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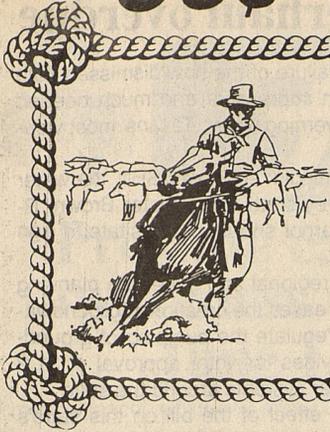
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## "The Longest Day"

D - Day, June 6, 1944



Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, left, Supreme Allied Commander, and right, Field Marshal George Montgomery, Land Expedition Force Commander, on maneuvers just prior to the invasion.



Prayer service on a landing ship. A sailor recalled, "Priests and Chaplains were in their heyday. I even saw Jewish soldiers taking Communion"

"Believe me, Lange, the first twenty-four hours of the invasion will be decisive...the fate of Germany depends on the outcome. For the Allies as well as Germany, it will be the longest day" - Field Marshal Erwin Rommel to his aide, April 22, 1944.

"The most difficult and complicated operation ever to take place." - Winston Churchill.

"The history of war does not know of an undertaking comparable to it..." - Joseph Stalin.

"In this column I want to tell you what the opening of the second front entailed, so you can know and appreciate and forever be humbly grateful to those both dead and alive who did it for you." - Ernie Pyle.

"Good Luck! And let us beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking." - Dwight D. Eisenhower, Order of the Day, June 4, 1944.

These are but a few of the memorable comments made about quite possibly the greatest moment in American military history, the Allied invasion of Nazi held France on the beaches of Normandy. The invasion would spell the death bell for Germany and end the war in Europe roughly one year later.

Over 5,000 naval vessels would steam from England, across the Channel, transporting over 175,000 American, British, Canadian, Polish and Free French warriors to assault General Rommel's "Atlantic Wall", the vaunted fortified defenses sprawled upon the high ground over the beaches of the Normandy coast, beaches now recorded in history as Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

The invasion has been depicted in history books, novels and movies as an epic

example of splendid military planning, resulting in a great victory for the allied forces. It was not, however, a picture perfect venture. The invasion was originally planned for June 5, then postponed until June 6 because of bad weather, which turned out to be very little better on the sixth. High tides created great problems for the troops assaulting the beaches in amphibious Higgins boats, and clouds and fog hampered the accuracy of the huge naval shelling of the landing areas, and made air support and bombing difficult, and often ineffective.

Hundreds of soldiers drowned in the surf when their landing craft ran afoul of the German obstacles guarding the beaches. Hundreds more managed to struggle ashore but without weapons they dropped in the sea. The German fire from the ramparts overlooking the landing areas was much more effective than anticipated.

Airborne forces parachuting and riding towed gliders behind the beaches in the early morning darkness of D-Day met much heavier firepower from German ground forces than anticipated, and many met death when they landed in flooded areas of Normandy, flooded by earlier Allied bombings of area dammed lakes.

American GIs landed at Utah and Omaha beaches, and Omaha was undoubtedly the toughest obstacle the Allied invaders faced among the five beaches, resulting in the highest casualty rate.

Twenty four hours after the first glider landed and the first paratrooper floated down to open the battle shortly after midnight on June 6, 1944, some 1,465 American troops would be dead, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing, and

26 captured. Airborne troops alone suffered 2,499 killed, missing and wounded. Canadians had 946 casualties, and British losses were estimated at 3,000. No accurate casualty rates were obtained from the Germans, but later estimates from senior officers ranged up to 9,000. By the end of June, Field Marshal Rommel reported his casualties for the month were 28 generals, 354 commanders, and approximately 250,000 men.

An American paratrooper who survived the drop into Normandy and the subsequent fighting said, "I wouldn't take a million dollars for my experiences", then added, "But if someone offered me a million to do it again! I'd turn it down right quick."

Twenty years later, as they walked along Omaha Beach, General Eisenhower was interviewed by Walter Cronkite. "It's a wonderful thing to remember what those fellows twenty years ago were fighting for, sacrificing for, what they did to preserve our way of life. Not to conquer any territory, not for any ambitions of our own. But to make sure that Hitler could not destroy freedom in the world.

"I think it's just overwhelming. To think of the lives given for that principle, paying a terrible price on this beach alone, on that one day, over 2,000 casualties. They did it so that the world could be free. It just shows what free men will do rather than be slaves."

"The Longest Day" will always be remembered by those there, and those old enough to recall it... it should also be remembered by Americans of all ages.



Wounded GI's from 1st Division on Omaha Beach.

(Portions of this article were obtained from THE LONGEST DAY, by Cornelius Ryan, and D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944: THE CLIMACTIC BATTLE OF WORLD WAR II, by Stephen E. Ambrose.)

## Grand Jury Indicts Three

Three defendants were indicted by the Yoakum County Grand Jury, convened May 27. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark presented the cases to the jury.

Arnold Garza Cordova was charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, a state jail felony offense. His bond was set at \$2,500.

Ricky Holquin, a.k.a. Ricky Holquin, had bond set at \$10,000 for a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant, enhanced, a first degree felony.

Domingo Ramos was indicted on a charge of injury to a child, a third degree felony. His bond was set at \$5,000.

All bonds for felony indictments are set by Judicial District Judge Kelly G. Moore.

## Nabbing terrorist was piece of luck - this time

The verdict is in on Timothy McVeigh. He is a terrorist and, luckily for the nation, not a very smart one.

The evidence that led a jury to convict McVeigh on all counts Monday in the gruesome Oklahoma City blast was no mere trial of bread crumbs.

Before the bombing, McVeigh told his sister he was moving from "propaganda" to "action" in his campaign of hatred against the government.

He read books about how to make a bomb and told people about it.

Rather than seeking out public phones and paying cash, he used a prepaid calling card, then left it at his alleged co-conspirator's home. That provided police a computer list of his calls, including 14 to chemical companies, three to raceways for motor fuel, five to barrel manufacturers and one to the shop where the

truck used in the bombing was rented. He also left behind a receipt, complete with fingerprints, for the fertilizer used in the bomb.

When the time came to carry out his plan, he rented the truck, leaving a witness behind to identify him. Immediately after the blast, he drove around without a license plate and wearing a concealed weapon, practically inviting police to arrest him, which they did.

All that and more made conviction easy. The question that lingers after the verdict is: What if he had been smarter?

Now that McVeigh's barbarism has altered the nation to the threat of domestic terrorism, is the law enforcement capable of catching a professional? Other recent tragedies leave doubt.

The Olympic bombing in At-

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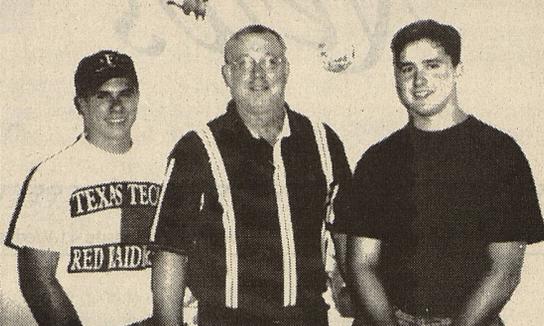
lanta remains unsolved, with the FBI erring badly by making a heroic security guard its prime suspect at one point.

The crash of TWA Flight 800 is now considered by FBI technicians to have resulted from a mechanical malfunction, but again there is no definitive proof.

And while the man accused of being the Unabomber is in custody, it took the FBI more than a decade to catch him, and that only after a relative turned him in.

Even in the Oklahoma City bombing case, the FBI hardly shined. Shoddy lab work, part of a mess that is jeopardizing scores of other cases, was again exposed. McVeigh was inept, as violent criminals often are. But the nation can't count on that happening again.

## Sandy Land announces Scholarship Essay Contest Winners



Marte Pierce, Gary Walker of Sandy Land, and Jacob Lester

The Sandy Land Under-ground Water Conservation District would like to thank all the participants who entered this year's 'Scholarship Essay Contest'. Essays re-

ceived illustrated the knowledge gained by our local students through educational efforts provided by Sandy Land UWCD and their respective school districts.

Sandy Land UWCD sponsors this educational contest for senior students from Plains and Denver City High Schools. All seniors are eligible to enter the contest. Contest winners from each school receive a \$1000 scholarship for first place, and a \$500 scholarship for second place to the college of their choice.

This year's recipients of \$1000 scholarships are Marte Pierce, Plains, and Amy Risley, Denver City. Recipients of this year's \$500 scholarships are Bud Sanders, Denver City, and Jacob Lester, Plains

Marte Pierce, Plains \$1,000 recipient, is the 18 year old son of Joe and Joyce Pierce of Plains, Texas. He is a 1997 graduate of Plains High School where he earned numerous honors and awards. He is very active in school activities, lettering in football and track. He served the Plains FFA as president both his junior and senior year. Marte was a member of the state qualifying Livestock Judging team this year. He also served as Boys State representative his junior year. Presently he is employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as a demonstration technician for Yoakum and Terry counties.

Marte plans to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville this fall to begin course studies in Agricultural Economics.

Jacob Lester, recipient of the \$500 Sandy Land Under-ground Water Conservation District scholarship plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall and study pre-med. He is a 1997 graduate of Plains High School where he earned the honor of Salutatorian of his graduating class.

He is very active in school activities, lettering in football, cross country and golf.

Jacob was an active participant on the UIL Science and Computer Science teams, and served on Student Council for four years. Jacob also had the honor of serving as NHS president his senior year.

Jacob is the 18 year old son of Bruce and Jan Lester of Plains. He is employed this summer with Buddy's Auto Parts.

## Water overhaul overdue

Amid the fumbling and failure of the now dismissed 75th Legislature emerged an impressive and much needed overhaul of the laws governing water, Texans' most valuable natural resource.

Both houses overwhelmingly approved SB1, the water protection bill authored by state Sen. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson. The governor should not hesitate to sign this bill into law.

The bill requires local, regional and statewide planning and conservation, and it eases the creation of groundwater districts, which can regulate the pumping of groundwater. The bill also provides for voter approval of \$1.2 billion for upgrading water systems around the state.

Despite the salubrious effect of the bill on this state's stressed water resources, the Legislature did back away from a vital issue that Texas must face eventually: the rule of capture.

The rule of capture, allowing landowners to pump unlimited amounts of water from underground is sure to face pressure in the near future, most likely from the large, heavily populated, vote heavy areas of the state. It is probably too early to predict how this will affect our High Plains area with large areas of agricultural irrigation systems. A number of western states, including New Mexico, have established pumping quotas for ag producers, either by the gallon or by acre feet.

However, the bill that passed does make it easier for communities to create groundwater regulation districts, such as the Edwards Aquifer District which controls vital underground water in a vast area in and around San Antonio. As more control districts are established as part of the regional planning process, it becomes more likely that control over groundwater pumping will be established.

Last year the Edwards Aquifer District demonstrated both the strength and weakness of regional water controls. While the district had the authority to limit groundwater use, the board could never muster enough votes to declare a drought emergency or limit pumping, even after the aquifer reached dangerously low levels.

San Antonio's refusal to address realistically its problems with the depleted aquifer likely helped produce the overwhelming support for SB1 in the Legislature. San Antonio eventually embraced measures to limit water use, but only after the drought could no longer be ignored.

The Legislature also restricted interbasin transfers-pumping water from one district to another. That issue may lose some of its urgency if voters approve the \$1.2 billion bond issue, money that can help areas short of water develop their own resources without relying on others.

Water is a precious resource in this state, and the bill overhauling the laws governing it may be this Legislature's finest legacy.

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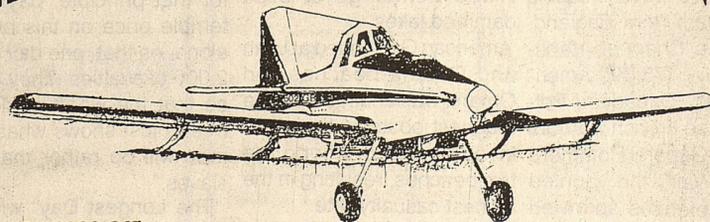
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# Femme Friends



## Prostate cancer awareness week, June 15

Prostate cancer, which kills about 2,300 Texas men each year, is the second most frequent cause of death from cancer among men in the state, surpassed only by lung cancer. Similarly, prostate cancer is the most frequently occurring type of cancer in Texas men.

According to health officials, although the disease is both deadly and common, especially among men 50 and older, many Texans remain unaware of prostate cancer.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH), in cooperation with numerous health and medical organizations, will sponsor a state wide public awareness and educational campaign during the week beginning June 15, Father's Day. The campaign will include community-sponsored activities to inform the public about prostate cancer, supplemented by radio public service announcements and information packets for use by local organizations.

Dr. Patti J. Patterson, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "As common as prostate cancer is, medical science still has much to learn about effective screening, diagnosis and treatment."

She said that among some of the unknowns are: "Why is it that Black males in America have the highest incidence and death rate from prostate cancer of any racial group in the world? The disease strikes 50 percent more often among Black males than among their counterparts, and we do not have an explanation. We do know that the risk of prostate cancer increases with age in all men, and the disease occurs commonly among men 50 and older. Some research indicates that a high-fat diet, complex hormonal factors and heredity may determine which men develop prostate cancer."

She added that although improvements in screening for prostate cancer have occurred in recent years, there still is controversy over which types of treatments are most effective for each patient. "Some treatments of early prostate cancer have the potential to extend the lives of men with the disease, yet it is uncertain how these treatments should be timed and whether they truly can extend the life of the patient."

Men at risk should consult with their physicians about screening. When the illness is detected, the patient and his family can discuss all the treatment options with his physician.

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Joining TDH in sponsoring Prostate Cancer Awareness Week are: the American Cancer Society, the Texas Cancer Council, the Cancer Consortium of El Paso, Hoechst Marion Roussel Inc., the Men's Health Network, the Texas Medical Association's Physician Oncology Education Program, Seton Hospital, TAP Pharmaceuticals, Zeneca Pharmaceuticals and USTOO, a prostate cancer support group.

## Senior Citizens Corner

Some of our older people may remember Charles and Imogene Bilbrey, Bonita and Junior Hinsley, and Raymond and Earlene Smith. These families lived in the Denver City area during the 1950's and 1960's. These three ladies are (or were) sisters of the family buried in Rule, Texas last Friday, victims of a house fire. I attended the services and it is an awesome thing to see such a large family in their grief. Imagine four caskets lined up, tons of flowers, and almost one-fourth of a High School Auditorium filled with relatives.

Visiting the Center of late were Thelma's Grand daughter, Jay Nobbles daughter Jo, and Rod Muyshoudt, a SPAG representative. He is the New Inspector of the Dining part of the Center. Visitors are always welcome.

Our condolences to Family and Friends of Joan Harrison. Also to Zelma Boone, whose sisters funeral was May 29 at Conadian. We have missed the hugs Zelma passes around each day.

Youth VBS  
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Next Weeks Activities: Mon.-Line Dancing 9:30 a.m., Pool/Games 6:30 p.m., Birthday/Anniversaries and Senior of the Month 11:30 a.m. Wed.-Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. Thurs.-Cinco De Mayo Celebration, with Mexican Menu served at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is urged to come and enjoy the festivities. Fri-Line Dancing 9:30 a.m., Lovington Pool Tournament 10:00 a.m. MST.

We now have three good exercise machines, a big, cool hall for walking, games to help pass the day, and good food that saves you having to cook. So come pass a day with us. It keeps us healthy and happy.

See you next week,  
Smitty

### Thank You!

The Bernal family and relatives would like to thank everyone that helped with food, flowers, and donations for our brother Eric Bernal. We are very blessed to have such good friends and to live in a community where everyone came to gether in our time of need. Our heart goes out to each and every one of you.

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THE BERNAL FAMILY

### Thank You!

Cowboy Country News wants to thank Gene Bennett of Denver City for the very kind words and expression of his Appreciation.

A friend will joyfully sing with you when you are on the mountaintop, and silently walk beside you through the valley.



## HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



### Credit Checks

When is the last time you checked your credit report? In the U-S, 180 million people have credit cards and loans. With that many accounts, it's easy to get things mixed up. You may have bad credit and not know it. That's why you need to check your credit report every year or so. If you find a mistake, file an appeal right away by writing the credit bureau and asking for an investigation. If your claim is found to be true, the inaccurate information will be removed from your credit report. On the other hand, if the bureau's original information is right, there's not much you can do other than get a statement attached to it explaining the situation. Late payments, delinquencies and repossessions will remain on your credit report for seven years. Bankruptcies will stay ten years. There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax, TransUnion and Experian, which used to be T-R-W. Check your phone book for the one serving your area. A credit check will cost you eight to fifteen dollars.

### Thank You!

As you may or may not know, I have sold the Tokio store to Joe Bob Palmer, a native Plains boy. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting Clyde and me that last 21 years. I will continue to be in charge of the post office. We want to put Tokio back on the map and that is possible only if everyone continues to support the store. Thank you again for your business!

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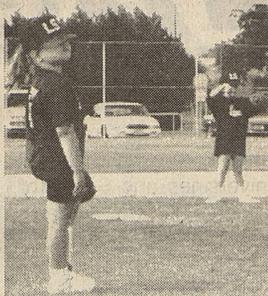
### Services for Joe Burns

Joe Burns, 84, of Denver City died June 6 in the V A Medical Center of Big Spring. Graveside services were held Monday at 11:00 A.M. in the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home. Mr. Burns was born on September 1, 1912 in Gilliam, Arkansas. He served in the U S Navy as a Boatswain Mate 1st Class in W.W. 11 from 1942-1946. He was a prior resident of Rockport where he retired as a Union Carpenter. He was a member of the V F W and Carpenters Local Union in Rockport. He is survived by his Daughter Jan Stelzer of Post and four Grandchildren.

### Youth Center Happenings

Plains Youth Center Board Member Teresa Bell announces the following activities set for the Center this summer. All activities are for youths in 7th through 12th grades.  
**SWIM PARTY** - June 21, 8-11 p.m.  
**WATER BALLOON VOLLEY BALL** - June 28, 8-11 p.m.  
**POOL TOURNAMENT** - July 11, singles, 8 p.m.  
 Doubles, July 12, 8 p.m.  
**SWIM PARTY** - July 26, 8-11 p.m.  
 A dance is planned, but no dates have been set.

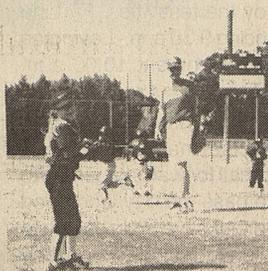
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Jason Durham goes after one



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Laura Flores

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### County 4-H/FFA Steer Validation to take place

All 4-H and FFA members who will be exhibiting steers during the 1997-98 Livestock Show Season must contact the County Extension Office by June 16, 1997 at (806) 456-2263 to schedule a time. County-wide steer validation has been set for June 17. You must notify your respective advisor if you will not be able to be present at validation on June 17.

### High Plains Junior Rodeo news

Junior Rodeo results from the rodeo held at Earth May 23 and 24 included: Marcey House placed in all four of her events. She was 7th in the poles, 9th in barrels, and 8th in both breakaway and ribbon roping. Kimberly Jackson was 3rd in poles, and 4th in barrels and goat tying. Keith Jackson won 6th in breakaway and 7th in ribbon roping. Locals Robin and Brett Squyres and Keith Jackson competed in the 12th annual Barry Burk Championship Junior Rodeo in Ardmore, Oklahoma May 24 thru 26. A field of 88 girls were entered in the breakaway roping, and Kacy Henard of Tatum won the event, along with a new saddle and \$1800 cash. She is the daughter of Oscar and Carolyn Henard, and the granddaughter of Crip Henard. She roped four calves in the combined time of 14.94 seconds. Keith Jackson qualified for the short go-round with the 6th fastest time of 85 ropers. Twelve states were represented, and over \$30,000 in prize money was awarded. Results from the rodeo in Brownfield May 29 thru 31 included; Kimberly Jackson was 3rd in goat tying and 5th in barrels. Keith Jackson won 6th in ribbon roping and 8th in breakaway. he and his header, Brett Squyres, won 5th place in team roping. Marcey House was 7th in poles, and 8th in the barrels. Robin Squyres won 4th in ribbon roping, and Brett Squyres was 5th in ribbon roping, and received his first check and points when he and his heeler took 5th place in team roping. New members of the Plains group also placed in the rodeo. Kirk Parrish and Kipp Blount were 6th in team roping, and Monte Pierce and Tanner Blount finished 7th.

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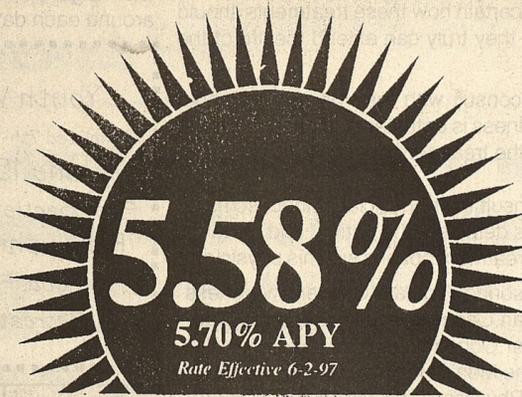
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## Junior golfers do well in tourney

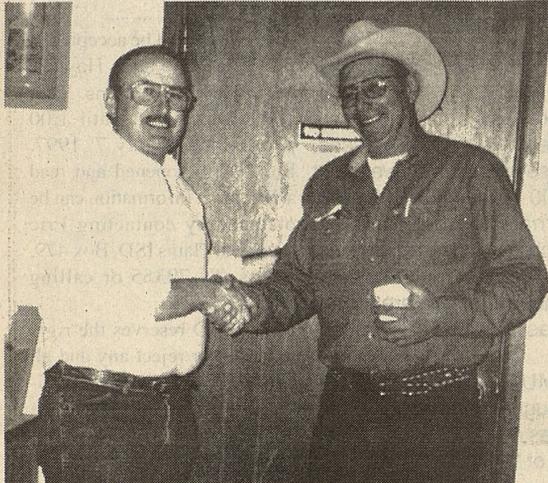


Five of Plains' young golfers competed in last week's Westcott Junior Golf Tournament at the county course. The tournament is one of many held around the state in which both young girl and boy golfers can compete and advance to area, regional and then state championship events. The local tournament drew a field of 83 boys and girls from around the state, one from as far away as Henderson in deep East Texas. The golfers were grouped according to age, from 7 years through 18.

The Plains golfers shown above include, left to right, Dustin Six, who was 9th in the 14-15 age group, Aaron Cain, 11th in the same group, Jared Bell, 7th in the 12-13 group, Kelsey Blundell, 6th in 14-15 boys, and Evan Cain, 3rd in the 9-11 boys. Kelsey posted the locals lowest score, a very respectable 77.

One youngster from Hobbs in the 14-15 year old boys group astonished all of the adult golfers on hand to watch the event, turning in an amazing 66 on the 18 hole course.

## McDonnell joins ranks of retired



Paul Holland, left, congratulates McDonnell on his retirement from Koch Oil.

Bobbie ('Little Bob') McDonnell retired recently from Koch oil company after 15 years service. He had also worked 16 years for Shell Oil, 12 years as a Deputy for the county, and two years for Kenai Oil Company. He has been a Yoakum County resident all his 63 years, and hopes to spend time at the lake catching up on his fishing.

lecting the old taxes had expired, and Hilburn would not be expected to pay the taxes, penalties and interest.

Securities totaling \$3,850,000 par value and pledged to the county for Norwest Bank were approved for release.

The Tax Assessor/Collector's report showing tax collections totaling \$24,974 for the month of May was approved. A soil conservation fire lane request by Cletus Caswell was also approved.

## American Legion annual meeting set

The local Post of the American Legion will hold its annual meeting the evening of June 19 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held again this year at the storage barn of Chris Blundell on Airport Road.

Legion officers will be elected for the coming year after the barbecue meal.

Recently sponsored candidate to the Legion's Boys State Convention in Austin, Heath Bowlin, will attend and give a report of his experiences as a delegate to the convention.

All Legion members are urged to attend the meeting, and any non-member Veterans are sincerely invited and urged to join the organization.

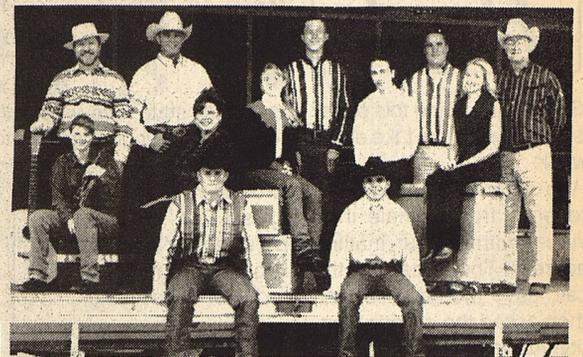
THE MOABITE STONE

## Court excuses taxes against Sun Cot

In last week's session of County Commissioners Court, Ross Hilburn sought relief from liability for some \$23,000 in delinquent personal property taxes against Sun Cot Gin, which he now owns. The taxes originally accrued when the gin was owned by a group of area farmers, well before Hilburn purchased the property. The Court consulted with attorneys, who advised them the statute of limitations for col-

Remarkably, King Meshah's own account of the ninth-century B.C. war of Israel and Judah against Moab has been preserved in a black basalt stele discovered east of the Jordan in 1868. Before it could be purchased, local Arabs smashed the stone—but only after a French scholar had copied the inscription. The reassembled fragments are now in the Louvre museum in Paris.

## South Plains Opry set for summer performances



The South Plains Opry, a country music show co-sponsored by South Plains College and the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce, is set for its 1997 summer season. The energetic music show has performances each Thursday throughout June on the Courthouse Square in Levelland, and will wind up with a show on July 4th at the SPC track. Show time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is free for all performances. Special guest artists will be featured each week.

The cast (seated, foreground from left) are Richie Dorman, Forgan Okla., Jason Newton, Hale Center, (middle row from left) Melody Harlow, Odessa, Kim Ward, Lubbock, Allison Branch, Whitharral, Chester Hartin, Levelland, Shelly Lee, Lubbock, (back row from left) Cary Banks, show coordinator, Levelland, Gary House, Levelland, Richie Brown, Denver City, John Hartin Chairperson of SPC's Creative Arts Department.



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# From The Hack



Sometimes doing this paper is very frustrating. Like every week.

We received a phone call recently from a male individual wanting our mailing address. The Bride took the call, gave the address, and then asked the caller's identity. All he said was "Someone who wants to send you an editorial", and then hung up.

About four days later, we received a letter postmarked Newark, New Jersey. The only way we could tell this much for sure was the actual postoffice seal, for his handwriting was absolutely indecipherable.

So was his eight or nine line handwritten 'editorial'. We showed it to seven people, and as near as all of could tell, he was trying to get us to write Congress about the drug problem. I won't swear to that, it was so terrible. Mr. 'X', we appreciate your troubles contacting us, and are still trying to figure out how an individual in New Jersey could have seen CCN since we have no subscri-

ers in that state. We would probably print your editorial, if we could decipher your words of wisdom. Try sending us a FAX, or have someone type your message out. No offense, but we just can't read your handwriting.

Getting a bit bored with 'Red Neck' jokes and stories? There's a site on the Internet in one of the many humor sections about 'White Trash'. An example - How do you compliment a girl from Arkansas? "Hey, real nice tooth." Or, how does a girl from Mississippi practice safe sex? She locks the car doors. Yo may be white trash if...

You ever cut your grass and found an automobile. Your wife has ever said, "Come move this transmission so I can take a bath." You own four cars and no hubcaps. Someone asks, "Where's your bowling bag?" and you answer "She's home with the kids." You keep a can of RAID on the kitchen table. You think a subdivision is part

of a math problem. Your kids take a siphon hose to "Show and Tell". The dog catcher calls for a backup unit when visiting your house. The Salvation Army declines your donated mattress. Your family tree does not fork. You view the upcoming family reunion as an opportunity to meet women.

**SUSA TODAY** **Four Day Forecast**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
90s	90s
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
90s	90s

**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine, high of 91, overnight low 64.

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy skies, high of 94, overnight low 64.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy skies, periods of sunshine, high of 91, overnight 64.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine, high 90, overnight low 64.

## Scholarships go On Line

Looking for scholarship programs to help offset the cost of a college education? Texas students, their parents and school counselors will soon have a new on-line source to aid their search.

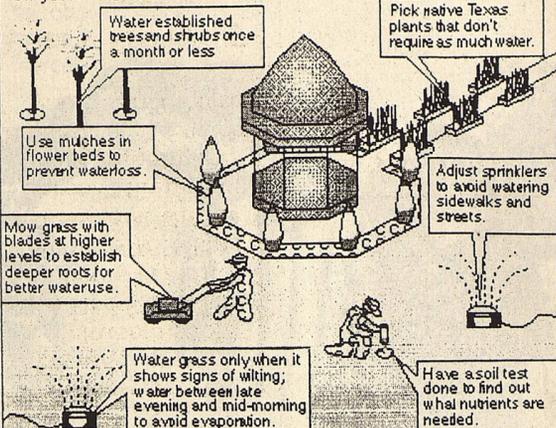
Comptroller John Sharp, in conjunction with the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation (MSP) and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TGSLC), will open a new electronic site on the World Wide Web, offering information about college scholarships and financial aid. The Web site is the Internet version of the MSP publication, Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar.

MSP has published the compendium since 1967 and distributed it to high school counselors across the state. Update annually, it lists all Texas colleges and universities, public and private, with information on admission requirements, cost, financial aid, application deadlines and scholarships available to Texas students.

The new Web site, located at [www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/mspmain.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/mspmain.html), reports on federal as well as state financial aid programs and features a short description of more than 100 scholarship programs for which students may apply. Based in San Antonio,

## Lawn lesson: wasteless watering

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Source: Texas Agricultural Extension Service

MSP has assisted students since it was founded in 1950. The foundation also operates a student loan program, a distinguished professor awards program, The Piper Scholars program, and a student financial aid center.

## It's All Academic

Texas is home to several large university-run presses. These operations have about 2,000 books and scholarly journals in print, most of which can be ordered through the internet. Topics of academe range from prehistoric Texas to modern architecture.

SMU and TCU publish through a consortium run by Texas A&M University. At the end of 1996, the University of Texas had 900 published

titles, Texas A&M 440, Texas Tech 254, SMU 122, TCU 110, and Texas Western Press (UTEPP) 107. Abilene Christian University publishes religious or inspirational topics, and the University of Houston's Arte Publico prints works by or about Hispanics.

## School Depository Bid

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of James Haynes, Superintendent, Plains ISD, 1000 10th Street, until 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 7, 1997. Bids will be opened and read at that time. Information can be obtained by contacting Eric Banfield, Plains ISD, Box 479, Plains, Tx 79355 or calling 806-456-7483.

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