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## FBC's Huge Effort Feeds Huge Crowd

Feeding a few guests a barbecue meal in your backyard on the 4th of July requires a little sweat, time and work. Feeding 1,350 hungry people requires a Herculean amount of sweat, time and work.

Fourteen members of Plains' First Baptist Church, plus a couple of recruits from Pampa, took part in preparing and serving a huge 4th of July evening meal for the 1,350 folks attending the Baptist General Convention encampment at the Glorieta, New Mexico Conference Center.

The mass meal preparation started around midnight July 3, utilizing the huge trailer-cooker built by Jered Sellers and featured in the June 28 issue of CCN, and the church's state of the art disaster relief trailer, also recently featured in CCN. Pastor Bill Wright said the Texas Baptist Men's association had asked the church to bring the relief trailer to the encampment as a possible spur for other churches to take part in disaster relief assistance. The Plains trailer received its first experience earlier this spring when it was also parked at Glorieta, assisting the Red Cross feed daily meals to thousands of fire fighters battling the costly and dangerous forest fires around Los Alamos, New Mexico. Dozens of local

church members from Plains and Denver City, plus volunteers from other area towns, prepared and packed for delivery some 20,000 meals before the fire was under control.

The cooks started smoking briskets first in the cooker - 72 of them weighing a total of 865 pounds. Later they would add 400 pounds of chicken, and end the barbecue process with 400 pounds of sausage. The cooks also prepared a small pond of beans, but drew the line at potato salad; it was purchased already prepared.

Wright said, "One of the most impressive moments of the evening meal came when all those people were finished eating, and they made it a point to tell our volunteer workers how very much they appreciated all their hard work and the great meal. Their comments to us made the effort completely worthwhile. The church has also received dozens of letters from folks at the encampment expressing their sincere thanks"

Helping in the giant feed were FBC members Jered and Kay Sellers, Patrick and Melissa Hamilton, Bill and Linda Wright, Larry and Paula Morrow, Larry and Paula McMinn, Neal and Alice Bearden, Brad Friesen, Kyle Bearden and Milton and Julie Cook of Pampa.

## Criminal cases heard in County Court

Four criminal cases were heard in County Court July 5 with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

William Ruben Chavez pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test .125/.112. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. Court costs of \$225 and a \$600 fine will be met with time payments. He will serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours. He must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offenders program, and serve 24 hours community service.

Darrell Armando Bayona agreed to the state's motion to modify conditions of community supervision from a prior DWI offense. Supervision will be extended six months, and he must pay a supervision fee of \$40 per month. He must also serve an additional 26 hours community service under direction of the CSCD where he now resides. He must also attend twice weekly AA meetings.

Coley Leon Burgess pled guilty to driving while license was suspended. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$210 court costs. Jeffrey Shane Henderson pled guilty to theft by check, \$20 or more but less than \$500. He will serve three days in jail, and successfully complete anger management counseling provided by Women's Protective Service in Denver City in an eight hour class, and pay the cost of \$25.

Christie Stone Conklin pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$255 court costs and a \$300 fine will be met with time payments. She must perform 24 hours community service.

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## Plains ISD loses basket ball head Coach and Athletic Director Williams

### Well respected coach to become full time minister

A letter of resignation tendered Monday, July 3, from David Williams, head PHS boys basketball coach and PISD Athletic Director, stunned the school district's administrators and board of trustees. His resignation will be official in August.

Coach Williams, in a July 5 morning interview, told CCN, "I first of all want to tell the citizens of Plains this was a decision I made after much careful thought and discussion with my wife. Right up front, I want the community to know how much we have enjoyed Plains, it's remarkably fine school system, and the many, many friendships we have enjoyed here the last four years. No matter where I may be in coming years, I will have a great interest in Plains and the school system."

Asked what prompted his decision to change professions, Williams said, "It's really sort of interesting. During my prior coaching and teaching assignments in Olney and Dell City, I had done a few fill in preaching jobs at churches my wife and I belonged to, and when we were students at LCU in Lubbock I had some experience in the ministry doing volunteer assignments at the Lubbock Children's Home. Some time back, the Westside Church of Christ in Seminole lost their preacher. While they were seeking a replacement, I was asked if I would perform fill-in services on a Sunday morning. I led the Bible class, then preached, and again that night. When it was over, the Elders approached me, and asked if I would be interested in a full time position as their church preacher. It took some serious thinking and soul searching from both my wife and I, but I was finally convinced to say yes to their offer. Two issues decided my course; I became convinced God wanted me to work for him, full time, plus I realized, as demanding as a pastor's job is, I would still have more time for my family."

David and Rayla Williams are parents of Joseph, 7, Jackson, 4, and Silas, 2. David said all teachers have long hours, but being a coach involves a great deal of travel, therefore even more time away from home and family. "I will always love athletics, but now, I can concentrate on the field at a little lower level - I can follow my kids in 'Little League' levels of all the sports they want to take part in.

Williams told CCN. "I would like to strongly emphasize my



great appreciation to Superintendent Jim Haynes and the Board of Trustees for the support and confidence they have shown me. The entire city of Plains have shown us nothing but hospitality and support during our four year stay here. and we are fortunate to have been involved with so many good people and good friends."

Williams came here in 1996 from a coaching-teaching assignment in Lockney, and prior to that was in a similar position at Dell City. He graduated from LCU in 1991.

Plains ISD Superintendent Jim Haynes told CCN, "We will miss David a great deal. He has been a big asset for all our kids and the community. He has consistently done and done well the things we expected of him for our student athletes and our athletic programs." Haynes said he had meetings scheduled with school administrators this week, and would further discuss the matter of Williams' leaving with the school board in a July 10 meeting.

## Lions install new officers, get update on boll weevil eradication program



Plains Lions Club newly installed officers for 2000-2001 shown left to right above include Butch Mack, 1st Vice President, Jim Haynes, 2nd Vice President, Debbie Rushing, President, Harry Richardson, Sectry.-Treasurer, T.J. Miller, Lion Tamer, and David Brunson, Tail Twister. Rushing is the first female elected president of the service club since it's founding in 1946. Darrell Dusek, Manager of the Western High

Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone headquartered here, was guest speaker at last Thursday's club meeting. He reported officials of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation based in Abilene recently released weevil trap counts for the zone indicating 95.5 percent less weevils have been found in traps this year to date compared to the same period in 1999. "We are all pleased with these numbers, and would have

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## County seeks Drug Task Force with Terry County

In a special 8 a.m. session of Commissioners Court this Monday, Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark advised the court the Governor's office requested more information before acting on a proposed joint drug task force between Yoakum and Terry County and the City of Brownfield.

The three entities earlier submitted a grant request for \$280,000 to operate the joint war on drugs in the area. The three must appropriate \$54,000 of their funds to share in the project. Clark said Yoakum County's share of the amount was \$39,000, which includes the present salary of Rick Dickson, special investigator in Clark's office. He said he hoped the state would approve the grant by August 1 of this year. Clark will administer the task force. Other court business included

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## Vehicle meets shredder, loses



Late Monday afternoon, July 3, this mini-van, driven by Bo McDaniel, Shop Foreman at Texas Equipment, collided with the rear of a large shredder pulled by the John Deere tractor in photo. The collision flipped the vehicle upside down at the intersection of Cowboy Way and Copeland Avenue. The tractor-shredder belonged to Terry Dill, who has a contract with TxDOT to mow right ways along state highways in the county. The accident was investigated by DPS Troopers Ron Shugart and Brad Taylor. Reports indicate McDaniel managed to crawl from the vehicle with no serious injuries.

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been well satisfied with our projected 90% fewer count," he said.

There are now some 250 employees in the Western High Plains Eradication zone, Dusek said, along with 45 certified aircraft and pilots if they are needed for aerial application.

The full eradication effort is just getting started in the Plains district. Dusek said about 99 percent of field mapping and deployment of weevil traps is complete, and counting of the traps is now taking place at least twice weekly.

"Last year at this time, when we monitored all the traps in this district we were counting an average 15 weevils per trap. This year to date, we are only averaging .6 weevils per

trap." Dusek said only about 25 percent of the district cotton fields have been sprayed this season.

He told the Lions a monitoring line of traps has been installed roughly from Brownfield to Wolfforth, and the trap count shows the presence of far greater numbers of weevils the further north they are monitored. "We know beyond a shadow of a doubt the weevil infestation increases dramatically as soon as the count extends outside our eradication zone. We are hoping producers to the north of us will pass a referendum vote establishing a new eradication zone there to help us get rid of these expensive cotton pests."

## Time To Control White Grubs In Lawn

Terry and Yoakum County residents who want to protect their lawns need to keep a close lookout for white grub worms, cautions Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management, Scott A. Russell.

May or June beetles have been emerging from the soil and swarming in lawns in the evening, he noted. Females laid eggs which have hatched into white grubs. These grubs are beginning to feed on roots of home lawn grasses, the Extension agent said.

"Once grubs begin feeding, control measures should be taken," Russell said.

Treatment time varies with the area of the state. Homeowners in the South Plains need to treat between mid July and early August. Timing of chemical application is critical for adequate control.

White grubs in excessive numbers can heavily damage lawns, Russell said. Check for white grubs by cutting a square foot section of sod with a shovel and examining the roots and soil to a depth of four inches. Examine at least one square foot of sod for 1,000 square feet of lawn area. Alternately, examine 9 to 16 3-4 inch plug of per 1,000 square feet of lawn and calculate the average number of grubs per square foot. Grubs are whitish to cream colored and curl into a "C" shape when dis-

turbed.

Chemical treatment of tall fescue, buffalo grass, Tex-turf, and zoysia is needed if there are more than four grubs per square foot of sod. Bermuda grass can tolerate 7-10 grubs per square foot. Grub control chemicals include Merit, Diazinon, Dylox, Triumph, Sevin SL, and insect parasitic nematodes. These products should be used at recommended rates given on the chemical container label. The Environmental Protection Agency is removing Dursban from the home use market, but existing supplies labeled for grub control can be used for this purpose.

The Extension agent said granular pesticides are easier to apply and to wash into the soil than are liquid or spray formulations. "After using granules, drag the grass with a tow sack or water hose to knock them down to the soil. The insecticide should be watered in with one inch of water immediately after application," he said. "Use a spot treatment if grubs are localized. Also be aware that heavy thatch reduces insecticide penetration," Russell said.

"Always read and follow the pesticide label and keep children and pets off the treated lawn until the grass is dry," the Extension Agent stressed.

## Camp SPC Designed To Help Students Succeed In College

There are camps for kids who want to practice their skills in tennis. There are camps for musicians who want to improve their instrumental or vocal skills.

Now there's a camp for people who want to improve their success rate in college.

Camp SPC is a five day program sponsored this summer by South Plains College in Levelland and targeted at students who feel they need a little extra preparation before coming to college.

Camp SPC will meet 9 a.m.-noon August 14-18 in the Student Services Building.

"This is an effort to help these students feel comfortable in the college environment, develop the skills they need for college success, help them access college services and move toward their educational goals," explained Claudine Oliver, director of guidance and counseling at SPC. Spearheading activities for the camp are Oliver, Gracie Quinonez, multicultural services coordinator and diversity counselor, and Maria Lopez-

## TPA names Alvin Holley president

Alvin Holley, owner/publisher of *The Polk County Enterprise*, was elected president of the Texas Press Association June 24 during the association's 121st Summer Convention.

Holley succeeded Lynn Brisendine, publisher of the *Brownfield News*, as head of TPA, which represents 92 daily and 438 weekly newspapers throughout the state.

"It is a great honor to be able to serve the TPA and its members during the coming year," Holley said.

"I will do my best to see to it that this strong and active organization continues to develop new programs that will keep pace with ever changing technology."

During the convention, TPA presented Holley its Golden 50 Award, which recognizes individuals who have worked for 50 years or more in the newspaper business.

A native of Corsicana, Holley began his newspaper career at the age of 10 as a carrier for the *Corsicana Daily Sun*.

"I believe I received my best education 50 years ago when I sold newspapers on the streets of Corsicana," Holley recalled.

"I learned quickly how to stand on my own and it gave me an opportunity to learn about economics and how to make a living as a salesman."

As a "hawker," Holley sold newspapers on the streets for 5 cents — 3 cents was paid to the newspaper and Holley kept the remainder plus tips.

During his teenage years, he developed his own route and sold more than 500 single copies each afternoon, earning him the right to claim "most copies sold daily by a carrier at



Alvin Holley, owner/publisher The Polk County Enterprise

the *Corsicana Sun*."

After selling newspapers on the streets for a number of years, Holley was offered an office job with the *Sun*. Holley recalled his conversation with the newspaper's publisher.

"I told him if I couldn't make more than I made on my paper route, I wouldn't take the job," Holley said.

Holley did take the job and recalled it began at 7:30 a.m. and ended no earlier than 7:30 p.m., six days each week. Although his first paycheck was \$65 per week, it was enough to provide for his new family.

The best thing about moving into the office was that it gave Holley an opportunity for even greater advancement.

While working for the *Corsicana Daily Sun*, Holley moved through the ranks as circulation manager, advertising manager and general manager.

In 1972, he and another employee of the *Sun*, David Durham, bought Polk County Publishing Co. in Livingston. At the time, the company owned and operated *The Polk County Enterprise* in Livingston, *The San Jacinto News-Times* in Coldspring and Shepherd, and *The Lake Livingston Progress*.

In September 1972, Holley and Durham purchased *The Groveton News* and in March 1973 they added *The Trinity Standard* to the group.

As East Texas grew, so did Polk County Publishing Co., which now includes *The Corrigan Times*, *The Houston County Courier* in Crockett and *The Tyler County Booster* in Woodville.

The company also publishes a number of free distribution weeklies, including *The Big Thicket Messenger* in Liberty County and *The Pennysaver* in Polk County.

Holley bought his partner's interest in the company a number of years ago and currently serves as publisher of all seven of the newspapers, which serve a five-county area.

In addition to his service with TPA, Holley previously headed up one of the state's five regional press groups, the Texas Gulf Coast Press Association. He was president of that group in 1986-87.

Holley also has received a number of community service awards and was named as the Polk Countyman of the Year in 1985.

This year he was nominated for the Deep East Texas Council of Government's Dr. Ralph W. Steen East Texan of the Year Memorial Award.

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Strong, counselor at the SPC Reese campus.

The camp is aimed at "those who need more time to hone college success skills, returning students who may have been out of school awhile and others who feel less secure about their study skills," said Oliver.

Topics aimed at getting their college career on the right track include goal setting, career exploration, study skills, testing strategies, stress management, diversity awareness, financial planning and campus and community resources. Students will also hear talks by motivating students who may have

been out of school awhile and others who feel less secure about their study skills," said Oliver.

Participants will also receive help with advising, class scheduling and pre-registration for fall classes.



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## Former Plains resident promoted to Sergeant



Nick Hanna is shown here being congratulated by Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Davis in ceremonies at Austin May 10. Hanna, along with five other Troopers, was promoted to Sergeant at the DPS headquarters.

Hanna, 34, was the youngest in the group of newly promoted sergeants. He is a 1984 graduate of Plains High School. Prior to his DPS service, he was an officer of police departments at Big Spring and Brady. He graduated from the DPS Academy in August, 1985.

Previous duty stations for Hanna were at Eastland and San Angelo. When promoted to sergeant, he was transferred to the DPS Regional Headquarters in Garland. He said eight troopers work out of the office there. He was in Plains recently visiting his parents, Lee and Buddy Hanna.

## HPJRA Results

The High Plains Junior Rodeo was held in Big Spring on June 29, 30 and July 1st, sponsored by the Howard County 4-H. Troy Parrish placed 5th in the 8 and under poles. Marcey House placed in all three of her events. She won a 3rd place in the girls 16 to 19 ribbon roping with a 10.962 second run. She placed 5th in the poles and 8th in the breakaway roping. Brett Squyres won a 2nd place in the boys 16 to 19 ribbon roping with a run of 6.660 and held on to 9th place with a 15 sec-

ond run in the tie down calf roping. Next week is the last regular season rodeo at Canyon, Texas. The HPJRA finals start in Clovis, NM on July 18th and run through the Awards banquet on Sunday, July 23rd. All of the Plains contestants have qualified for the finals. Saddles will be awarded to the all around winners in each age group at the finals. 24 saddles and 110 buckles will be presented, plus awards through 10th place in all 35 events for the year end totals.

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accepting a bid from Victor Lozano, Denver City, for the purchase of a 1979 Mack tractor rig from Precinct 1. The court approved the hiring of Lola Elam as 3rd deputy in the County Clerk office. Her salary will be the same amount as she was making as an employee of the Sheriff department. Her employment will start July 17. The court approved the appointment of the following County Voting Precinct Judges and Alternate Judges:

- Pct 101. - Judy Vallie and Kathy Smiley.
- Pct 202. - Donna Givens

- and Earlene Freeman. Pct 303. - Candi Seaton and Edith Tuggle.
- Pct. 305. - Patsy Berry - no alternate selected yet.
- Pct. 404 - Martha Palmer and Karen Bearden.
- Pct. 406. - Charles Self and Brenda Amonett.
- Early Voting - Martha Palmer and Hazel Lowrey.
- The County Tax Assessor/Collector office reported \$33,018 taxes collected in the month of June

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## Fish, Wildlife service offers incentives

Landowners interested in developing habitat for the lesser prairie chicken and other rare Panhandle wildlife now have some new tools at their disposal. According to John Hughes, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Lubbock, private landowners may now take advantage of a unique incentive program aimed at rare species conservation. "The High Plains Partnership for Species at Risk is a program designed to assist private landowners with habitat development and enhancement for declining wildlife such as the lesser prairie chicken, black tailed prairie dog, and burrowing owl. While these species are not listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the USFWS wishes to provide technical assistance for landowners interested in developing habitat for these species. This assistance comes in the form of cost share payments for rangeland habitat improvements such as cross fencing, water development, and reseeding. Our hope is to improve habitat conditions enough for these species so that listing under the Endangered Species Act is unnecessary." Landowners who are interested in wildlife conservation but wary of government involvement in their land operations can also receive assurances that they will not be subject to future governmental regulation if they agree to maintain or improve habitat. "These assurances help remove the disincentives of managing habitat for rare species," said Hughes. "We want to assist landowners in managing for rare species while eliminating their fears of future restrictions on land use." Interested landowners may contact Hughes at 806-472-7225 or johnphughes@fws.gov.

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community service, submit to urinalysis, successfully complete a drug offenders program, and surrender her driver license one year. On July 6, the Criminal District Attorney office received word the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused Miguel A. Soto's Pro Se Petition for discretionary review (appeal). Soto was previously convicted of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

## Veterans To Receive Reduced Interest Rates On Home Loans

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), recently announced Texas veterans with service connected disabilities are eligible for reduced interest rates on VLB home loans.

"We can never repay Texas veterans for injuries suffered in the line of duty," Dewhurst said, "but this measure will help compensate them, in a small way, for costly special features need in their homes. These loyal veterans have given so much to their country I simply had to do something. I only wish it were more."

Dewhurst said Texas veterans with compensable, service connected disabilities of 10 percent or more, and who meet all eligibility requirements for VLB home loans, can trim interest rates on new VLB home loans by one half percent. Disabilities are verified by award letters from the U.S. Department

of Veterans Affairs.

"Texas veterans with disabilities pour too much of their home loans into special features like wheelchair ramps," Dewhurst said. "They either pay more for the same floor space found in conventional homes, or accept smaller living areas. That's no way to treat someone who sacrificed his or her health on our behalf."

Since becoming Texas' Land Commissioner in January, 1999, Dewhurst has substantially lowered interest rates on VLB home loans and more than tripled the maximum home loan ceiling, from \$45,000 to \$150,000. Dewhurst said interest rates on VLB home loans are considerably less than comparable VA/FHA loans, resulting in monthly savings of up to \$150 for veterans, and total savings of \$40,000-\$60,000 over the life of a loan.

"Our larger loans and reduced rates are wildly popular with

Texas veterans," Dewhurst said. "Now my fellow veterans can buy the good homes they deserve, while enjoying lower monthly payments. Our loan programs are almost too good to be true, yet Texas taxpayers don't pay a dime for them."

Dewhurst urges Texas veterans to call (800) 252-VETS for VLB loan details and eligibility requirements. Detailed information is also available at the Texas General Land Office Web site at [www.glo.state.tx.us](http://www.glo.state.tx.us).

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## JUDGES, THE BORDER, AND TAXES



Recent initiatives in Congress will benefit both the Texas Border — our first line of defense against drug smuggling and illegal immigration — and Texans, who are one step closer to seeing the death tax repealed.

### MORE JUDGES FOR TEXAS

I have long championed greater prosperity and safety along our border with Mexico and believe that increased federal attention is required to aid in the capture of drug criminals, from the moment they cross the Border to their conviction and incarceration.

The Southwest Border Judgeship Act of 2000 will put 13 new judges in the trenches of America's war on drugs. It will create eight additional permanent U.S. district judgeships and five temporary judgeships. Texas will receive four of these permanent judgeships: two in the southern district, which includes Houston, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, McAllen and Laredo, and two in the western district, which includes Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Midland and El Paso.

With added Border Patrol agents equipped with dramatically improved detection technology, we are stemming the tide of drugs from Mexico and Central and South America that is heading for our neighborhoods and schoolyards. Since 1994, arrests for drug smuggling, illegal immigration and other crimes have jumped 125 percent. But the result of these successes is that our judges along the U.S.-Mexican border are being inundated with criminal cases. The average caseload for these judges is four times the national average.

The five judicial districts along the U.S.-Mexican Border have amassed an amazing 26 percent of the criminal caseload filed in the United States, while the 89 other judicial districts in America oversee the remainder. The resulting backlog is straining our judges and law enforcement officials and limiting their effectiveness in our fight against crime and drugs. The increase in judges which this bill provides is critical to the safety of our communities.

### AID FOR BORDER STATES

Similarly, the federal government should work hand-in-hand with Texas and other states in stopping illegal immigration. The states have been carrying the load for far too long and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program II Act will help lessen the burden that Border states have been carrying on behalf of our nation.

Under this legislation, the federal government will reimburse states for costs relating to the incarceration of illegal aliens and for emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens. It will give \$200 million per year to states and localities for incarceration-related costs, plus an additional \$200 million per year to help absorb the costs of providing medical treatment to illegal aliens in a medical emergency, which is required by federal law.

While states already are reimbursed for incarceration of illegal immigrants, currently they are picking up the tab for all other costs, ranging from apprehension to prosecution. This bill will rectify that.

Even as we have emphasized the security of our borders, we have burdened our Border localities and states by adding to their prison numbers but not adding to their budgets. I have worked closely with federal and state law enforcement officials to identify and secure the necessary resources to halt the influx of illegal aliens. The least the federal government can do for Texas and the other states is to help cover their costs of apprehension and prosecution. The federal government owes it to our Border regions to step up to the plate.

### ANOTHER CHANCE TO REPEAL THE DEATH TAX

Someone once said that death should not be a taxable event. I couldn't agree more, so I am happy to report that the House passed the new *Death Tax Elimination Act* by a vote of 279-136, and the Senate will vote on it later this year. I can only hope that this time, the President changes his mind. If not, we will repeal it next year under a new president.

When the IRS can levy a claim to more than half the value of a deceased person's farm or small business, something is wrong. People who have worked a lifetime to build a family business or sustain a family farm ought not to lose their life's work to the tax collector when they die. That's more like grave robbery than tax collection.

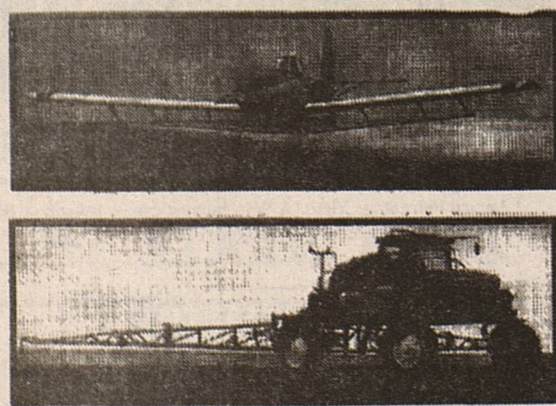
Unfortunately, President Clinton believes that even in a time of unprecedented surpluses, our government needs this money, and he has opposed our effort to repeal the death tax with two vetoes and the threat of a third.

The tax raises only about 1 percent of all federal revenue, but according to the Center for the Study of Taxation, it costs 65 cents for every dollar collected. In 1997, it cost the government \$12 billion to raise \$20 billion. That's \$20 billion that should have been left to families, plus \$12 billion wasted.

Benjamin Franklin said that the two things inevitable in life are death and taxes, but at least our Founding Fathers didn't have to deal with them at the same time.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on these and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)

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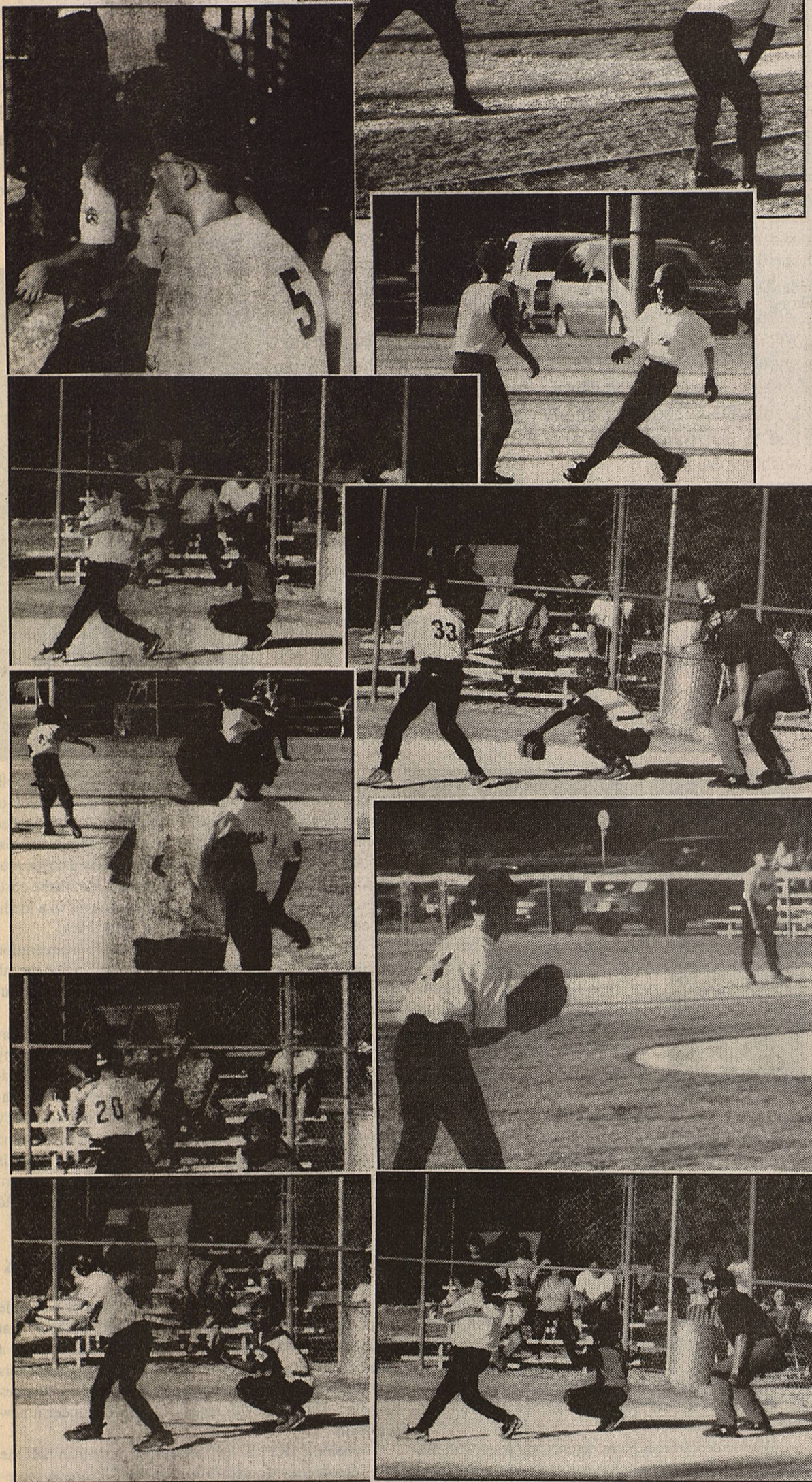
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## Major Little League Action



Major Little League All-Star tourney record; Plains 3 - Brownfield 7; Plains 8 - Ropes 7; Plains 12 - Denver City 6; Plains 12 - Whiteface 7; and Plains 3 - Brownfield 8

**The Denver City Driver's License Office will be closed July 10 through July 14**



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## Cotton Kilpatrick Tourney Results

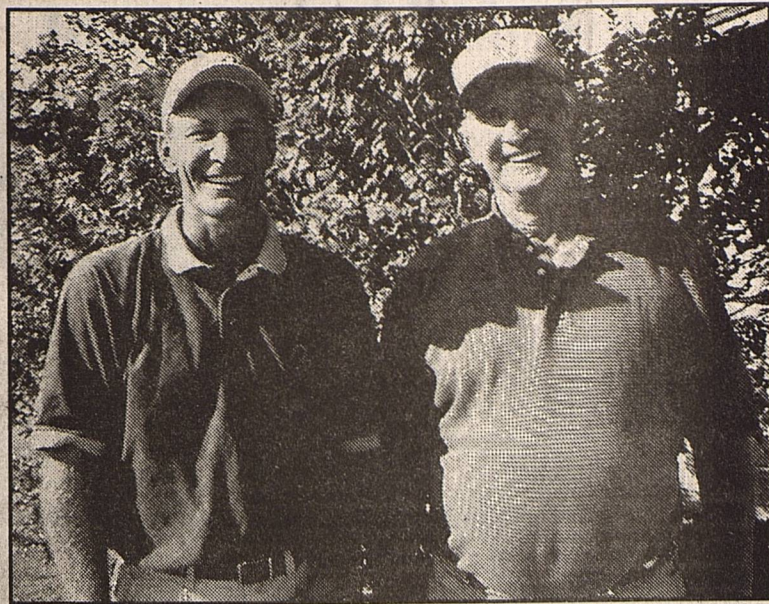
Yoakum County Golf Club's annual Cotton Kilpatrick Memorial tournament July 8 and 9 fielded tough competition in seven flights of golfers battling one another, the course, and very hot weather.

The team of Ray Gilstrap and Gary Lehnert took the championship flight honors with a two day score of 132. Last year winners Ray and Stan Roberts pushed them with a score of 134, the score duplicated by the team of Doug Brown and Richard Ashton.

Other flight results included; 1st flight - 1, Joe Gear, Carey Sudduth, 137. 2, (tie) Dallas Brewer, David Booth, 139, Jud Cheuvront, Darren Spradlin, 139.

2nd flight - 1, Chad Smith, Steve Valenzuela, 134. 2, Derek Ray, Ken Sessions, 137. 3, Serapio Arguijo, Eric Flores, 142.

3rd flight - 1, Bill Qualls,



Championship flight winners Gary Lehnert and Ray Gilstrap were all smiles when the scores were totaled.

Robert Qualls, 139. 2, Ted Steve Barker, 150. 2, Reggie Welch, Wes Welch, 141. 3, (tie) Gary Washington, Wade Martin, Dan Sherrod, 152. 3, Daugtery, 144, Tracy Hix, David and Elmer Chapman, 155.

6th flight - 1, K.O. Hart, Charlie Evans, 149. 2, Mike Payne, Donald Gillam, 151. 3, Tony Kay, Jake Depew, 163.

5th flight - 1, Gil Cuevas,

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## More County and District Court criminal cases

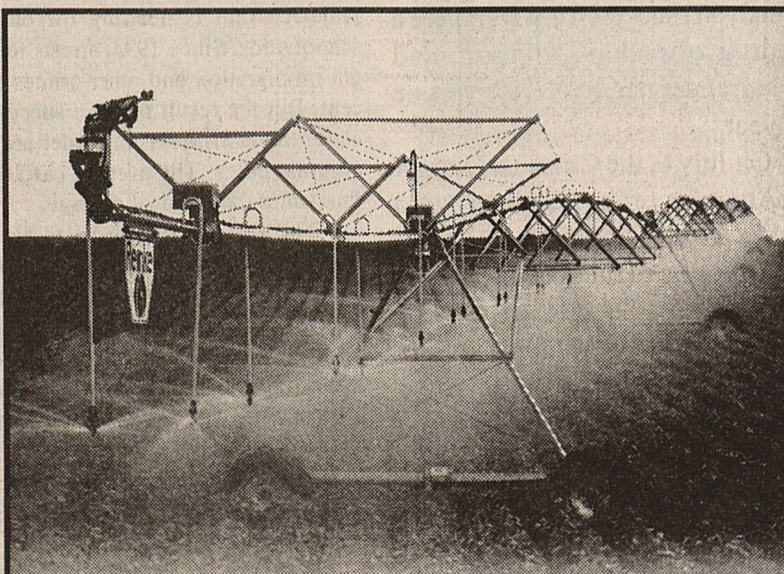
In another session of county court July 10, Lewis Henry Nelson pled guilty to DWI. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$199 court costs and \$500 fine will be met with time payments. He

must attend AA meetings, and complete the DWI first offenders program and serve 30 hours community service.

In District Court July 7, Ronald J. (Ronnie) Power pled guilty to burglary of a building. A two year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He will make time payments on \$241 court costs and a \$1500 fine. He must make restitution totaling \$384 to Hale's Tire. He will spend ten days in jail, or until space is available at the Brownfield RCRTC, where will participate in a program at least 30 days nor more than 24

months. He must reimburse the facility for all expenses including room and board, medical, and personal items. He must also perform 120 hours community service.

Jose Maria Lujan pled true to marijuana possession, and was sentenced in the order to proceed with adjudication of guilt in the TDCJ, suspended and probated 10 years. He was fined \$940 and must pay a \$1360 supervision fee, attend weekly AA (narcotics) meetings, and successfully complete the Texas Drug Offense program



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## Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Program 2000



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The 2000 Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Art Program was a true success in every sense of the word. There were 325 Yoakum County Kids participating in the various art classes. I do have to say it was a little overwhelming having 34 kids making pizzas and over 30 kids participating in Balloon Art. However, we all had a great time and most im-

portantly, the kids walked away learning a little something new. A very special thanks to my sister, Tracy Lowrey, who helped with classes for the whole month of June. She was there for classes she was not even teaching. A special thanks to Darla Welch and Denise Maltby for volunteering for Balloon Art while I was unavailable. Thanks to

Tara Price, instructor for Balloon Art, for being a young adult and putting forth her all. Also, I would like to thank Idalia Garza and Lubbock Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse for providing Project Pride. Thanks to Yoakum County and JoBeth Cromer, extension agent, for helping with Tye Dye, Snack Attack, and Microwave Munchies. Margaret Williams is truly an inspiration for the arts. Margaret enjoys her clay and helps influence the children of Yoakum County to do the same. I would like to thank LeAnn Romines, art teacher in Denver City, for teaching Watercolor. She is great with the students and spends extended hours to devote to her profession of teaching. Thanks to Lance Scott, police officer from Levelland, who took time out of his busy schedule to teach Cartoon Art for the YCC program. Also, I would like to recognize Tanya Vasquez for being the paid assistant for the 2000 Summer Youth Art Program. Last, but cer-

tainly not least, thanks to my husband, Shannon, and my daughter, Makenzie, for supporting and understanding the importance of the time I gave to this program. They sacrificed many of meals, many bedtime stories, and my absence for the month of June.

To all of you who participated in the Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Art Program; THANKS FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB!!!!!!

Thanks to the following for donations to the Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Art Program: ALTURA OIL, INC., TY AND LINDA POWELL, YOAKUM COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICES, ANDREWS COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICES, TRACY LOWERY, LEA COUNTY ELECTRIC, LOWE'S PAY-N-SAVE, AND THRIFT WAY.

Sincerely,  
Tonya Patton

## Senior Citizens Corner

Here it is Wednesday and it seems like yesterday that I sent in the last news letter.

These holidays in the middle of the week certainly do mess up this person's mind.

Wasn't the fire works about the nicest anywhere around? We didn't go to the park as it is so hard for Layne to get around. We just stayed in where it was cool until time for the program at Mustang Stadium.

The Garage Sale is ready to open at 8:00 am. Saturday.

Monday the 8th is birthday party at the Center.

It is good to have Van Wilson back among us.

We have several recuperating at home. Some in hospital.

Our condolences to the family of Maude Campsey. She was a very dear person.

Come on down and join in on all the fun and fellowship that we have every day.

See you next week,  
Wanda B.

## New Books at the Library

**FICTION:** Lay The Mountains Low..Terry C. Johnston, On Secret Service..John Jakes, The Vineyard..Barbara Delinsky, The Putt At The End Of The World..Lee Abbott, Gone For Soldiers..Jeff Shaara, The Sun Coast Chronicles..Terry Blackstock, If Only It Were True..Marc Levy, Middle Of Nowhere..Ridley Pearson, Safe Delivery..Jim Sanderson, El Camino Del Rio..Jim Sanderson, The Fighting Agents..W.E.B. Griffin, Hot Springs..Stephen Hunter. **NON-FICTION:** 100 Years of Hunting: The Ultimate Tribute To Our Hunting Heritage..Editors of Voyageur Press, For Everything A Season..Philip Gulley, Front Pouch Tales..Philip Gulley, Home Town Tales..Philip Gulley, John Hopkins Health High Blood Pressure-What You Need To Know, Texas Curiosities..John Ekloso, Hummingbirds Of North America..Dan True Allergy Free Gardening..Thomas L. Ogren.



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# From The Hack

Recently a male graduate of the PHS class of 2000 approached me and asked earnestly, "Mr. Dyer, I heard you were in the Navy. I'm thinking of joining the military service. Can you tell me what it's like?" I admit I at first looked at him with jaws gaped open in astonishment, my first thought being, "My God, is this what our tax dollars are going for, to graduate idiots?" but then reason settled in. Maybe the military is exactly what some of them need. I applied my most serious, studious face, and said, "Son, the military may be you're exact cup of tea, exactly what you need. Let me tell you some of what I remember of my first few days."

The young man was attentive as a young Lab puppy, almost panting in expectation.

I gravely intoned "After the first 72 hours of being screamed at to line up for identification, disinfection, divestiture of all things even smelling of civilian life... detailing whom our beneficiaries were in case of 'accidental death during training' or in following service, how much insurance would cost in all of the above, whom to notify in case of hospitalization during basic training (boot camp), where to send our civvies, and questioned whether we were prone to dying from exhaustion following 'brisk workouts'."

"Then, happy days! We were assigned to a PLATOON. Boy, that sounded neat. What it meant was about 90 equally stupid young men were lumped together, and I mean together. We quickly learned to cram a barracks full, eat together, drill together, sleep together, expel gas together, snore together,

and at 4:30 AM, be rather rudely awakened. I fondly recall I had never been called that obscenity before when my D.I. (I truly thought those early weeks that meant Devil's Instrument) came striding through the barracks, beating bunks with a crow bar, so I thought, and if you weren't rapidly arising, the same instrument would whack your private backside."

By now I had the young guy's attention. In fact, he appeared a bit queasy. I was exhilarated, and continued; "The first few days, of course, they are concerned you are man enough to serve and defend your country, so they do their very best to destroy your body. No, don't interrupt me, I know it doesn't make sense. You quickly learn, there's the RIGHT way, and the NAVY way... the latter always takes precedence."

"Destroying the body makes it fit by fairly vigorous efforts, like marching on asphalt the distance around the equator in two days time. Carrying a rifle, by the way. A World War 2 rifle, which, while empty, still managed to weigh 19.5 pounds. You also wore 'Leggings' a sort of torture device wrapped about your calf to protect you from God knows, even the Navy, knows what."

The young PHS graduate was really ga-ga by now, and I felt proud of my patriotic lecture, and continued,

"One of the quaint practices of our D.I. was, when instructing us to march without error in executing his commands, in a voice which now I equate to the sounds of a hippopotamus in dire heat. One tiny little bobble in this execution would result in a bellow, 'SQUAD HALT! Dyer, you club footed spawn of a dim witted wildebeest, you fall out and gimme 50 and I mean NOW!' This was his quaint way of telling me to shuck the rifle, flop on the deck and do 50 push-ups, with his heavy size 12 foot on my skinny posterior. God, I was

endeared to the man. May The Name Gunny Gann roast in that underground place!"

By now my young listener was really wide eyed. He stared at me a bit and hesitantly said, "Hey man, you ain't, you know, dangling with me are you? I mean, it ain't all that bad, is it?" I gravely told him, "Oh, no, not all of it. I was just telling you about the first few days. Man, there were 8.5 weeks more of that good stuff."

He looked long and hard at me, and finally sighed, "Ah, well, I did pretty well on my college entrance scores, and I can get a little financial help. You reckon I need to go ahead and get in school?"

I knew I had him, but to make double sure, I said, "But wait, I haven't even told you about all the inoculations. I was stuck in my two skinny arms a total of 47 times in 36 hours....", but he was already rapidly walking away.

You know, I felt quite good about the conversation.

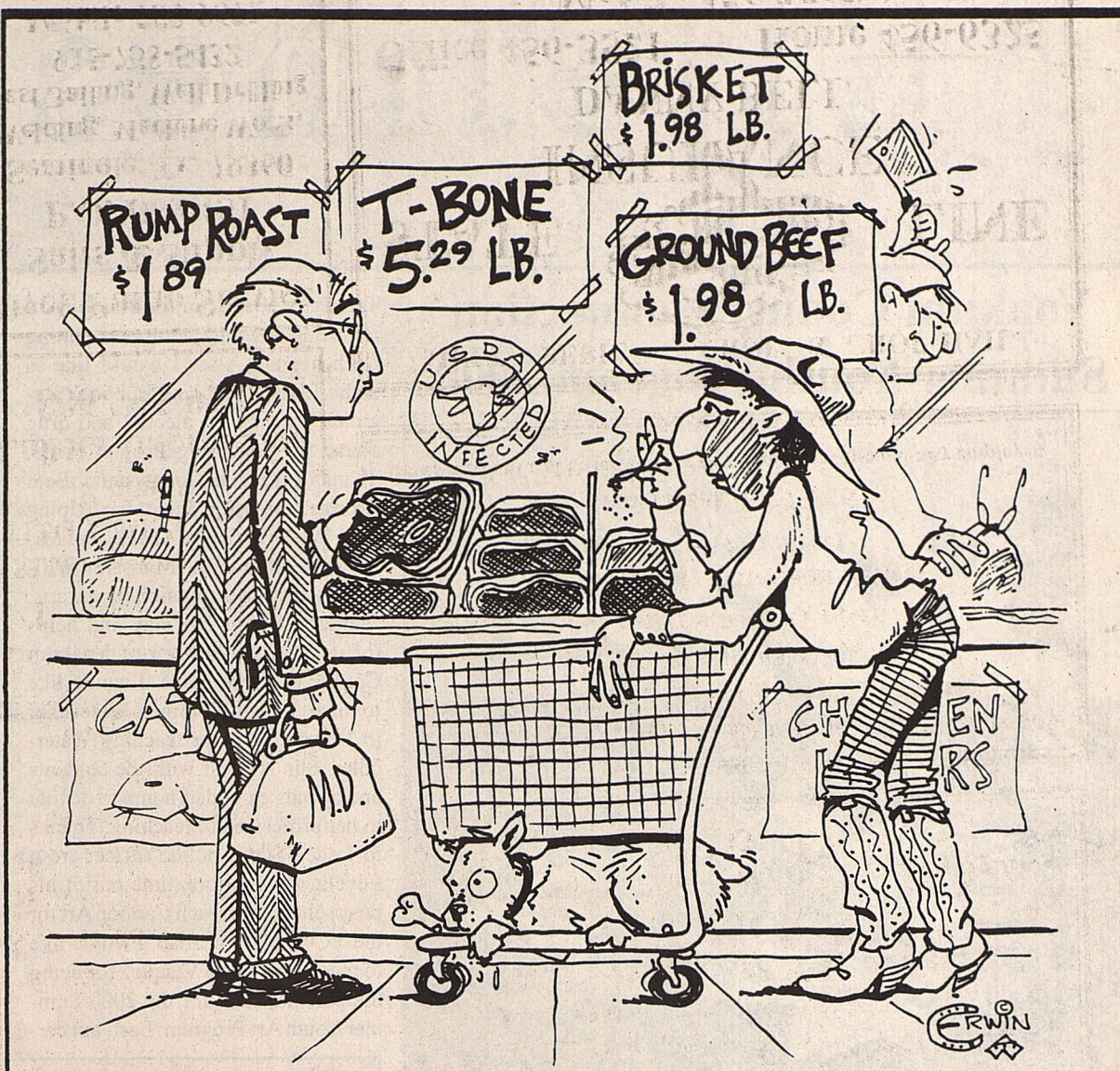
I know it's completely out of character in this column, but let's get serious a moment. For locals and area readers who missed columnist Don Feder's article on the editorial page of the July 8 issue of the Lubbock AJ, it would behoove you greatly to find a copy of that issue and read Feder's article he titled "Mother of all lost causes."

Feder points out the history of our country has been a seeming lost cause. We just barely won our independence in the American Revolution, and came very close to losing it back to England in the War of 1812.

He concludes the Civil War was another flirtation with a lost cause; the first few years of the war saw the south out-general, and out-fight greatly superior forces of the north. A president with barely a year of

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BY A.W. ERWIN



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formal education and a general who was a dismal student at West Point eventually saved that lost cause.

Prior to the start of World War II, our military was seen as a laughing matter to Adolf Hitler, and following the disaster at Pearl Harbor, many Americans may have experienced the same assessment.

There seems little doubt the Vietnam War was a lost cause, until we pulled out, and the Cold War looked in doubt during the late 60's and early 70's. Feder asks, are the current retreat of English as our common language, the nuzzling up to communist China, the use of our armed forces in weird social experiments, a draft-dodg-

ing, liar under oath President signals of the American cause succumbing to a lost cause? He thinks not, as long as millions of Americans experience a surge of patriotism in times of true crisis, as long as books like "The Greatest Generation" and films like "Saving Private Ryan", and possibly the current movie "The Patriot" meet such positive response.

Feder, I feel, correctly surmises, "It's time to take up the ragged banner, patch it and carry it once more into battle. The odds may be overwhelming against us. But destiny, it seems, is on our side." Pretty thought provoking, and I suggest again you find this issue of the AJ, read his work, maybe even clip it out.

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