9

300 Hurdles- 3rd Nathan Hays, 45.8

Shot- 3rd Chris McGinty, 33' Discus- 5th, Skylar Johnson, 88'

Varsity Cowboys: Shot- 3rd, Josh Bell, 42' 11.75"

Dustin Brunson 4th, 42' 3.5" Gallegos 4th, Krystal Gonzalez 6th Discus- 2nd, Steven Bunch, 130' 6.5"

400 M relay- 3rd, Tanner Blount, Moises Gonzales, Joseph Rodriguez, Jared Bell, 45.25

400 M- 2nd, Jared Bell, 52.47

1600 M- 2nd, felipe Reyna, 4:52.64

1600 M Relay-Fermin Luna, David Granados, Moises Gonzales, Jared Bell, 3:38.6

The Cowbys finished 4th in District-Felipe reyna, Steven Bunch and Jared Bell will advance to Regional competition in Abilene.

A Little League Baseball meeting has been scheduled at 8 P.M., Wednesday, April 21, in the club room at the old courthouse

NOTE A los Padres 1999-2000 PRE-REGISTRO PRE-KINDER & KINDER

El PRE-REGISTRO FECHA: MARTES, 20 de ABRIL de 1999, MIERCOLES, 21 de ABRIL de 1999, **JUEVES, 22 de ABRIL de 1999**

La escuela Independiente sostendra` Pre rejistro para pre-kinder y kinder de las 8:30 hasta 3:00 p.m. en los di`as listados anteriormente. Los padres deben informar a las Llanuras la Escuela Elemental para el registro y deben traer documentos apropiados como estan listados. No es necesario para los nin'os estar presente al registro.

PER-KINDER

Hay ciertas pautas que deben reunirse para un estudiante a ser enrolladose en nuestro programa del p jardin de infantes. Cualquier nin`o en que tendra` cuatro an`os o antes del 1 de septiembre de 1999, puede calificar para pre-jardin de infantes si es que todas las pautas se reu`ne. Al registrar, por favor traiga el certificado del nacimiento de nin`o, tarjeta del seguro social, registro de la inmunizacio`n y prueba de ingreso familiar. La prueba de ingreso puede ser un reciente talon de cheque de paga o comida estampa elegibilidad forma nu`mero 1009, nosotros ya no podemos aceptar la tarjeta de estampa de comida como prueba. Nosotros tenemos que tener una copia de esta forma.

Nosotros debemos tener quince estudiantes calificativos para poder ofrecer este programa. Si usted conoce a un nin'o en nuestra comunidad que puede calificar, por favor pase esta informacio'n adelante a los

padres. **KINDER**

Para anrollarse en kinder de infantes, un nin'o debe tener cinço an'os adelante o antes del 1 de septiembre

de 1999. Por favor traiga el certificado del seguro social.

Si usted conoce a un nin`o que puede calificar para el kinder, por favor pase esta informacio`n adelante a los padres. Es muy importante que nosotros sepamos cuantos nin`os estara`n en nuestro pre-kinder y kinder clases durante el 1999-2000 an'o de la escuela. Si su nin'o se enrolla entonces en pre-jardi'n de infantes o jardin de infantes que usted no tiene que regiatrar.

Lifelines

"We Get Letters"

Dear Gary and Holly,

Not another day shall go by without my reminiscing. Please use your publication as a means of saying thanks for the memories.

The passing of Doris Smith in late February and the birthday celebration of Edna Chambliss in mid April reminded me of days gone by and prompted me to tell about the influence they had on my life, as well as the lives of others.

Both ladies were Room Mothers several different times for our Class of '52. Through funds, tires and sugar were limited during the World War 11 years, they nevertheless found a way to bless our class with tasty refreshments and had an encouraging word for all.

Each had the responsibility of other children at home (besides Latrell Smith and Gracie Mae Chambliss); each was a farmer's wife and had the responsibilities that accompanied that vocation; each was active in her church and loved the Lord; each was family oriented; and each was community oriented.

I never heard either speak ill of anyone or complain. Their example has been indelibly fixed in my memory. They truly set an example for others to follow, even during the era of daylight savings time during the war whenever they had to arise a long time before daybreak during those long winter months in order to prepare breakfast and pack lunches for their school aged children by the light of kerosene lamps. Then the children would quickly (and sometimes not so rapidly) depart from their respective houses upon the sight of the lights from the approaching school bus.

food always graced each of their din- women of the culture! ing tables. Both of these ladies cer-

tainly exhibited the Gift of Hospital-

During the forties, these ladies were among the first to grant permission to the Plains school officials to dismiss their children from classes to attend revival services in Plains, regardless of the denomination where the services were held. The attendance, of course, swelled during the morning services resultant from the influx of students, thanks to these mothers and others like them.

Their firstborn children passed from this life, both upon reaching early adulthood. The anguish and pain each mother suffered did not go unnoticed. Neither, however, allowed a root of bitterness to develop, but each was grateful for the memories that they had and for the time on earth that they had/have had with each of their children, grandchildren and great grand-

Doris Snodgrass Smith's grandson is married to my husband's grand niece; so that almost makes Latrell, her siblings and me related!

I don't know if my dad was ever able to establish a kinship through the Parker family with Edna Belle Evans Chambliss. Both Edna and Walter Earl Anderson were born in Anderson County, Texas--she, on Brushy Creek in 1909, and he, on Boxes Creek in 1899. They knew some of the same people in that county. They occasionally discussed Cynthia Ann Parker's uncle, Elder Daniel Parker, who was Daddy's great grandfather, and founder of the first non Catholic Church in the Republic of Texas.

Several descendants of Doris and Edna still live in the Yoakum County area. They have much for which to be thankful. These two ladies' shoes I remember attending slumber par- would certainly be difficult to fill. ties in both homes. Much laughter They are a tribute to Yoakum County abounded, and an abundance of good and our nation. Thank God for

Services for People with Disabilities

The Life/Run Centers for independent living is a private, non profit organization in Lubbock and Amrillo that provides independent living services to adults and children with disabilities.

Counties served by the Lubbock office include: Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Dickens, Crosby, King, Bailey, Briscoe and Castro. Counties served by the Amarillo office include: Parker, Potter, Randall, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Carson, Hartley, Donley, Gray, Moore and Hutchinson.

Services include information & referral, case management, advocacy, peer support group counseling, computer classes and independent living skills training.

It is Life/Run's mission to help people with disabilities live as independently as possible. If you would like to know more about Life/ Run services, please call Rick Van Hersh at 806-795-5433 or 800-429-4371, in Lubbock. In Amrillo, call 806-372-7556 and ask for Barbara Rolland.

In last week's CCN, we failed to give credit to Lisa San Filippo being named Best Actress in One Act Play competition at Post. We regret the error.



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SPC to offer Summer **Classes VIA Internet**

fer 11 courses this summer via assignments using a personal the internet.

Internet courses to be offered during the first summer session on the SPC Levelland campus are General Biology, Composition 1, Composition 11, Technical Writing, World Literature 11, World Regional Geography, American Government, Organization, and History of the U. S. to 1876.

The SPC Lubbock campus will offer Introduction to Computers through the Internet during its summer session.

Composition 1 and History of the U.S. Since 1876 will be offered via the Internet during the second summer term on the SPC Levelland campus.

"These courses enable persons

Senior **Citizens** Corner

Visitors this week were Jason, grandson of Manuel and Ella Hernandez, and Walter Gayle's son and wife.

The funeral of Jo Terry was last Saturday. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Darlene Clevenges has had treatment in Lubbock Hospital but is home. Also Virginia Hunt had a stay in Lubbock but has returned home.

Althea Scott has had surgery in Lubbock. Fay Bernard Lubbock Hospital also.

South Plains College will of- to attend class and complete computer," said Andrea Rangel, dean of admissions and regis-

Registration for these courses will be during SPC Levelland's summer preregistration April 6-16 and during regular summer registration May 27. SPC Lubbock will have summer registration May 27.

SPC's summer 1999 class schedule contains a complete listing of Internet courses and instructors.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of Admissions and Records in Levelland at 806-894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375 or the SPC Lubbock Office of Admissions and Records at 806-747-0576, ext. 4600.

Our Auction is on Tuesday. Everyone is urged to attend. Those having items to donate for the auction - Please bring them in on Monday. Crafts, baked goods, and useful household items will be auctioned for benefit of the Center. Jimmie Long will do the auction. It is "Special Turkey and Dressing Day", so bring a friend and have lunch and stay for the auction. It's always fun to have Jimmy do an auction.

The Art Show was great. It was nice to see several of our Senior Citizens win places in the show.

Be sure and come to the Auction!

See You Next Week, Smitty

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for making my 90th birthday so special. The cards, kind words, birthday party, and especially your friendship mean so much to me. Come and visit me when you are in Lubbock. God bless each of you.

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Tsa Mo Ga Federation Dinner She commended the two clubs

The TFWC Federation Day Program, held April 12, was attended by the Tejas Study Club of Denver City and the Plains Tsa Mo Ga Club. 33 members were in attendance. The president of Tsa Mo Ga, Ms. Judy Head welcomed the members and visitors. Ms. Mattie Fields was the Federation Day Program Chairman. The dinner was prepared by the members of Tsa Mo Ga and the Social Committee served the meal.

The Keynote Address was given by Loretta Tekell, TFWC Caprock District President. The theme of her speech was "Unity in Diversity-Meeting The Challenge of the 21st Century". Ms. Tekell discussed her concerns not for the Y2K Crisis, but for the crisis within the Federation. A lack of young women being brought into the federation is contributing to the disdaining held at the Baptist Church for of several area clubs. Ms. Tekell said clubs must tap into the foundation of youth, and share experiences with others. Children's Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Filmtime

April 14, 1999-There were 14

children attending Filmtime.

They were; Karla Powell,

Colby Bearden, Autumn

Friesen, Johnathan Davis,

some of the convention. The support of your Presidents is also important when they give their 1-minute talk regarding "Community Improvements Projects." Ms. Tekell thanked the 16 members of the District Board, and reminded both clubs to budget for the Eleanor Tipps Scholarship, and support the

on a total of 38 Awards at the

recent District Convention.

The State Convention will be

April 28, 1999 thru May 1,

1999 in Lubbock at the Holi-

day Plaza, Loop 289. All mem-

bers are urged to attend all or

Libraries 2000 goal. Kim Whipple, President of the Tejas Study Club, presented the Plains Library with a \$25.00 donation in the name of the Tsa Go Ga Club, for their appreciation of the meeting.

The April 26th meeting will be a "Youth" program. Patrick Hamilton will direct the "Don't-be-afraid-brigade"

These personnel rela Haley Welch, Ashley Sellers, Kristie Lopez, Clayton Gass, Roberto Castillo, Jasmine Riveria, Whitney Davis, Iris Mejia, Steeli Sellers, Bailey Winn.

pervisor of System Opera

T.F.W.C. Tejas Study Club of Denver City invites everyone to come listen to Mrs. Helene Levi Shiver give an account of her life as a survivor of the holocaust.

Place: First Baptist Church for the Cooperative, the lest was 519 W. 4th St. Denver City, Tx.

Date: April 25, 1999 Time: 2:00 p.m.

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Cooperative Participates In National Y2K Drill

County Electric Cooperative contingency plan to address any today participated with ap-number of possibilities that may proximately 2,000 other elec- occur on January 1, 2000. tric utility personnel throughout While it's pretty unlikely that North America to conduct a we'll have to resort to using cell Year 2000 drill. The test exer- phones and radios to transmit cise was intended to simulate data on January 1, we have the partial loss of voice and data plans to do what it takes to keep communications needed to operate the electric power grids of tric will also participate with the United States and Canada. SPS in nation wide electric util-This drill was facilitated by the ity drills to be conducted on North American Electric Reli- September 8-9. ability Council (NERC), who is coordination Y2K preparations of the electric power industry, and monitored by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Typical drill scenarios included loss of external voice systems and real time data systems used to monitor and control electric power systems. Additional aspects of the drill included partial loss of data acquisition and control computers in the energy control centers. Several hundred generating units participated in the drill, including coal, gas, oil, hydro, and nuclear facilities. Over 500 critical electric facilities around the continent were staffed with field personnel using backup radio, privately owned telephone switches, microwave, and satellite voice systems. These personnel relayed critical information, such as power flows, voltage and frequency back to area control centers.

During the test, the Cooperative and Southwestern Public Service (SPS) exchanged critical system information via two way radio and cellular phone. According to Greg Faith, Supervisor of System Operations for the Cooperative, the test was

Operations personnel from Lea successful. "We've created a the lights on." Lea County Elec-

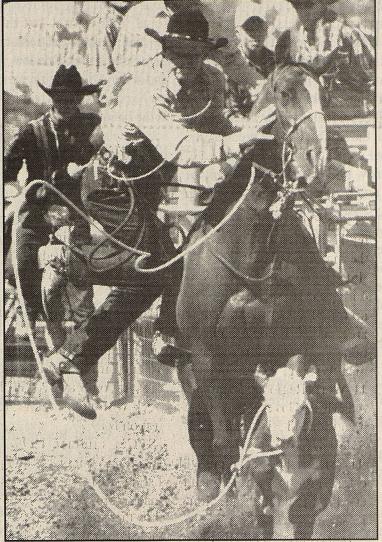
County Court of Yoakum County

In County Court on April 12, 1999 with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Richard Clark attorney for the state: Thomas Christopher Martin, 21, agreed on the state's order to modify conditions of community supervision resulting from a prior DWI cause. Martin's period of community supervision shall be extended for 12 months from July 16, 2000 through July 16, 2001. He must pay a community supervision fee of \$40.00 per month during the extended period of community supervision, and shall attend and successfully complete the out patient TAIP program. He must also pay Brownfield CRTC \$662.53 payable at \$25.00 each

Honoring troops of Kosovo

On Monday, PHS Student Council members Lisa Parrish, Anne Palmer and Krystle Blundelll hung yellow ribbons along Cowboy way in honor of US troops serving in Kosovo. The Council also plans to distribute lapel pins for the purpose soon, and asks for the public's support





Brett Squyres, 16 year old son of Newell and Peggy Squyres finished the Texas High School Rodeo Association season 8th in Region II calf roping. He will advance to the THSRA finals in Abilene this June. He competed against 28 others in the event. During the spring, Brett placed in the event at rodeos in Ft. Stockton, Odessa and San Angelo. He is a sophomore at PHS. and plays football, basketball and baseball. He also competes in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, and when that season starts he will join Blake Parrish, Kimbe Jones and Marcey House, other local youngsters in the association.

To the entire community of Plains, Tx., we THANK YOU! Thank you for the food, flowers, and prayers from each of you when Milton Bayer went to be with God. The Bayer family is indeed blessed to have such wonderful neighbors and friends. Our Love to All,

Jimmie's sisters & brothers and families, Eva Lee Roberts, Sybil Cagle, N.B. Teaff, Auda Vee Teaff



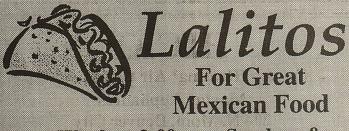
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Soil & Water Stewardship Week April 25 - May 2

vance of Soil & Water Stewardship Week, according to Don Burgess, Chairman of the dis-

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The theme of the observance is "In the children's hands." The need for stewardship is vital to maintain the capabilities of our resources of soil, water pastureland and wildlife manand wildlife. Participation in agement," said Burgess The Stewardship Week activi- The National Association of

assistance program which citi- fice, 456-3703.

The Yoakum Soil and Water zens could utilize to request Conservation District (SWCD) conservation assistance to meet will join in the national obser- capabilities and needs of the

"It's the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use, erosion control practices, drainage problems, and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range,

ties offers an opportunity to re- Conservation Districts has sponflect on the nations renewable sored the Stewardship Week resource problems, and actions since 1955, in cooperation with to resolve them or reduce their the nation's nearly 3,000 soil impact. and water conservation districts. The Yoakum SWCD was orga- Information and materials for nized to offer farmers, ranch- the 1999 observance of the ers and the community a vol- Stewardship Week is available untary conservation technical here by calling the District Of-



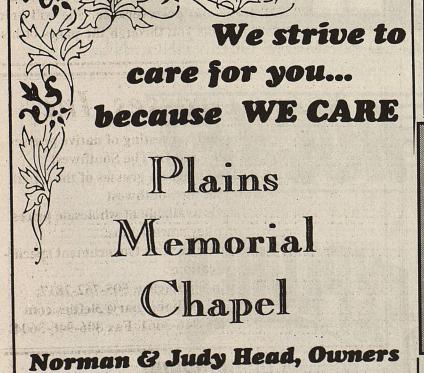
SWCD Directors Cindy Gray, Danny Bell, Dan Wall and Larry Nelson present "Stewardship Week" proclamation to Judge Dallas Brewer for his signature





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The seeds were set in containers in plantings one week week apart for future harvesting dates. The hothouse has some 150,000 plants growing, containing several varieties of melons. The producer said the majority of the plants are the seedless variety, ever growing in public popularity. Standard Allsweets were planted, along with a number of Allsweet hybrids.

The 150,000 plants will be the required amount to establish a crop on a quarter mile irrigated plot of land. The logistics of growing melons in an irrigation project are impressive: The center pivot irrigated plot will require at least 1,200 plants per acre. That will be supplied by the plants in the greenhouse. The approximate 1,200 plants per acre could realistically produce some 30,000 pounds of watermelons per acre. That translates to 3,600,000 pounds on an 120 acre irrigated circle.

CCN "The Foundation will be

in the near future.

figures are hypothetical and optimistic. No one thinks there are any sure fire bets in today's agriculture production."

When the transplanting process start, the new plants will be placed in the ground by a mechanical transplanter mounted on a tractor. The four planter rows on the unit will be manned by four ' planters', normally women because of their hand dexterity. They constantantly place one of the transplants in the machine at the precise time second place winners will also the planter wheel comes around to them.

The relatively new to the area transplanting of watermelons is an effort by producers to "jump start the growing season." The theory is, a started plant in the ground should make a mature watermelon before a seed planted plant, and normally, the earlier season prices are the best." McWhirter added, "This planting process is like virtually everything else in today's agriculture McWhirter was the first to caution, "All these production; There are no guarantees anywhere."

plenty of space for their opera- ers saying yes on the ballot. The The awards are an incentive for for one additional year. He told tion."

on some 225,000 acres of cot-month lease for \$1.

about the jobs will be available eradication program. If negotiations between the House and TxDot employees Kathy Jones, Administrative Senate result in funding the pro-Assistant with Sandy Land, told gram with somewhere around CCN, "Our Board of Directors the original \$50 million refelt basing one of the Precip quested for the first two years, Enhancement seeding planes "It will mean our zone cotton here made sense. Anything we producers will be getting \$18 in can do to increase rainfall bene- eradication value for \$12, the fits the entire county and area. amount producers have been Offering to lease a portion of the assessed for the program."

eradication program makes it in the Permian Basin Eradica-

approval, according to Parrish, employees to practice safety in In a recent session of will add a buffer zone of pro- every aspect of their jobs, hiring a large number of sum- Commissioner's Court, space tection to the south of the local Sylvester added. mer field workers in the very was made available to the wee- zone. Some 850,000 acres of Plains Award Recipients innear future. These workers will vil eradication zone in the old cotton land in the South Plains cluded; Rukne Kawaja-5 years place and monitor insect traps courthouse building under a 5 Eradication Zone will be safe operator, James Wright-5 mapped with computers and years no personal injury & 15 ton ground here, and a portion Parrish said local producers ground positioning satellites years safe operator, Maxie of Terry County. These won't be should start seeing eradication (GPS) to assist in the future McElroy-10 years no personal easy jobs, and the hours will be activity around cotton planting aerial spraying of the weevil. He injury, L.C. Moore-15 years long, but they are definite op- time. He remains optimistic the said other offices for Eradication safe operator, David Huerta-15 portunities for a lot of people legislature will approve state Foundation personnel will be years service. here." He said more information funds to assist with the statewide made available in Brownfield, 1999 Roadeo Winners Mainte-Seagraves and Seminole.

recognized for safety practices

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold its annual Safety Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the new building to the weevil On April 16, cotton producers Littlefield Agricultural Center. Each year, TxDOT employees easier to implement the program tion Zone voted to approve the are recognized for their service here, and the airport offers program and zone, 73% of vot- and their years of safe driving.

They also receive an award for the number of years they've gone without lost time or personal injury. Also, last month 18 maintenance sections competed in a Truck Roadeo. First and second place winners from each section will be recognized at the banquet. District first and receive their awards. The district winners travel to Austin this summer to compete in the statewide event.

"Safety is extremely important in our business," said Ken Sylvester, Lubbock District safety coordinator. "The banquet is our way of recognizing employees who put safety first on the job."

nance Sections; Gene Phillips-1st place, Carlos Howell-2nd lost time.

We Goofed - Again! Twice recently, we misspelled PATTY RUIZ's name We apologize by saying she is the sweetest. prettiest, smartest girl in PHS!!

Jury Selection List for the 121st District Court on April 27, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

A jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on April 27, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

DENVER CITY RESIDENTS:

Donna Leverett McCullough, Marlene E. Gibson, Mary Evelyn McInturff, Elena R. Zavala, Freddy Ray Pipes, Lourdes Terraza Parra, Luz Elena Corral, Guadalupe Camarillo Ramos, Hoyt H. McCullough, Manuel Ybarra, Marcille K. Johnson, Belia Hernandez Guzman, Rebecca Cain Seybert, Rhonda L. Trent, Connie Jo Mester, Jorge Octavio Palma, Jennifer Joy Curbow, Robert Lee Corfield, Orvelene Spomer Robinson, James Lynn Fleming, David Nevarez, Vinita Gutierrez Gonzalez, Jose Alfredo Villegas, Natalie Joyann Archer, Terry Cummings, John Russell Ford, Mac Ray Bradley, Dennis Lynn Lambert, Keith Ronald Spracklin, John Carl Nixon, Sheila Ann Trinidad, Sidney Crisp Reinert, Juan M. Escalante, John Christopher Ballard, Paula Flippin, Angelina Montana Chacon, Amanda Gail Vaughn, Karen Morales, Albert Orous Williams, Barry O. Stanton, Douglas Brown, Angelica Rocha, Gerardo Torres Davila, Sharon Marie Boyd, Joyce J, Outka, Rukne Fred Kawaja, Lucy Perryman Cox, Mary Reed, Irma Cavazos, Leah Lindsay Hayes, Dawn M. Carter, Henry Ben Unger, Merry Beth Mills, Mary Sandlin, Craig D. Stephens, Stephen Ray Northcott, Sulema Salazar, Nanette Trimmier Spain, Clarence Reed, Madel Refugio Rubio, Euna Davis Tipton, Edwin Neil Hinson, Gretchen Ford, Nicholas John Boyd, Johan Wiebe Friessen, Jimmie Welch Folmar, Juan Jose Hernandez, Antonia Yanez Barrientos, Stephen K. Smith, Maluisa Martinez Vasquez, Beverly V. Haynes, Ray L. Gilstrap, George Dario Flores, Manuela Arenivas Holguin, Ronnie H. Locklin, Debbie D. Cox, Solia Gonzales, Daune Allison Rodgers, Sandra Wells, Mary Ruth Gibson, Ernestina Borjas Mendoza, Priscilla Barron Summers, Jamie S. Good, Betty Bomar Self, Ricky Cavazos, Madella Acosta Perez, Jared Castillo, Shirley Manuel Joiner, Leslie Shannon Miller, Victor Manuel Orona, Joby Lee Kegley, Jennie Jo Rodriguez, Donna Lattreaca Pruitt, Betty Porter Fleming, Walter L. Holland, Inocencia Matta, Enrique Lopez Franco, Christopher Ray Hood, Jose Posendo Rodriguez, Kellie Bullock Roberts, Mario Saucedo, Aurora Gonzalez Corral, Angel Salazar, Rogelio Villegas, Jerald Lee Lindt, Billy Ray Moore, Eliodoro Hernandez Larrea, Norma Quintero Hernandez, Hershel Howard Crossland, Ashley Rene Smith, Henry B. Unger, Manuel Martinez Villegas, Brian Paul Boyer, Mildred Ann Butler, Richard Paul Hoffman, Anreia Lynne Olvera, Dean G. Sorrel, Nohemy Carrasco Sotelo, Velma Cargill, Cesar Omar Marin, Amos Junior Crider, Pamela Ann Bean, Kenneth R. Alexander, Emma Ibarra Garcia, Sharika L. Fairfax, Gregory Brian Minter, Bertha Delores O'Neil, Deborah Michelle place. Plains has seven years no Trice, Stacy S. Willis, David Wayne Conkle, Rodney Brent Curtis, Dolores Okeeffe Gayle,

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Appropriations Bill Passes House

I would like for each and evmemorize the following brief to a giant, leaping bass. message - "To Err Is Human,

school young lady as 'Ratty a look at this, hairball." been Patty Ruiz. Unbelievably, about further art training. the Same Patty was once tagged 'Ratti' Ruiz.

Now most girls, and ALL those girls parents, would normally be raging infernos being so misnamed. That's where the 'Divine' part comes in. She, and they. must really be Divine, for Patty actually laughed about the embarassing deal, and to date I have not been mugged, shot or stabbed by mom and dad. Thank you for being patient with idiocy.

Someone out there in cyberspace keeps sending us these long E-Mail comedic messages. The latest dealt with the trials of some Klutz whose wife had given him a week of free workouts at a health spa..

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The painful recounting reminded me of the time I foolishly allowed the bride to persuade me to accompany her to her painting class.

As slow as I am, I knew when I entered the room containing a female instructor and six fe- but I still can't give you the male students I was indeed in job. very deep stuff.

more acidic than Don Rickles the ad. The manager said, "Yes, and a body comparable to a two but the ad says you must also year old hippo, developed an be bilingual." instant and intense hatred of me as soon as she got us started " blending these magnificent hues". The kindest thing she said

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all morning to me was, "Wipe the yellow off you nose, dolt. It looks like you made a clumsy

I stuck it out most of the afternoon. She finally announced she wanted us to make a charcoal sketch of an outdoor scene we would like to paint later on. Good, something I knew how to do. I rapidly scratched out a scene of me in a fancy bass boat, ery reader of CCN to read, then floating on a calm lake, hooked

Admiring my future master-To Forgive Is Divine". Read it piece, I suddenly had it torn again, if necessary. Like Bro from my hand, and Miss Ogre Bill is prone to say, "You Got snickered and said, "Very interesting.... a mongoloid looking I am very happy to report we type floating on a log, a heavy do have a few 'Divine' souls rope tied to an ugly cow half here. Apparently I will be for- submerged in some sort of liqgiven for refering to one high uid. I'd like to let my shrink take

Ruiz', when it should have Don't even think of asking

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A business ran an ad for office help. Apllicants had to be able to type, have computer experience, be bilingual, and the firm was an Equal Opportunity employer.

A dog applied for the job with the ad in his mouth. The dog whined, and the receptionist got the idea. She called the manager.

The manager took the dog into his office, and explained he couldn't hire the dog because of the typing requirement.

The dog went to a keyboard and pounded out a perfect letter in record speed. Stunned, the manager said, "The ad said you must operate a computer." The dog went to a computer and entered and executed a new, flawlessy working program. The manager was impressed, but told the dog, "You're a very intelligent dog and have unusual abilities,

The dog scratched on the The teacher, who had a tongue Equal Opportunity portion of

> The dog looked at the manager calmy and said, "MEOW!"

Keeping an eye on Texas

Help keep young Texans safe and happy

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has prepared an information kit detailing how Texans can help prevent child abuse in their communities. The kit can be downloaded free of charge at: http://www.tdprs.state.tx.us, or call 1-800-862-5252. Below are some suggestions for parents



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SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (http://www.window.state.tx.us)

Oil producers will continue to receive severence tax relief

Despite a recent rebound in crude oil prices, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said prices have not climbed high enough to put an end to the severence tax relief offered under a new state law.

"The oil and gas industry is the backbone of Texas, yet it continues to suffer from low prices. As a result, oil and gas producers will continue to receive much needed severence tax relief," Comptroller Rylander said.

Senate Bill 290, which the Governor signed into law on March 11, says if the average monthly price of oil is below \$15 per barrel for three consecutive months, qualifying oil wells will be exempt from the

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House passage of the Appropriations bill took place Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a relatively smooth passage, due possibly to the adoption of procedural rules that limited the movement of funds from one need to another. For instance, you could give additional tobacco fund money to a specific research facility, but you had to take it from another research facility. No member is going to try to hurt another member's district financially.

Sixty none percent of all new dollars went to public education. Another eleven percent went to higher education, with a total of eighty percent of all new dollars going to education. Other entities receiving additional funding include Public Safety and Criminal Justice for costs including operating new prisons and juvenile institutions coming on line; Health and Human Services for Medicaid costs, higher need nursing home clients, and continuing services to community care clients; and the Teacher Retirement System for the projected TRS-Care deficit in 2001.

There is money set aside for school districts suffering from loss of mineral values, and as reported last week, an additional \$3 billion for teacher compensation and property tax relief. Community colleges, including South Plains, received additional funding for the biennium. Funding was also provided to emphasize initiatives in reading and after school services.

The Senate appropriations bill is, of course, different from the House. A conference committee of five House members and five Senate members will be appointed to iron out the differences. We should have a final budget by early May

Two bills on the House floor Wednesday might be of interest to those with an agricultural background. HB 597, requiring school districts to give preference to Texas products when the cost and quality are equal to other products, passed the House. Also passing was HB 2719, which directed the Texas Department of Agriculture to establish and maintain the "Go Texan" Partner Program to promote and expand markets for Texas agricultural products through the use of matching funds.

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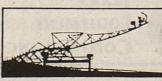
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Lea County Fairgrounds
in Lovington

Join Us For Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

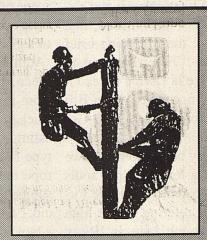
Come early for Registration Giveaways

Join Us And Meet Former Dallas Cowboy

Stars Charlie Waters & Cliff Harris!

Drawings For \$50 Credit on Electric Bill!
Register Friday, April 23 from 8am to 5 pm
at Lea County Electric Office, Lovington
Register at Fairgrounds Saturday,
April 24, 8 am to 12 noon MST

* Door PrizesFollowing Business Meeting At 1 pm *



Linemen's Rodeo!
9:30 - 11: 30 a.m. (MST)
Jake McClure
Rodeo Arena.
Pole Climbing
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