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Vandalism not just a monetary cost

Destroying, stealing highway signs could cost lives



Just a few of a large pile of ruined signs at TxDot's yard

Each year, road sign vandalism costs taxpayers millions of dollars. More specifically, it costs the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Lubbock District more than a quarter of million dollars a year.

That's a lot of money. But, some folks aren't motivated by money. For those who don't care about taxpayer's pocketbooks, here's another perspective. Vandalism costs LIVES. When vandals move or destroy highway signs they make driving conditions dangerous.

Recently, vandals have been removing and destroying stop signs in Yoakum County, said Jerry Morphis, TxDOT Roadway Maintenance Supervisor.

"Replacing even one sign is expensive," said Morphis. "But, over a year's time, our costs can be as high as \$10,000."

"But," Morphis said, "the money is not nearly as important as the lives lost when criminals destroy highway signage."

"Vandalism is an intentional act," he added, "one that is performed with the intent to cause damage. But, people who steal signs don't think it through before they commit this crime. It has far greater repercussions than just money."

In Florida, it cost the lives of three young people who didn't stop at an intersection because a stop sign had been removed. In one Texas county, a group of boys - a gang to be exact - removed a stop sign from an intersection one Sunday morning. The collision killed five people. The three offenders were convicted on three counts of manslaughter and one count of grand theft.

Thirty-two percent of all vandalized signs are stop signs people steal either for decoration or to recycle aluminum for profit. Forty-eight percent of sign vandalism occurs in remote locations.

"People also need to understand TxDOT will prosecute," Morphis said. "We encourage citizens to report sign vandalism. It's a serious crime - one that is difficult to control because most of the crime locations are so remote. But we have caught offenders, and we will catch more in the future."

To report vandalism or sign theft, contact Jerry Morphis at the Plains Maintenance Office, 806-456-7456.

Judge Moore recognized by College of the State Bar

Judge Kelly G. Moore, 121st Judicial District Court, was one of 4,100 attorneys recognized by the College of the State Bar of Texas in Austin February 5. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than eight percent of the total number of attorneys in the state.

The college was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three year period, or 45 hours in the current year. To maintain membership, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the numbers of hours required of all Texas lawyers.

County Primary Election Results

The following is a tabulation of votes posted Tuesday evening. Final totals include early voting. More results Pg.2

Democrat Party	Pct. 101	Pct. 202	Pct. 303	Pct. 305	Pct. 404	Pct. 406	Total
President:							
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	6	8	8	2	2	0	36
Bill Bradley	29	43	27	11	18	13	246
Al Gore	36	34	56	19	28	23	409
U.S. Senator:							
Don Clark	22	27	22	12	10	13	193
H. Gerald Bintliff	5	4	2	0	1	4	32
Bobby Wightman	1	3	12	1	5	4	54
Charles Gandy	11	8	14	8	12	7	108
Gene Kelly	23	20	26	6	14	10	187
Judge, Ct. of Criminal Appeals							
Bill Vance	61	70	61	27	42	39	560
Judge Ct. Criminal Appeals, Pl. 2							
William R. Barr	52	68	56	27	40	40	524
Sheriff							
Jimmie Rice	81	91	82	30	55	45	743
Tax Assessor/Collector							
Jeffrey B. Lowrey	3	12	40	3	40	7	228
Betty N. Rivas	103	105	61	36	28	51	727
Commissioner, Pct. 3							
Ty Earl Powell			66	16			162
Evaristo "Cody" Flores			40	22			118
Constable, Pct. 1							
Shirley Dene Rafferty			73	24	46		293
Constable, Pct. 2							
Gordon S. Sefcik	70	92				43	387
County Chairman							
Billy Ray Moore	71	94	68	31	44	46	704
Republican Party	Pct. 101	Pct. 202	Pct. 303	Pct. 305	Pct. 404	Pct. 406	Total
President:							
George W. Bush	106	79	44	6	33	13	594
Charles Bass Urban							1
John McCain	3	2	2		1	1	35
Orrin G. Hatch							0
Gary Bauer	6	1	6		4		0
Alan Keyes			1				2
Steve Forbes			2				9
Uncommitted	2	1	2				
U.S. Senator:							
Kay Bailey Hutchison	112	78	49	6	34	14	602
U.S. Representative, Dis. 19							
Larry Combest	113	80	50	6	31	14	608
Railroad Commissioner							
Charles R. Matthews	84	65	37	2	24	11	215
R.R. Commissioner, unexpired term							
Andy Draughn	22	15	12	1	7	3	48
Michael L. Williams	69	48	27	3	21	9	155
Justice, Supreme Ct. Pl. 1							
Nathan Hecht	53	31	18	2	13	3	114
Valorie W. Davenport	36	30	17	2	13	10	95
Justice, Supreme Ct. Pl. 2							
Priscilla Owen	79	58	31	4	23	10	174
Justice, Supreme Ct. Pl. 3							
Al Gonzales	39	28	18	2	15	2	65
Rod E. Gorman	52	38	20	2	16	12	148
Presiding Judge, Ct. Criminal Appeals							
Tom Price	42	30	20	2	12	4	99
J. Gary Trichter	12	8	3		5	1	19
Connie J. Kelley	15	15	3	2	2	1	32
Sharon Keller	16	6	12	2	6	4	44
Judge, Ct Criminal Appeals Pl 1							
Alan Curry	19	19	15	3	5	2	46
John Boston	6	8	3			1	9
Charles Holcomb	27	18	8		4	2	50
Guy Williams	23	9	7	1	13	4	50
Tom Greenwell	10	6	1	1	3	1	27
Judge, Ct. Criminal Appeals Pl. 2							
Sally L. Ray	16	14	3	2	3		29
Jim Wallace	34	22	19	1	10	1	69
Pat Barber	14	12	5	1	4	5	36
Barbara Parker Hervey	10	7	4		3	4	26
W.B. "Bennie" House	7	4	4	1	3		23
State Representative, Dist. 80							
Gary L. Walker	105	77	50	4	35	13	566
Justice 7th Ct. of Appeals, Pl. 1							
Brian Quinn	47	37	24	1	15	6	110
Deborah Smith McClure	42	25	17	2	14	7	95
Justice 7th Ct. Appeals, Dis. 2							
Don H. Reavis	81	60	34	3	23	12	179
District Judge, 121st Dist.							
Kelly G. Moore	100	70	43	4	28	12	518

Winners Of Lea County Electric Youth Tour Contest



L-R, Elizabeth Clanahan, Mary Dale, Cole Nelson, Jenna Hardin, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Linda Hernandez

Winners of the 2000 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Lea County Cooperative were announced this week by Mike Dreyspring, General Manager of the Cooperative. The high school students whose essays and subsequent interviews qualified them for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., over June 15-27 are Jenna Hardin and Elizabeth Clanahan. Hardin, 16, is the daughter of Ray D. and Belinda Hardin of Lovington, New Mexico, and is a junior at Lovington High School. She enjoys photography, skiing, golf, horses and raising show pigs. A former NASA Space Camp participant, Hardin has developed an interest in rearing.

The Youth Tour winners were chosen after a round of interviews by a three judge indepen-

dent panel. The third place prize of \$200 was awarded to Linda Hernandez, a junior at Tatum High School. Tied for a fourth place finish of \$125 each were Annaliesa O'Quinn, a sophomore at Plains High School, and Cole Nelson, a junior at Lovington. The fifth place prize of \$75 was awarded to Mary Dale, Lovington senior.

Hardin and Clanahan will join approximately 100 other students from New Mexico and Texas who have been selected as representatives of rural electric cooperatives through contests similar to the one sponsored by Lea County Electric. During the 13 day stay in the nation's capital, the winners will visit with their congressmen and senators, and tour sites of historical significance including the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court. Around 1,400 students from rural electric cooperatives in thirty eight states will meet in Washington for the 37th National Rural Electric Youth Tour as guests of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Primary Vote totals continued from Page One

	Pct. 101	Pct. 202	Pct. 303	Pct. 305	Pct. 404	Pct. 406	Total
Sheriff							
Donald L. Corzine	100	66	34	6	17	13	451
Tax Assessor/Collector							
Suann Parrish	81	52	43	3	32	10	436
Commissioner, Pct. 1							
Woody Lindsey	84						175
Eddie Coker	38						104
Commissioner, Pct. 3							
Terry Davis			16	3			41
Hershel Smith			5	1			14
Rex Swann			21	1			51
Greeg McCravey			14				37
County Chairman							
Kathy Jones	89	60	43	4	29	11	484

Plains ISD, City elections are near

Although the State Democrat and Republican March primary elections are now history, voters have the opportunity to cast their ballots in two more community and area elections.

The City of Plains will hold their election for two council spots and the office of Mayor on Saturday, May 6. Wednesday, March 22 is the last day to file for a place on the ballot, to replace retiring Kent Welch.

Plains Independent School District will hold their election for Board of Trustees the same day of the city election, May 6.

In a recent Board meeting, Tim Addison gave notice he would not be a candidate for re-election as the Trustee representing District Five. Two candidates have already filed for the position on the ballot, local ag producers Brad Crump and John Gray.

Incumbent board members Brad Palmer and Anna Gonzales have already filed for re-election.

PISD Superintendent Jim Haynes told CCN Friday, "I am

personally sorry to learn of Tim's decision, but I understand and respect his decision.

Tim has done an excellent job as a trustee. He is one of the top supporters of our school system, has done his homework on many complex issues the district has faced. While serving as Board President two years, Tim proved a real asset, with careful analysis of problems, and offering workable suggestions." Addison was first elected in 1994.

Addison furnished CCN the following statement;

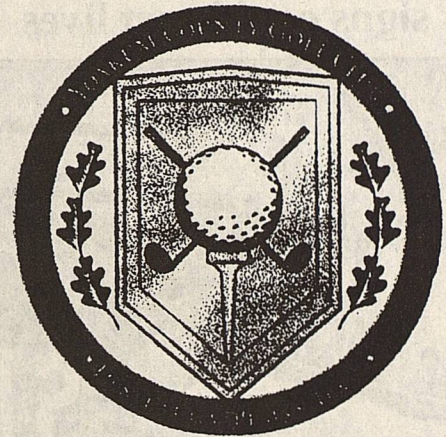
"It is with mixed emotions I must inform you I will not be seeking a third term for the Board of Trustees. Serving the school and the community of Plains has been an experience I will always treasure. I have a renewed appreciation for the men and women who dedicate their lives to educating our children. The influence they have on young, impressionable minds will not only aid them in their pursuit of higher education, but also in dealing with everyday trials they

will encounter. "I also have a great respect for the current and past members of the board I served with. Their unselfish devotion to Plains ISD and willingness to make the tough decisions is one of the reasons our school has been so successful. If not for the confidence I have in the Board, Jim Haynes and his administration, I would have difficulty in vacating my position. We are truly blessed to have such

good and honorable people running our school.

"I would like to congratulate the students of Plains Schools. Your performance in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in the realm of UIL competition has truly made my time at Plains ISD a very rewarding and memorable experience."

Sincerely,
Tim Addison



Yoakum County Golf Club 2000 Season

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	DCHS INVITATIONAL
MARCH 25-26	3 PERSON SCRAMBLE
MARCH 30	AAA BOYS DISTRICT
APRIL 29-30	2 MAN PARTNERSHIP
MAY 27	CANCER AWARENESS LADIES TOURNAMENT
MAY 29	MEMORIAL DAY 3 PERSON SCRAMBLE
JUNE 3	1 MAN SCRAMBLE
JUNE 14	W. TEXAS JR TOUR
JULY 4	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3 PERSON SCRAMBLE
JULY 7-9	COTTON KILPATRICK & PRO-AM
AUGUST 5-6	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
SEPTEMBER 9	LADIES INVITATIONAL
OCTOBER 7-8	CHALLENGE CUP

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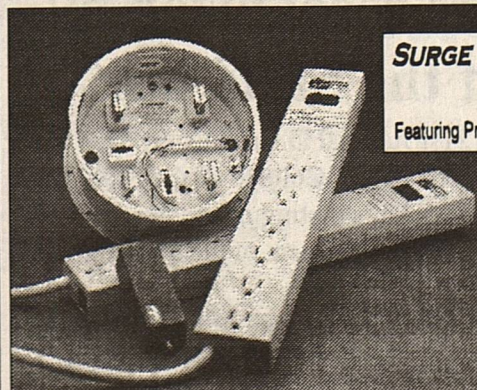
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Obituaries

Services Held For Beth Meyers

Graveside services for Beth Meyers, 89, of Hobbs were held at 10:00 am., Saturday at Prairie Haven Memorial Park. She died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at Columbia Lea Regional. She was born July 11, 1910, in Sterling City. Her family homesteaded near Roswell, MN, and then moved to the Lea County area 57 years ago. She was a long time member and past president of the Lea

County Humane Society. She also drove a school bus for more than 20 years in Hobbs. Survivors include two sons, John Bruce McCallum of Idaho and Calvin Sam McCallum of Hobbs; a daughter, Beth Clanahan of Plains, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. The family suggest memorials to the Lea County Humane Society, 1018 1/2 W. Alabama, Hobbs, 88240.

Final Rites Held For Paul Ed Chavez

Funeral services for Paul Ed Chavez, 39, were held at 10 A.M. Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Morton, with Father Andreas officiating. The Rosary was held at the Church March 13 at 7 P.M. Burial was in the Morton Cemetery under direction of Head Family Funeral Home, Levelland.

He died March 12 at his residence in Morton. Mr. Chavez was born June 5, 1960 in Morton to Augustine and Juanita Zamora Chavez of Morton. He was a life-long resident of Morton, and attended high school there. He worked for Colombia Supply in irrigation supplies.

Survivors include his mother, Juanita Chavez, Morton; Sons Anthony and Michael of Whiteface, Isaac and Paul A. of Morton; A daughter, Angie Chavez of Whiteface; Brothers Dick of Bledsoe, and John, Roger and Jerry of Morton; Sisters Julia Lemley of Plains and Mary Lou Chavez of Lubbock. He was preceded in death by his father in 1990, and brother Willie in 1972.

Yoakum County Vineyards Medal Again

(Fredericksburg, Texas) "Buster Graham only had about 500 vines but they made outstanding wine," said Jene Switzer, Winemaker for the Fredericksburg Winery, Fredericksburg, Texas. Grapes harvested from Graham Vineyards, Yoakum County, were used in the production of our "Two Sisters" Dessert Chardonnay awarded a Bronze Medal February 19, by the Grand Harvest Awards Wine Competition, Santa Rosa, California. Fredericksburg Winery bottled the "1997 Two Sisters" May 6, 1998. It is a "Late Harvest" dessert wine indicating the grapes were harvested unusually late in the season after the grapes had started dehydrating. The result is a wine with very intense flavors and high residual sweetness.

According to Beth Switzer, Vineyard Director at Fredericksburg Winery. "This was the first dessert Chardonnay produced in Texas with a limited bottling from the 1997 harvest. The wine is just now really coming into its own. The unfortunate part - less than 790 bottles remain in inventory."

The label explains the story behind the name "Two Sisters". Buster and Ann Graham established the vineyard in 1988 at their insistence. The love for the vines must run in the family. When Ann past away in 1997 her sister, Nita Nell Wilson, a retired RN took over the care of the vineyard. "We like to give credit where credit is due," says Cord Switzer, Director of Marketing. "The growers put their heart

and soul into growing the grapes. Putting the vineyard designation on the label shows our appreciation for that effort. The "Two Sisters" label not only has "Graham Vineyards" but also "Texas High Plains" a viticulture area designed as appellation of origin by the U.S. Government.

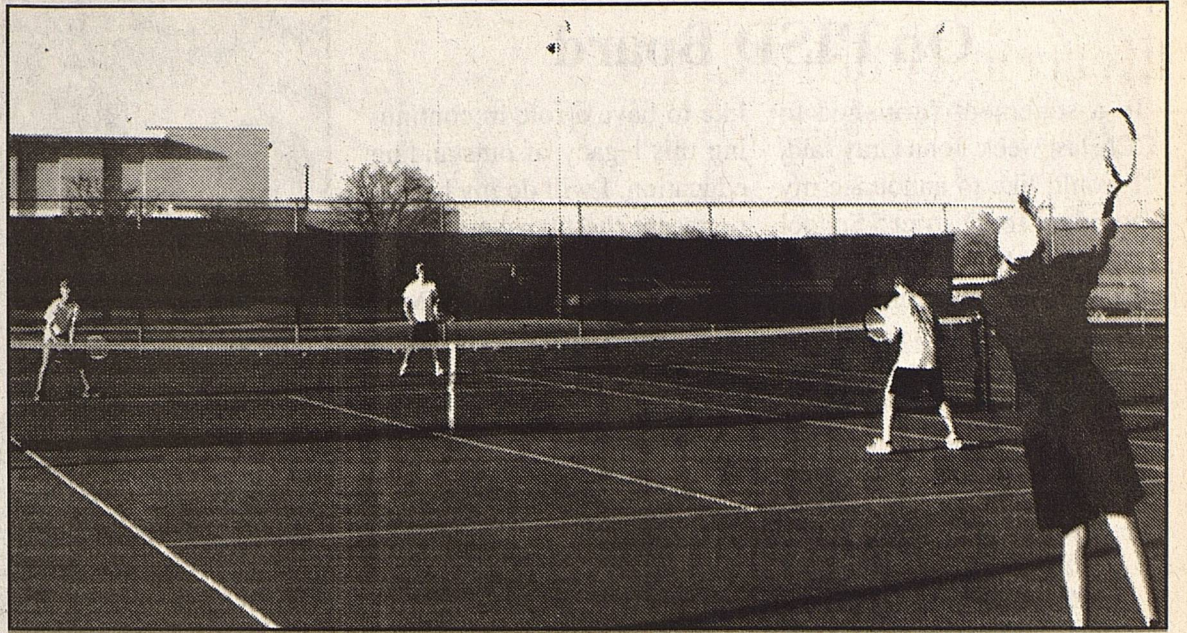
An Italian imported bottle was used for this unique wine. The cobalt blue, 500-ml bottle called Duca is 14.5 inches in height. The Square base extends up for 8 inches forming rounded shoulders and finishing with an elongated neck.

The Fredericksburg Winery is a small winery owned and operated by the Switzer family, three brothers, their wives, families and their mother. Established in 1996, production for 1999 reached 4,000 cases, an increase of 100% over 1998. The Winery has two vineyards and purchased grapes from 9 other Texas vineyards. A new 30,000 square foot winery-Fredericksburg Winery at Falcon Hills Ranch-is scheduled to begin construction in 2000.

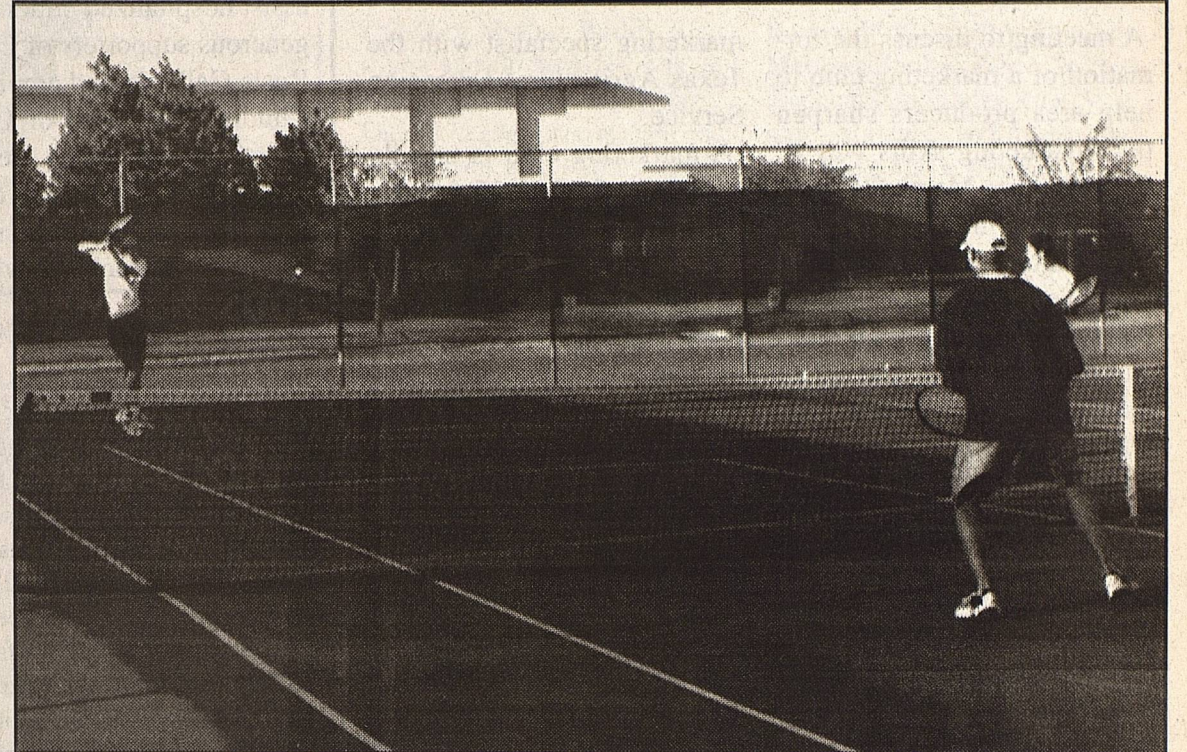
J P Court

March 10, 2000-In Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct One with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding there were 58 traffic cases filed, 35 civil suits, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol by minor. Bonds set: Driving while intoxicated - 1st - \$1,000.00 bond. Possession of drug paraphernalia - \$500.00 bond. Unlawful consumption by minor - \$500.00 bond. Criminal mischief - \$500.00 bond. Injury to a child - \$3,000.00 bond. Driving under influence of alcohol by minor - \$500.00 bond. Driving while license suspended - \$500.00 bond. 2 cases - possession of marijuana - \$500.00 bond. Bail jumping and failure to appear - \$1,500.00 bond. Bond forfeiture on driving while intoxicated - \$1,000.00 cash bond. Motion to revoke probation - held until hearing on bond.

Tennis season underway at Plains ISD



Tanner Hamm serves, Jason Swann guards net, Sterling Deaton and Rustin Knight in backcourt



Dustin Six, left background, returns serve, Kelsey Blundell at net, Coach Marc Johnson ready for ball

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Gray Announces For Spot On PISD Board

In a statement furnished to CCN last week, John Gray said, "I would like to announce my candidacy for District 5 School Board Trustee. I have been a resident of the Plains School District for 43 years and would like the opportunity to serve my community through this position. I feel Plains has an excellent school system and I would

like to have a role in continuing this legacy of outstanding education. I will do my best to represent the taxpayers' interests in a conservative manner. Early voting is April 19 - May 2 and Election Day is May 6. Your vote would be greatly appreciated."

John Gray

Marketing Club Formation Planned

A meeting to discuss the formation of a marketing club to help area producers sharpen their marketing skills will be held Monday, March 20, 2000 at 10:00 am. in Plains, Texas at the County Agent's office.

Anyone interested in participating in this new marketing club should plan to attend this informative meeting. If you are interested in participating in a marketing club but cannot attend the March 20th meeting, please contact Brad Palmer at 806-456-4985 or Tommy Box at 806-456-5185.

"Helping to improve the risk management skills of farmers and ranchers is a high priority of the Extension Service. Requiring intensive educational programming. The formation of marketing clubs is one way to improve the marketing skills of producers," explained Dr. Jackie Smith, economist and

marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A marketing club is usually made up of 15 to 25 farmers who meet once or twice a month with the common goal of increasing their knowledge of marketing and other risk management concepts. The members learn from each other and from the presentation of various educational programs. The members will watch the markets and learn to evaluate various alternatives at any point in time. The meetings will include outside speakers, regular interaction among the members and possibly some group trading of options.

Anyone, male or female, interested in learning more about how to deal with risks of producing and marketing agricultural products is welcome to attend this meeting.

Success depends in a very large measure upon individual initiative and exertion, and cannot be achieved except by a dint of hard work.

D.Q Lends A Helping Hand



Local Dairy Queen staff members Rachel, Rosa, Lupe, Jason, Rosie, Melinda, Praxedis. Not shown, Leti, Angelica, Sonia, Jesus, Esther. Recently the local Dairy Queen employees assisted in the "Children's Miracle Network", a fund raising project to assist hospitalized children. The staff wishes to thank the generous supporters of CMN here in Plains. DQ Manager Rosie Gallardo and employee Esther Martinez toured the Children's Hospital of UMC in Lubbock, and they saw how CMN donations are helping furnish equipment and supplies benefitting the children patients. Rosie said the visit had convinced the staff to continue to promote the Children's Miracle Network

DHS announces new community partnership initiative

Austin - The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) announced plans to seek proposals from community organizations to help low-income families. The goal of the initiative is to increase the quality of life among welfare recipients, and those who are at risk of becoming welfare recipients. DHS will fund community groups with up to \$250,000 each. Community organizations may provide services directly, or through contracts and arrangements with public entities, schools, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations or others. Services can include assistance with housing, utilities, clothing, vehicle repairs, educational assistance for youth, adult literacy and English as a Second Language.

Funding for this initiative comes from \$7 million in funds ear-

marked for the projects in House Bill 1 in last years legislative session. In 1999, DHS funded 16 community projects. This year, DHS will award approximately \$2,870,000 to community organizations.

Organizations interested in submitting proposals should contact Bo Platt at 512-438-3450, or e-mail bo.platt@dhs.state.tx.us.

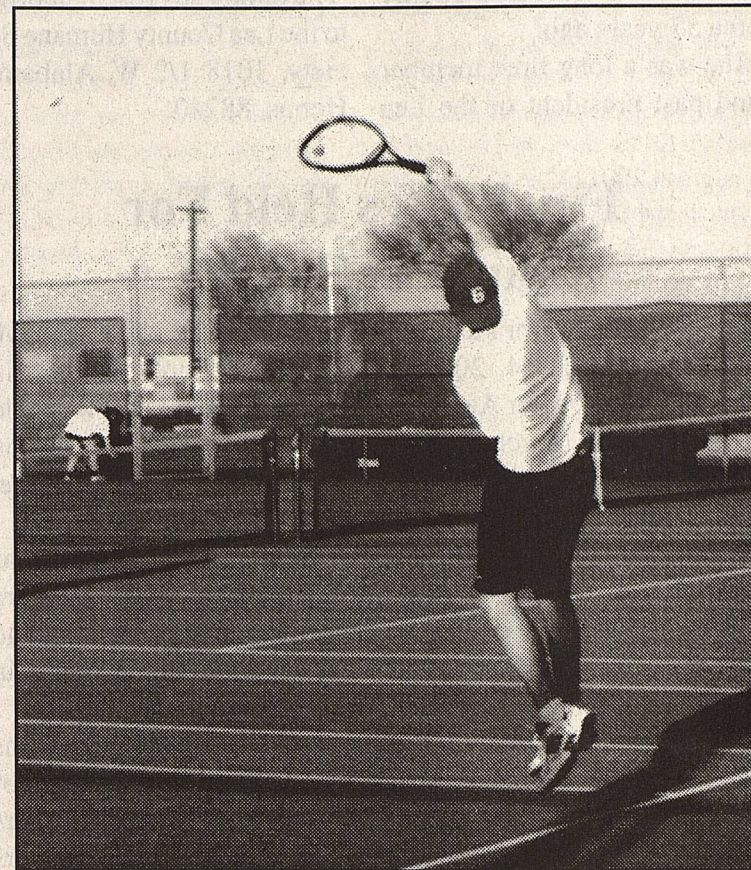
Investigate Benefits Of Filing Your Income Tax Online

This tax season you can prepare and electronically file your tax returns online without the hassle of fumbling through complicated paper forms.

While the Internal Revenue Service will not provide a direct electronic filing system, the agency supports and encourages Americans to file their taxes online through IRS e-filing partners.

What are the benefits of using the e-filing tax option? *Returns are processed quickly and acknowledgments are sent to tax payers

within 48 hours of submitting. *Like filing by mail, computers quickly and automatically check for errors. Surprisingly, the rate of error for electronic returns is less than one percent. The error rate for paper returns is a steady 20 to 21 percent. *The average refund takes two to three weeks, 50% faster than if you use mail. If you use direct deposit, the waiting time can be cut down to 10 to 14 days. To determine if electronic filing will work for you, check with your tax firm or accountant.



Dustin Six goes high for big serve

"I Do! I Do!" A Musical About Marriage

*A review of the production by Holly Dyer

"I was recently asked to review College of the Southwest's musical production, "I Do! I Do!". The Sunday, March 12 matinee performance was a shining example of how a hit Broadway production can continue to be a great hit far from the lights and glamour of Broadway, performed by local but extremely talented performers.

"I Do! I Do!" is based on Jan de Hartog's original, *The Fourposter*, and was produced on Broadway by David Merrick, directed by Gower Champion. It is the musical story of fifty years of marriage, just before the turn of the century. The setting - the couples bedroom.

The cast consists of two characters, the husband Michael, performed by Chris Eubank, and his wife, Agnes, portrayed by Kesa Gill. Kesa is a 20 year old music student at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, and has performed in many musical roles in the area, and is a soloist and member of the American Baptist Church of

Hobbs.

Chris is a choral director and music coordinator in Lovington Public Schools. He is Director of the NMJC Show Choir, has performed in the outdoor musical *T*E*X*A*S*, and has had leading roles in musicals and operas in a number of out of state productions.

Song titles in the two-act musical suggest the theme; *Together Forever; Somethin has happened; Nobody's perfect; Flaming Agnes; The honeymoon's over; My cup runneth over; When the kids get married; The father of the bride; Someone needs me, and This house.*

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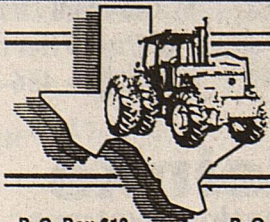
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Women's Protective Services Ready To Parade

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock joins the I-27 Dirt Trackers in presenting the Parade and Car Show on March 18, 2000, with a parade beginning at 11:00 am., and the Car Show immediately following. The Parade will begin at 2001 N. University and finish at the Midnight Rodeo parking lot (7301 S. University) for the Car Show.

The purpose of the Parade and Car Show is to promote the upcoming Benefit Demolition Derby on Friday, March 31, 2000, from 7:00 pm. to 10:30 pm., at the I-27 SPEEDWORLD, located on I-27 and 1585, formerly West Texas Speedway. Advanced tickets for the Demolition Derby and embroidered WPS/I-27 Speedworld caps will be sold at the Car Show in the Midnight Rodeo parking lot on March 18. Ticket prices for the Derby are as follows; Adults are \$6.00, children ages 10-13 are \$2.00 and children age 0- and under will gain free admission. All of the proceeds from the

Demolition Derby ticket sales and WPS/I-27 Speedworld embroidered cap sales (courtesy of Outerwear) will go to Women's Protective Services. To participate in the parade, the drivers must register and pay a \$10.00 entry fee.

Support WPS when you join I-27 Speedworld in kicking off the 2000 Race Season by picking up your advanced Demolition Derby tickets at the Car Show in the Midnight Rodeo parking lot on March 18. WPS needs your support to make this fundraiser successful.

The mission of Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. is to create an environment of empowerment for women, children and families and to eliminate family violence.

For additional Parade and Car Show or Demolition Derby information, or to purchase tickets or a WPS/I-27 Speedworld embroidered cap (courtesy of Outerwear), call Kelley, at 806-748-5292.

Vows Exchanged



Phil and Deneice Heenan were married on March 4, 2000 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church located in the beautiful northern coastal town of Point Arena, Cal. The church was built in 1867 and has been dedicated as a historical landmark. The couple were recorded into the church's historic records and was the first married couple to be recorded in the new millennium.

Deneice is the daughter of Dolores Knotts, Lovington, and Kenneth Knotts, Hobbs. She is the granddaughter of Holly and Gary Dyer and John Holly all of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Knotts of Hobbs. She is a full charge bookkeeper for a small winery in Sonoma, Cal. and is self employed as a gift basket designer.

The groom is the son of William and Mildred Heenan of Pacific Palisades, Cal. Phil is an Orthopedic Physician's Assistant who works in the field of sports medicine.

New Books At The Library

Fiction: *The Light Of Other Days*-Arthur C. Clarke, *The Sacred Shore*-Janette Oke, *Ghost Moon*-Karen Robards, *The Brethren*-John Grisham, *A Trip To The Stars*-Nicholas Christopher, *Aloha, Mr. Lucky*-Corson Hirschfeld, *Irish Eyes*-Andrew M. Greely, *Losing Julia*-Jonathan Hull, *Daughter Of Fortune*-Isabel Allende, *Day Of Reckoning*-Jack Higgins, *Sea Fighter*-James H. Cobb, *Carolina Moon*-Nora Roberts.

Non Fiction: Tin Cup Dreams: *A Long Shot Makes It On The PGA Tour*-Michael D'Antonio, *The Real James Herriot: A Memoir Of My Father*-Jim Wight, *The Insider's Guide To U. S. Coins Values - 2000*-Scott Travers. Video Decoration Day donated in memory of Buddy Brantly from the Darryl McNabb family.

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*Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
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Yoakum County Library Filmtime

March 1, 2000-The children enjoyed games and sang several songs. Following the pledges, the group listened to the book entitled *The Country Mouse and The City Mouse*. Bailey Rios whose second birthday was on March 1 celebrated at Filmtime. The boys and girls viewed the film, *Little Red Riding Hood* while they enjoyed birthday refreshments. Those attending Filmtime were as follows; Kay'D Lamar, Bailey Rios, Clayton Gass, Bailey Winn, Percy, Sol and Sieanna Sosa, Lucas Hernandez, Colby Bearden, Marina Corrales, Bethany Mares and Whitney Davis.

March 8, 2000-Boys and girls attending Filmtime activities at

the Yoakum County Library were; Micah St. Romain, Lucas Hernandez, Kay'D Lamar, Merrit Crump, Macy Banfield, Clayton Gass, Jaston Brink, Jarius Curtis, Bailey Winn, Colby Bearden, Marina Corrales, Percy, Sol and Sieanna Sosa, Bailey Rios, Morgan Marion, Whitney and Johnathan Davis. Following the games, the pledges to the flags and singing several songs the group heard the following books; *Fun With Opposites* and *The Icky Sticky Frog*. Bailey Winn who will be four and Merrit Crump who is five celebrated their birthdays. Refreshments were enjoyed while the children watched the film; *The Three Little Pigs*.

CSW Theatre Department To Present Broadway Musical

For their spring production, College of the Southwest's Theatre Department will present the hit Broadway musical *I Do! I Do!* The play is the musical adaptation of *The Fourposter* by Jan de Hartog, which was CSW's first play presented in the Mabree Southwest Heritage Theatre in 1977.

I Do! I Do! is the delightfully witty story of the ups and downs of married life. The original Broadway production starred Mary Martin and Robert Preston, followed by Carol Burnett and Rock Hudson. CSW's production features the dazzling talent of local stars Chris Eubank and Kesa

Gill. Eubank, Music Director at Lovington High School, will not only play the male lead in the production, but will also serve as guest director for Glynese Floyd. Assistants for the production are Mark Smith, Ronnie Gray, and Mark Barela.

I Do! I Do! promises to be a warm hearted comedy for the whole family. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 16-18 at 8:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale at Music World in Hobbs on Tuesday, March 7.

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From The Hack

I survived the hospital ordeal last week. What? What's that? A chorus of boos? I suspicion the community is very much like the group I play golf with, no more than four ounces of compassion per resident.

The drill, blast and excavate gall bladder operation went pretty smoothly, considering my cowardice. A very teeny portion of it was actually quite pleasing. When they brought me around after all the whacking, I was in a state of mind every bit as pleasant and euphoric as a bottle of Crown Royal will produce. My room held about half a dozen well wishers, and foggily I wondered why they were so gay, laughing, telling jokes and all. The bride came to my bedside and asked if I wanted a drink of water or juice. She reported I told her emphatically, Yes, I want a drink, but you know I can't have it, they're gonna take me pretty soon for the cutting spree."

I was amazed when she calmly patted my head and purred, "That's OK, hon, what ever you think, but your operation was held YESTERDAY!"

Here's an E-Mail which might bring a few "Amen, Brothers" at a number of churches:

- * The Jews don't recognize Jesus as the Messiah
- * Protestants don't recognize the Pope.
- * Baptists in a liquor store don't recognize each other.

THANKS!

I'm so grateful none of you believed the rumors of my demise, all greatly exaggerated! I enjoyed visits, cards, flowers, calls, prayers but none of the cash I'd suggested! I was sincerely touched. I was also touched by some hospital folks, not all of them as warmly as you other guys, but I must confess, they did a great job during my seeming jail term long stay! I appreciate every one of you!

Gary Dyer

Local golfers are like the wild, fierce scavengers of East Africa, the buzzards, hyenas, jackals, wild dogs and other filthy beasts.

Just a few days after my recent surgery, I very carefully drove to the golf course, not to play, but to pay my overdue bill. I eased myself out of the Blazer, aware a number of guys were eyeing me, put on my most pitiful, pain wracked face and semi-hobbled towards the club house.

I swear, 17 of those suckers trotted out to greet me, and to a man, they began chorusing, "Hey, man, you're looking great ... never seen you so spry.... guess you just had a bad cold 'stead of a knife job.... I never seen your color so perfect", ad-nauseum.

While not exactly an Albert Einstein, even I could detect what was coming. One of the idiots who regularly beats me said, "I hear when you've been out of action a few days you come back and play your very

best. Tell you what... I'll give you a stroke on EVERY hole."

Another scavenger approached, actually slobbering with greed, and shouted, "I up the ante, I'll play left handed!" The third 'Friend' elbowed his way through the crowd and shouted, "Hey, settle down,

you blood suckers! Cain't you see the man is a bit off his game? He's a good, dear friend, and to prove it, old buddy, I'll play you one handed..... but you gotta last the entire 18 holes or forfeit." I have never felt so warm and loved.

Property Tax Exemptions Available For Disabled Veterans

"Veterans with a service connected disability may reduce their property taxes in 2000 by filling out a simple exemption form at the Yoakum County Appraisal District office," Chief Appraiser Sandra Stephens said.

A veteran's percentage of service connected disability determines the size of the exemption. The exemption ranges from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value. Stephens explained who is eligible for the application: * a disabled veteran; * a surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as long as the spouse remains unmarried; * a surviving minor child of a deceased disabled veteran, if the veterans spouse does not survive the veteran and if the child is both under 18 and unmarried; * a surviving spouse of a person killed while on active duty, whether the spouse has remarried or not at application time; and * a surviving minor child of a person killed while on active duty, if

the child is both under 18 and unmarried.

"Any eligible person who has not received this exemption must apply by April 30," Stephens said. "But, if you received the exemption in 1999, you do not have to reapply in 2000."

An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on January 1. The applicant must be a Texas resident to qualify. The appraisal district required proof of the disability, such as documentation from the Veterans Administration or the branch of the armed service in which the veteran served. Applicants may need proof of marriage, age or proof of a spouse's or a parent's death.

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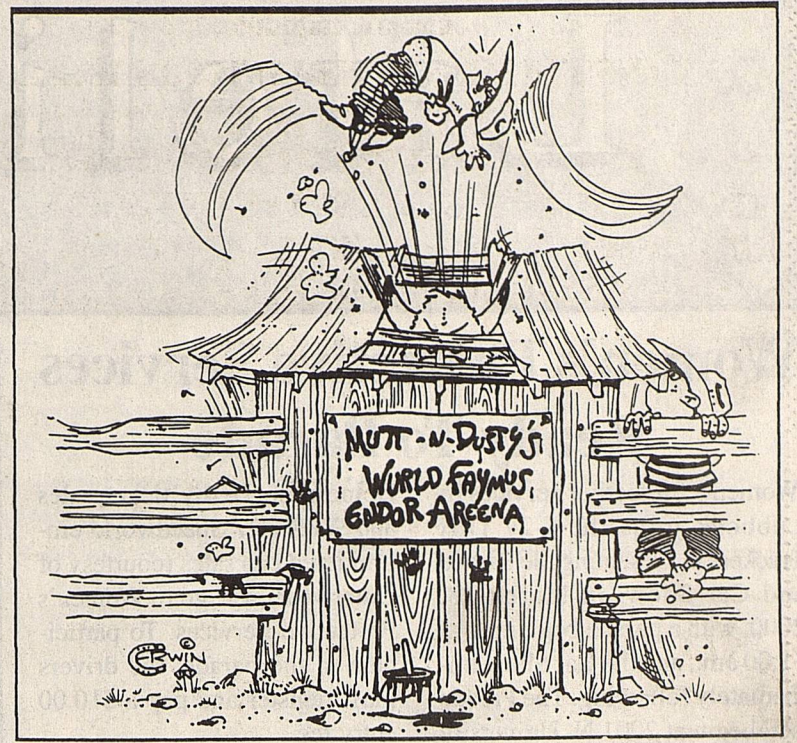
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ELECTION CALENDAR

Listed below are the major dates concerning the upcoming City Council General Election on Saturday, May 6, 2000. The purpose of the election is to elect a Mayor and two (2) Council members. Those with expiring terms are Mayor T.J. Miller and Council members Pamela K. Redman and Kent Welch.

Filing Dates To Run

Monday, February 21, 2000 until Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

Last Day To Register To Vote

Thursday, April 6, 2000 is the last day to register to vote in the May 6, 2000 City Council General Election.

Early Voting

By Personal Appearance-Wednesday, April 19, 2000 until Tuesday, May 2, 2000. At Plains City Hall, 601 11th Street from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Election Day

Saturday, May 6, 2000
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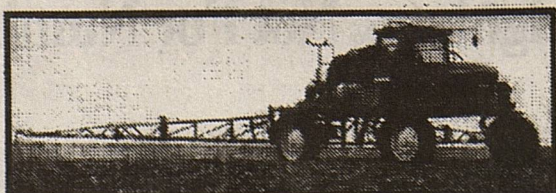
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