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## Is Your Car Still in Your Garage?

As some of you know Cpl. Plemmons was not able to make it last month. So his presentation was postponed until Aug.

Cpl. John Plemmons assigned to CID will be our featured speaker at our monthly Police Academy Alumni Association meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 1999. The meeting will be in building "A" at the City Conference Room, starting at 7:00 P.M.

This evening's topic will be on Auto Theft. This meeting will be the results from my meeting I attended a few weeks ago held by the Tarrant County Auto Theft Task Force. The meeting was held by the Ft. Worth Police Department and was attended by over 75 citizens from around Tarrant County. Most of them were from local and surrounding CPA's. Cpl. John Plemmons will be on hand to conduct the meeting and explain, in detail, how not to be the next victim of a rising crime spree in North Texas. This will be an interesting and fun evening.

Let's pack the room, as usual, and have some fun.

## Congratulations To Leah Benoit



Leah Benoit, nominated for the Bill Ennis Award, was selected as the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Member of the Year for 1999 for the State of Texas.

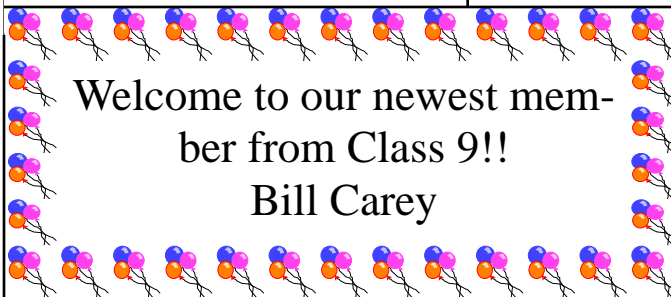
This prodigious award is given each year to the Alumni Member who has shown exemplary performance within his/her organization.

Since 1996 Leah has gone above and beyond any call, to make this organiza-

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We Currently have sold over \$7300 in Bricks!!



Welcome to our newest member from Class 9!!  
Bill Carey



We Currently Have 71 paid members!!!



## Lou's Perspective

For all those who missed the recent Houston CPAAA State Convention '99, I will try and recap some highlights. The opening ceremonies included singers from the Huntsville Prison System, called the Peacemakers, followed by the Honor Guard and Invocation. Mayor Lee P. Brown and Chief of Police C.O. Bradford had opening remarks and Mr. Bill Ennis, the Father of the First Citizens Police Academy and Citizens Police Alumni Association in the late 1950's. During our luncheon the Peacemakers sang for us. Yes, they were guarded very well during their performance.

Your delegates Don Martin, Al Simmenroth, Sgt. Ron Williamson, and yours truly, sat through the 24 hours of instruction during the three (3) day convention. Some of the session topics were:

- ◆ Personal Defense
- ◆ Multi-Culture and Police
- ◆ Memory Enhancement
- ◆ Stress Management
- ◆ CPA & the Community
- ◆ How to Conduct An Effective Meeting Criminal Profiling
- ◆ Crime Prevention
- ◆ Conducting Effective Presentation Time Management

- ◆ Evolution of Law Enforcement
- ◆ Junior Police Academy
- ◆ Gangs in the Community
- ◆ Starting a CPA & Starting An Alumni Association

Your voting delegates this year were Mr. Don Martin and Sgt. Ron Williamson. They were part of the selection committee who selected the site of the convention for August 2001. Austin will be the 2001 site.

On Saturday evening the awards banquet was held with over 250 in attendance. The awards presentation was made by Charlotte Siems, current President of the Houston Academy. There were three (3) major awards given:

- 1) The Alumni Association Award  
DeSoto was the Recipient
- 2) Alumni Member of the Year Award  
Leah Benoit was the Recipient
- 3) Peace Officer of the Year Award  
Officer Julie Idema, Kemah P/D was the Recipient
- 4) Special Recognition  
Lt. Don Martin, Garland P/D

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## Eules officers bring home medals from statewide Olympic-style games



Eules police officer Brian Brennan may be fairly new to the department, but he's no rookie on the golf course.

Brennan, along with teammate Cpl. David Cort-Brassey, brought home a silver medal in the team handicap bracket and a bronze in the team raw score category for their golfing talents during the annual Police Games. Brennan also earned a bronze in the individual handicap category.

Five members of the Eules Police Department participated in the Olympic-style games from June 21-25 in Abilene. Teammates Cpl. Roger Gatlin and Lt. Roger Mangum rounded out the golf medals with silvers and bronzes while Lt. Steve Eskew brought home gold medals for shot put, discus throw and power lifting.

"We did pretty good, overall," Brennan said. "I think we

made a good showing."

This was the third year Brennan has competed in the games and he'll keep going back for two reasons--- the camarade and, of course, the competition.

"The competition and the sports and getting to meet and interact with other officers from other agencies in the area is the best part," he said. "Everybody just wants to have a good time and we pretty much take over the city when we get there."

The Austin Police Department created the games in 1978 to promote the physical fitness and sense of sportsmanship among officers, Eskew said. Now sponsored by the Texas Police Athletic Federation, the state games are played every year with international games conducted on even years. About 1,500 law enforcement officials converged on Abilene for this year's games, with nearly 300 of those competing in the golf tournament alone. Other categories included archery, track, tennis, long-distance bicycling, tactical shooting and even canine events.

Like the Olympics, the competition can be tough, depending on who competes and how well they prepared for the chal-

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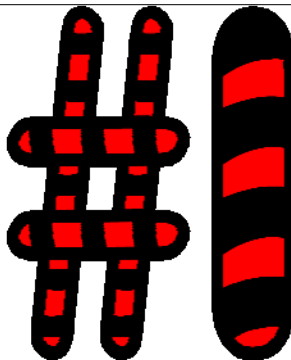
# June 1999 Treasurer's Report

June Treasurer's report was not available at time of publication. There will be copies of the Treasurer's Report at the meeting and printed in next months newsletter.



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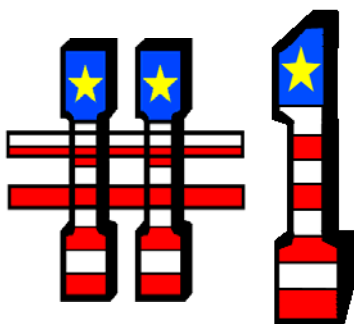
tion a success. Leah has demonstrated the epitome of how one serves a voluntary organization. Our Alumni Association is so lucky to have this lady in our midst. We all look up to Leah for the type of leadership she brings to us and this organization.



Mr. Bill Ennis, DPS retired, started the first Citizens Police Academy, and the first Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association in late 1950's. The program started in Orlando, Florida, and the very next year Mr. Ennis started this program in the State of Texas. We have so many "special" Alumni Members in our organization that do so much for this city.

So, Leah, on behalf of all your fellow members we wish you our sincere congratulations and best wishes for being selected as our Number "1" Alumni Member for the State of Texas for 1999.

Sincerely,  
Lou Baum



## ECPAAA Member Bio

Troy Mennis graduated from Class 9. He has lived in the City of Euless for the past 14 years. He is married to June Mennis and has one daughter Shauna who is 10 years old. Some of his hobbies include working on old cars, working on volunteer activities, shooting firearms, and airplanes. His favorite books are "Airport" by Arthur Hailey and "Christine," by Stephen King. His favorite movies include "Bridge Over the River Kwai," "Kelly's Heroes," and "The Dirty Dozen." His most interesting life experiences is traveling all over Texas and meeting two famous movie stars. His favorite part of citizen involvement in the Police Department is having a better understanding about the duties and responsibilities of the police officers and the department as a whole.

If you have not filled out your interview sheet please do so and mail to the PO Box or bring it to the next meeting.



## Sgt. Ron's Spot

This past month has been a busy one. I think I will just stay on vacation. It was hot but enjoyable. July was spent finishing up our Day Camps. They were a great success again this year. We had about 110 kids over the three camps. Since I am doing this article a little late I will hit on the first part of August which was very busy. National night out was a great success. We had 34 block parties around the city with about 1000 citizens participating. Many of these events were organized and hosted by members of the Alumni Association. I want to thank you for your hard work to make this night a success. Following National Night Out Lou, Al, Don, and I left for Houston. The convention in Houston was a success with about 350 in attendance. Those of you that were not able to go really missed out. Hopefully more of us can go to Corpus Christi next year. I will let Lou tell us all about what happened. I do want to congratulate Leah on her winning the Alumni Member of the Year Award. This is a great honor and one that she can be very proud of. Well Chris is here foaming at the mouth for this article. I have more to say, but it can wait until next month. Again thank you all for all the hard work you do to make this organization a success.

**Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association  
Minutes of the Tuesday, July 20, 1999 Monthly Meeting**



**GUEST SPEAKER:** None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President, Lou Baum; Vice President, Linda Martin; Treasurer, Ed Benyon; Secretary, Leah Benoit Byron Benoit, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Gary Haecker, Barbara Lucas, Don Martin, Troy Mennis, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Margaret Stowe, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner and our guest Wendell Finnegan.

**LIAISON:** Sgt. Ron Williamson

**ABSENT:** Dale Anderson, Karen Benyon, Boyce Beyers, Bob Bouse, Linda Brehm, Todd Burnell, Jack Canonico, Marlene Carberry, Bill Carey, Sarah Chandler, Dan Clark, Mary Clayton, Scott Dennett, Jackie Dohring, Katie Edwards, Della Ferris, Frank Freeman, Judie Grau, Lori Greco, Ron Gregory, Kathy Haecker, Patrick Hinde, Monty Huffman, Helen Lightbody, Madeline Losito, Kelly Lowery, Chris Marz, Charles Mitchell, Judie Nolden, Eric Owens, Jud Park, Mary Payblas, Nick Payblas, Glenn Pinkston, Winnie Pinkston, Merle Prestwood, Dick Rick, Judy Rick, Duane Rogers, Dave Shanahan, Melissa Shane, Randy Shane, Mamie Singleton, Julie Stephenson, Bob Strength, Deborah Taylor, Bill Teague, Marcell Tennyson, George Weidenhof, Shari Wheeler, Jim White and LaVerle White.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Al Simmenroth to accept the June minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Chris Shanahan. Passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The May Treasurer's Report has been corrected. Ed Benyon explained to the members about the difference in totals that are reported in the Newsletter and are reported at the actual meeting. The bank statement comes in the mail after the Alumni meeting. Therefore, the interest earned and other bank activity is not reflected in the Newsletter balance. Also, once the Brick Fund money reaches \$15,000, \$10,000 will be transferred to a higher interest earning account. A motion was made by Al Simmenroth to approve the May and June Treasurer's Reports as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Barbara Lucas. Passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Fund Raising Reports:***

1. Brick Fund Raiser – As of July 23, 1999, we have made a total of \$7,300.00 with 164 bricks sold. Helen Voss is our July contest winner. Helen has donated her prize to Barbara Lucas. Congratulations and thanks Helen! Lou said a few words about selling bricks. He would like to see the Alumni hit their goal of \$25,000 by Labor Day. Helen Voss has been very successful by giving a self-addressed stamped envelope out with her forms and the folks just have to drop the form along with their check into the envelope. A committee will be formed to come up with a way for folks to find their bricks once they have been laid out in the courtyard around the statute. This has been a big request from folks buying bricks. They want to be able to find their brick quick and easy and walk right to it.
2. Six Flags Security – Still waiting on the check; received free passes. Geri Sorg is still working on this matter.
3. Bake Sale – Has been put on hold. Too much construction at the corner of the Kroger parking lot. Sgt. Williamson to get a Home Depot contact to Leah. Leah will contact Home Depot to see if the Bake Sale can be held there.
4. Starlight Theater – A few members will work the concession stand on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The Alumni will receive half of the proceeds made at the concession stand for the two days. Leah Benoit, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan and Helen Voss will work on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Leah Benoit, Lou Baum and Geri Sorg will work on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

***Membership Report:***

5. Chris Shanahan reported as of July 20, 1999, we have 71 paid members.

***Newsletter Report:***

6. Chris Shanahan has an update for the directory. Please contact him to get your copy.

**EXECUTIVE UPDATES:**

7. Geri Sorg updated the members on Judie Nolden's condition. Judie is at the Center for Neuro Skills in Irving. She is doing much better. Members present at the meeting signed a sheet with get well wishes and will be sent to Judie. Lou Baum updated the members on Glenn Pinkston's condition. Glenn and Winnie went to New Mexico to learn how to eat healthy. Glenn is doing much better.
8. Karen Duncan gave us an update on the pins. They have been ordered and should be in the week of July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni will have the pins in time to bring to the Houston Symposium.
9. Lou Baum spoke briefly about the Houston Symposium. Lou Baum, Linda and Don Martin, Al Simmenroth and possibly Margaret Stowe along with Sgt. Williamson will be attending the Symposium.
10. Linda Martin thanked Sharon Finnegan, Don Martin and Margaret Stowe for bringing refreshments. Troy Mennis and Geri Sorg will supply refreshments at the August meeting.
11. Sgt. Ron Williamson thanked the Alumni members who helped with the Michael Williamson Golf Tournament. There were 122 players and they made \$7,500 for scholarship money. Sgt. Williamson needs to know if you are planning on having a block party for National Night Out. Please let him know as soon as possible. He has door hangers and banners. Sgt. Williamson has been talking to Captain Bob Freeman about developing a multi-tier call system for crisis situations. The multi-tier system allows a person to not have to make 20 calls; they would

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make 4, then the next person would call 4 more people, etc. They have also been talking about the Y2K problem. The City is not anticipating a lot of problems; however, they will be out in full force. No one is getting New Year's Eve off this year. If it's a scheduled day off, you will be on call in case you are needed. There will be a lot of extra personnel at the Police Department and they will be monitoring the time change on December 31<sup>st</sup> throughout the world to see what kind of problems are occurring, if any. The Alumni may be called upon to assist with phones, etc. at the Police Department. Our Citizens on Patrol radios are here. The Service Center has changed out 2 or 3 cars already, with a few more to do. The COP car should be ready no later than the end of September. Sgt. Williamson will start working on the Handicap Parking project.

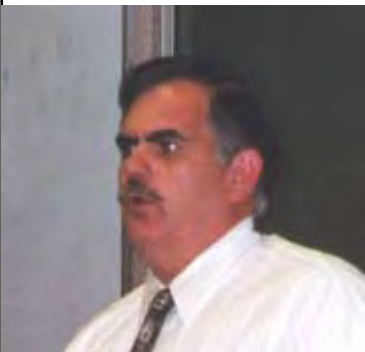
**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

12. None.

Motion made by Geri Sorg to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Second by Helen Voss.



## From the Chief's Office



Greetings from the Police Department. Once again I would like to express our collective appreciation to all the members of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association for their support of the police department, the City of

Euless, and the community. There are several members of the association who have been assigned to the Car Rental Tax Election Committee. They are hard at work not only in helping to get the tax passed by the voters but in helping to give direction to the City Staff and Council on how this revenue could best be utilized to make Euless a better place to live.

As I write this Lou Baum, Al Simmenroth, and Ron Williamson are in Houston attending the statewide Citizen Police Academy Conference. Houston may never be the same. I know they will represent us all very well and come back with great information. National Night Out was a big success in Euless. The number of people involved and the amount of food and activities found were amazing and continue to grow. Thanks to all involved - with this program. I would like to especially like to thank Kathy Haecker who has been giving so much of her time in helping with our Crime Victim program. Her devotion to her fellow man is amazing.

The police and court building continues to move forward, slowly, but it is moving. We are looking at options on using a construction manager at risk or general contractor to get the best building possible. In visiting with neighboring Cities, who have recently built or are presently building facilities, I am rapidly coming to appreciate why we have spent so much time and effort to address potential problems now rather than live with problems or design issues after its built and nothing can be done. I know it will be a facility that we will all be



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lenge, Eskew said.

Eskew, who has been competing since 1982, said he doesn't do a lot of last-minute training. He lifts weights for most of the year and begins throwing the discus about a month before the competition.

"It's just something to do, it's a reason to stay in shape and I enjoy it," he said. "The cities are usually real nice about having us and very supportive. It's generally a pretty good time unless you get beat really bad, and that's just embarrassing."

Brennan said he got a taste of that embarrassment this year despite his winnings. Fortunately, he wasn't alone.

"I was six shots away from gold," he said. "I had eight shots on one hole. I went in the water and that cost me four strokes right there. But it happens to everybody. We all have bad holes and bad shooting days."

Brennan, who has been with Euless police for about three years, said he often takes to the course with Cort-Brassey, Gatlin and Mangum, who all have at least 10 years tenure on the force. Brennan also served with military police for 11 years.

Members of other area departments, including a strong showing from both the Fort Worth and Dallas agencies, also participated in the event. Next year's competition is in Austin.

Article came from The Star-Telegram by Megan Overman.



## Class 8 & 9 Members

### Class 8

Dan Clark  
Randy Shane  
Melissa Shane  
Margaret Stowe  
Mary Payblas  
Mary Clayton  
Gary Haecker  
Madeline Losito  
Helen Lightbody

Welcome to  
all of our  
members  
from Class  
8 & 9!

### Class 9

Kelley Lowery  
Troy Mennis  
Merle Prestwood  
Lori Greco  
Karen Benyon  
Bill Carey



Left to right: Bill Ennis, DPS Ret., C.O. "Brad" Bradford, Chief of Police Houston Police Department, Lou Baum.

The Texas Citizens Police Academy & Alumni Convention  
Houston August 4,5,6 and 7.

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The 8TH Texas Citizens Police Academy and Alumni Convention 2000 will be held at the Omni Bay Front Hotel in Corpus Christi on August 2-3-4-5. Included in this newsletter is your personal reservation request forms and schedule of events. So lets make our plans to have a great meeting place and vacation spot for our families next August.

Some interesting convention figures ----  
----- There were Forty Six (46) Texas Cities in attendance, eight (8) states outside the state, Alabama, Arizona California, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, and Virginia. There were five (5) various

non-related offices or organizations represented. All total, we were told, about 325 in attendance for the three (3) days.

Among the leading organizations with Alumni in attendance, outside the Houston Metro-Plex, were Midland with nine (9), Garland with eight (8), Dallas with seven (7), Bedford with six (6), Seagoville with six (6), Duncanville with five (5), Waco with five (5), **Euless with four (4)**, and several others with four (4) each and twenty six (26) cities with from 1-3 Alumni in attendance.

At the end of the convention, we left knowing that we met new

friends, learned more about Community Base Policing, learned new ideas about how to make a stronger organization and memories that will last a life time. You can rest assured that your delegates represented us well and that our organization is as strong as any in this country. You can be proud to say, "We Belong to ECPAAA", because folks there is none better in this US of A. I'm proud to be your President this year, you are all very "SPECIAL" to me.

# Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 2, 2000

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament Check in Padre Isles Country Club
8:00 a.m.	Transportation leaves for Padre Isles
3:00 p.m.	Return to Omni Hotel
1:00-7:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall set up
4:00-7:00 p.m.	Convention PreRegistration
10:00-12:00	Midnight Bay and Harbor Cruise Ice Breaker

Thursday, August 3, 2000

7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast Registration
8:00 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Opens
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
9:30-12 noon	Morning sessions
12 noon-1:00 p.m.	Opening Luncheon
1:15-4:00 p.m.	Afternoon sessions
5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closes Dinner on your own

Friday, August 4, 2000

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast Exhibit Hall Opens
8:00-11:45 a.m.	Morning sessions
11:45-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:15-4:00 p.m.	Afternoon sessions
5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closes
7:00 p.m.	Beach Party Awards Banquet Come <u>really</u> casual

Saturday, August 5, 2000

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00-11:30 a.m.	Morning sessions
11:45-12:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies

EXHIBIT HALL – Display space is available for \$35 for profit groups; \$25 nonprofit; electricity \$31; includes exhibit tables

# Seas the Millennium 2000 Registration

August 2-5, 2000

Fill out form completely

**Payment:** Return completed form and payment in full by July 1, 2000. No credit cards. Checks payable to 2000 Convention

**Confirmation:** Written confirmation sent upon receipt of full payment and form. Payment receipts will be included in your registration packet upon arrival

**Cancellations:** ALL cancellations must be made in writing by July 1, 2000. A full refund less \$10. will be returned to you. No refunds after July 1, 2000.

**Mail form to:** 2000 Convention, 6717 Sahara Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your agency conduct a CPA Program? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Number of guests attending: \_\_\_\_ Hotel reservations made? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If no call the Omni Bayfront 1-800-THE-OMNI. \$70 Single/  
Double per night plus applicable tax

___ Registration Fee	\$75 [Includes all classes, luncheon banquet]
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___ Guest/Luncheon	\$30	___ Guest Banquet	\$45
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___ Golf Tournament	\$45
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TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$___
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If you have any questions, call Georgia Lynn Porcher, Convention Chairperson at (361) 991-8627 or after 6:00 p.m., (361) 991-8627.



## A note about concurrent sessions

During each concurrent session listed, there will be topics for CPA instructors/coordinators, alumni and topics of general interest from which to choose- You can take advantage of these and other concurrent session topics:

ATF: Arson and explosives  
 Crime on the internet: Cyber seduction  
Community Oriented Policing: Getting to know you  
 FBI & Interpol: National and International Terrorism  
 FBI: The Profiler  
 DPS Forensic artist: The dead brought back to life  
 Forensic hypnotist: The power of suggestion?  
 Game Wardens: The danger is not only to the animals  
 Hate Crimes and Random Acts of Violence  
 Blood Spatter patterns: Rebuilding the crime scene  
 Tainted Evidence: How crime labs screw up  
 Scams and con games: How to hold on to your money Youth Boot Camp: Tougher Love  
 School Ambushes: Kids killing kids  
 The Art of Hostage Negotiation  
 Seduced by education: When a teacher goes too far  
 U.S. Border Patrol: The Rio Grande-It's not just a river  
 U.S. Immigration: The price for freedom  
 U.S. Customs- Tracking the drug mules  
 U.S. Coast Guard: Drug Interdiction  
 U.S. Coast Guard: Search & Rescue (demonstration) Starting and funding a CPA; curriculum planning  
 CPA Coordinator & Instructor Certification  
 CPA Alumni: organizing, maintaining, tax information, newsletters and other cool information

## Corpus Christi and Coastal Bend Sights

Texas State Aquarium  
 U.S.S. Lexington  
 Chaparral Street - Night life - music and food  
 Corpus Christi Sea Wall: roller bladeing, bicycle surreys  
 Corpus Christi Bay- SeaDoos and paddle boats  
 The Columbus Fled  
 The Art Museum of South Texas  
 Heritage Park Historic Homes  
 Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History  
 The Botanical Gardens  
 Padre Island National Seashore  
 Shopping: Padre Staples Mall Sunrise Mall  
 Moore Plaza  
 Port Aransas. Deep Sea Fishing  
 Kingsville: The King Ranch Tours  
 Rockport: The Fulton Mansion  
 Mathis: Wayne's World Safari



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***Houston Meeting Information!!!! Congrats to Leah!!!***

## Reminders...

- ⇒ ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, August 17, 1999. Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!!
- ⇒ 911 day September 11
- ⇒ Keep Selling Bricks!
- ⇒ Web page address <http://home.earthlink.net/~diver93/ecpaaa/ecpaaa.htm>

# Be careful!! School is back in secession!!!

