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by Will Llo

Rodeo

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Marjorie Murphy, Texas state director of Miss Rodeo Texas Inc. said Harvey is a good role model. "She's a goal-setter," Murphy said. "She goes the extra mile to excel in whatever she tries to do."

In addition to preparing for the national pageant, Harvey will spend her time as Miss Rodeo Texas attending rodeos, livestock shows and fashion shows, said Linda Ebest, Texas Assistant State Director of Miss Rodeo Texas Inc.

Ebest said that, as Miss Rodeo Texas, Harvey will receive a \$6,000 scholarship from the San Antonio Livestock Show. This year, the pageant added another \$2,000 to the scholarship, Ebest said.

Miss Rodeo Texas Inc. holds two other pageants: Miss Rodeo

Texas Teen, for girls ages 14 to 18 and Miss Rodeo Texas Princess, for ages 9 to 13.

Harvey was previously named Miss Rodeo Texas Teen, although that is not a requirement to be crowned queen, Ebest said.

Ebest said some girls dream of being crowned princess, then teen, then queen as they grow older.

"We have little girls now that are vying for the princess, who want to be a triple-crown winner," she said.

Harvey and the five women she competed against for Miss Rodeo Texas spent a week being critiqued by six judges on horsemanship and speeches. The judges also gave the contestants individual interviews, a group interview, rodeo questions and current event questions, Ebest said.

Ebest said 25 to 30 women will compete for Miss Rodeo America this fall.

Weed

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know a lot of land is clean, but it's hard to know how bad this stuff is until you see it," Shaun Herbert, a wildlife and fisheries enforcement major and resident of Jasper County.

Luckily, Texans are not as infestation-prone as those living in Florida. The ground in Florida is so clean the surface that herbicide is necessary to treat the apple would contaminate the water.

"We're hoping it's in one place only," Kowalski said. "If it has a good hold, it could really be a problem for a long time."

Coffee

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"I received an e-mail from John recently, and he thinks that Duncan Coffee has agreed to begin serving Fair Trade coffee at A&M now," Arekere said.

According to the Global Exchange, an international human rights organization, the fair payments to farmers are invested in health care, education, environmental stewardship and economic independence.

A&M expressed its support for Fair Trade coffee March 7 in a University resolution that stated support for Duncan Coffee Company to purchase and

sell certified, organic Fair Trade and shade-grown coffee from a Fair Trade cooperative.

Duncan Coffee is now providing Fair Trade organic coffee from various countries its online store.

There are also environmental impacts of the Fair Trade coffee movement.

According to a press release by TransFair USA, the only independent, third-party certifier of Fair Trade practices in the United States, Fair Trade farmers protect the land and wildlife habitat by intercropping plant species and maintaining strict waste management control.

Assistant manager of College Station's Texas Avenue Starbucks Kristen Kowalski

said, "We usually have had Fair Trade coffee for sale, but we brew one of them on the 20th every month."

Kowalski said that customers have asked about what Fair Trade coffee is, and how it affects coffee drinkers.

"It's a great way to encourage conversation between the business and customers, and to let customers know what Fair Trade coffee is and why we sell it," Kowalski said.

Coffee Station owner Vladimirov said he has been supporting Fair Trade coffee since about 1997, which is even before my time here."

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