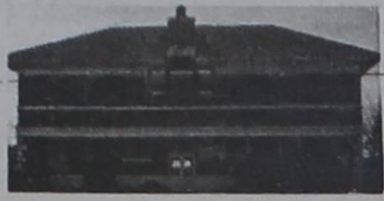


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Eula Gas Spill Endangers Water Table, May Require Years for Cleanup

Diesel leaking into the water table underground at the Eula Independent School District at a storage tank used to fuel school buses and other vehicles, possibly will take eight to 9 years to clean up, according to interim superintendent Wes Hayes. The leak was noticed when an unusual amount of diesel seemed to be used as early as October. Also Eula has a diesel storage tank used to fuel school buses and other vehicles. No water wells appear to be contaminated and 179 gallons of diesel have at present been taken from groundwater monitoring wells dug to monitor the leak after it was discovered.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is overseeing the cleanup at Eula a school of about 500 students, 16 miles SE of Abilene, a "suburb" of Clyde.

City water is in use there so, according to Dan Choate, project manager and geologist with Emprotec, Hibbs and Todd, Inc., an Abilene civil and environmental engineering firm handling cleanup. "We don't anticipate impacting any water wells." The leak resulted from a rusted elbow in the underground line connected to the above ground storage tank.

The has been removed according to Hays and the line for the diesel moved above ground.

The fuel leaked for an undisclosed duration, and unknown amount.

Hank bailing from the 14 groundwater monitoring wells dug to monitor the area revealed that a half to two-feet of fuel is floating on top of some wells.

Hazardous material canister are filled and disposed of off-site.

A gasoline spill would be more dangerous since diesel does not contain any known carcinogens. Choate has managed about 700 diesel leaks of underground wells, over the last 16 years in the area. Hays said more pinpointing wells may be dug to monitor the leak's extent.

If the contamination apparently spreads, the state may require a more aggressive recovery including possibly installing pumping equipment.

So far \$65000 has been spent clearing the leak and may require \$425,000 more, of which only \$80,000 has been budgeted for the next year. State of Texas may assist since there is no insurance coverage.

County Commissioners Vote to Temporarily Suspend Burn Ban effective 8-28-06

American Red Cross Needs Your Help

With the extreme heat and drought conditions, the American Red Cross has found itself busier than usual responding to a rash of wildfires across the Big Country.

As of August 21, most people are aware that the American Red Cross responds to large disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes, and that the organization assists with food, clothing and shelter. But fewer people know that the Red Cross is also called on to assist emergency workers such as police and firefighters. Since the wildfires broke out in the Big Country, the American Red Cross has been working hard to provide plenty of bottled water, Gatorade and meals to countless firefighters. Now, the organization needs your help to keep their supplies stocked.

The American Red Cross is asking the community to make financial gifts to the local Disaster Relief Fund. Financial Contributions allow the Red Cross to purchase materials in bulk, stretching the donated dollar even further. Additionally, financial contributions to the local disaster relief fund make it possible to help families displaced by house fires and other disasters, for the Red Cross. To make a gift to the local disaster relief please call

325-677-2622 or mail it to Big Country Region American Red Cross 1610 N. 2nd Abilene, TX 79601. For free information on how to protect your home from a wildfire, or for tips on staying safe in extreme heat, please visit the site www.redcross.org.

Callahan County SWCD is Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for landowners, hunters, and interested individuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black/white. The cost will depend on the size and design of each individual map.

For more information on how to purchase a land map contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th St. Baird, TX or Call (325) 854-1349, EXT 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS at 325-762-2552, EXT. 3.

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Leadoff Football Game Against Jarrell in Brownwood, 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Experienced Team Leadership Expected to Go Far for Baird Bears, Rookie Coach...Six Consecutive Playoff Appearances May Continue and Propel For 06-07 Season

Being placed in the league of teams of such yearly standouts a Roscoe and Albany, The Baird Bears will be pitted this year in their season opener at Brownwood against Jarrell, the game starting at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Next game is against Lubbock Christian in Cisco on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Last season's ending stats at 5 wins to 6 losses and 4-1 in district placed them in second in District 13-A

This year's new coach Kevin Hill says that all depends this year on the returning players and how they and their experience match his start and the challenges of new opponents. The experience department pits seven players with three years of varsity experience against the need for "learning new offensive and defensive systems," said Hill.

Only four seniors from the 2005 squad were lost, leaving seven offensive and eight defense starters. Honorable mention on the All-Big Country lineup-Tyler Orlando who posted 60 tackles and two interceptions last year returns as a senior. He leads also the offensive line as quarterback. With Chris Cogburn, offensive line man, they rushed for a combined 634 yards on 55 carries apiece.

Kevin expects playing behind the offensive line this year, which line will consist of Koby Parker, Justin Roberts, Judd Clark, and Jeremie Brooks-all skilled and solid.

The first team last year consisted of Parker as all-district selection and Roberts and English as second teamer's

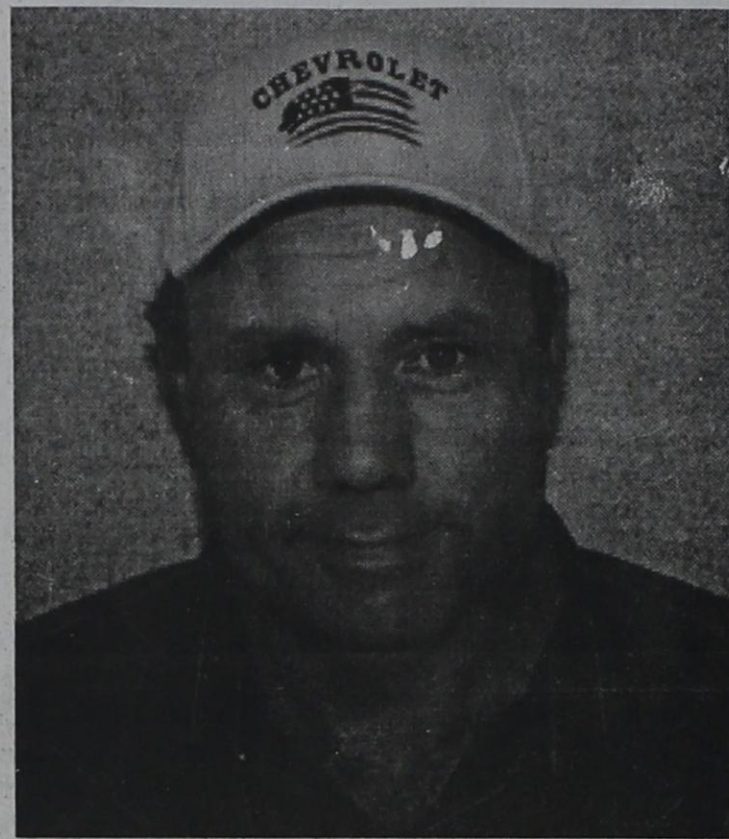
Speed and depth may be lacking but the coach still hopes the team will be play-off bound.

T&P Industrial Park in Baird: Includes Tank & Vessel Builders L.P., Possibly Fed Ex

A least 61 jobs could result by next year from construction resulting from Development Corporation of Baird Industrial Park, located at south of the Union Pacific rail tracks, the old T & P Depot.

According to Bun Barry, this, as well as stimulating the economy and forming jobs could pump more than \$2 million in property value to taxing districts. The tank company building is 50 feet tall metal fabrication & 72 ft.

BARRY ALEXANDER NAMED MANAGER OF THE BAIRD STAR:



Barry Alexander, a native of this area, has been named manager of the Baird Star and will be getting acquainted with everyone beginning immediately.

He is a veteran newspaper employee and looks forward to serving the Baird area with news and sharing their information.

Barry will be announcing his regular schedule soon, but in the mean time, you may contact him at the local Baird Star Office on Market St., or by calling toll free 888-227-1708 or faxing news to 254-629-2092.

Also news items to be included in the Star may be deposited in the mail slot at the Callahan Star Office.

He urges Baird residents to contact him with news big and small--especially meeting schedules, new births, engagements,

weddings, school news, church news and all the information that affects Baird Residents.

Open Comment from Public on August 24, 9:45

The County of Callahan met for Aug. 24, 2006, at 9:45 a.m. in an OPEN MEETING in the Commissioners' Court Rm. in Baird.

Addresses Needed for Baird Ex-Students

We're listing the students from the classes of 2001 through 2005 that need updated addresses. If you have any information about any of the following, please contact the Baird Ex-Students' Association, P.O. Box 954, Baird, TX or 854-1947.

- 2001-2005: Anthony Dean, Candace Ellis, Shanna Taylor, Casse Cook, Ashley Pugh, Matthew Ramirez, William Ross, Jessica Garnett, Vickie Blair, Blake Mendez, Clesey Hasha.

Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization clinics of Callahan County Monday, September 11th Baird Cafeteria - 400 W. 7th 10 to 12 a.m.

Wednesday, September 13,

Clyde First Baptist Church - 216 Austin 10-12 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

Please bring Child's Immunization Records

If Child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the Card.

For More Information call 325-754-4945

Guest Slot

Ann Etta Dunning offers the following for serious thought:

A mother asked President

Bush, "Why did my son have to die in Iraq?"

Another mother asked

President Kennedy, "Why did my son have to die in Viet Nam?"

Another mother asked President Truman, "Why did my son have to die in Korea?"

Another mother asked President F.D. Roosevelt, "Why did my son have to die at Iwo Jima?"

Another mother asked President W. Wilson, "Why did my son have to die on the battlefield of France?"

Yet another mother asked President Lincoln, "Why did my son have to die at Gettysburg?"

And yet another mother asked President G. Washington, "Why did my son have to die near Valley Forge?"

Then long, long ago, a mother asked...

"Heavenly Father, why did my Son have to die on a cross outside of Jerusalem?"

The answers to all these are similar—

"So that others may have life and dwell in peace, happiness and freedom."

If you don't stand behind our troops would you stand in front of them?

Ann Etta Dunning

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D.P.S. Report 8-20-06 to 9-26-06 Cases Investigated WARNINGS- 91 COMPLAINTS- 112 D.W.I.- 2 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle- 1 ACCIDENTS- There was one accident investigated during this time span Drive Carefully

## Flooring for Sale from Old Gym

Baird Independent School District is in the process of refurbishing the old gymnasium. One of the main objectives is to replace the wooden floor because it is not level. The hardwood floor has been removed in sections of about 30 square

feet. These sections are for sale to the public for \$1 per square foot. Proceeds from the sales of flooring will help defray the cost of updating the gym.

If interested in owning a piece of history you may call Septt Cooper at 854-1400 extension, 320.

### Real Estate-Local

For Sale By Owner: Lake Leon- Older cabin on extra large deeded lots. 330 front gently sloping waterfront, pier/dock. Has never

flooded! Staff meter, water pump. All furniture. All appliances. Large oaks, St. Augustine grass. \$120 K. 254-629-2813.

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## CHECK OUT YOUR CHECKOFF Cooking Up Knowledge

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Beef Goes World Wide Web

Epicurious, a popular gourmet website, is featuring a beef-sponsored grilling section from Bobby Flay, a famous chef will known for his grilling expertise. Part of the beef checkoff summer grilling campaign, beef recipes and beef 101 are some of the grilling topics covered. Visit [www.epicurious.com](http://www.epicurious.com) to learn more about beef grilling with Bobby Flay.

Reaching Texas Schools

As a result of the beef checkoff and a grant from Pfizer Inc., this school year approximately 10,000 teachers across the nation will receive Choose Well kits designed to help teach students about "power foods" such as beef. The Texas Beef Council will be extending efforts

to ensure the kits are available to Texas teachers. The Choose Well kits are filled with eight classroom activities, a computer game and a video to educate children on how to take control of their food choices.

Beef on Today  
Renowned Texas Chef Richard Chamberlain appeared on the number one rated morning show July 11. Chef Chamberlain, author of the checkoff funded Healthy Beef Cookbook, showcased numerous beef recipes from the cookbook and provided lean beef grilling and cooking tips on NBC's "Today Show". The lengthy segment included an interview by "Today Show" anchor Ann Curry.

## PROTECT THE EYES OF TEXAS: DONATE \$1 TO THE BLINDNESS EDUCATION, SCREENING, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM

Imagine that your Eye MD (ophthalmologist) has just informed you that you have a potentially blinding eye disease. He or she tells you that with proper treatment, probably even surgery, blindness is preventable, which reassures you somewhat.

Now imagine that you don't have health insurance.

That situation is lived out daily in exam rooms around the state. Nearly one out of three Texans aged 18-64 have no health insurance, and many of the uninsured lack the savings needed to cover surgery or other major medical expenses out of their own

pocket. For these people, the state of Texas created the Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment (BEST) Program.

The BEST Program—run by the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services—assists uninsured adult Texans with the payment for urgently needed medical and surgical treatment for such diseases and disorders as retinal detachment, diabetic retinopathy, and acute glaucoma. As the name implies, the program also offers vision screening clinics and patient education.

## Callahan Divide SWCD Fish Stocking

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the district offers these fish to the general public on a first come—first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, TX.

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Bream, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish and Koi. In Addition we are also offering Red Horse minnows, Fathead and Goldshiners.

Fish orders will be taken from April 19, 2006,

through August 31, 2006, or until supplies run out. Whichever come first. The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. We will set appointment times for pick up as orders are taken. All orders are prepaid with a check or money order, and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, TX at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th and Suite B. Orders and information may also be obtained at the Albany, TX NRCS office. The number is 325-762-2552, EXT 3.

## Help Wanted

**POSITION OPEN PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**  
Must have current Texas Pharmacy Tech License, in good standing. Working hours negotiable. Must be

personable, service and detail oriented. Ability to work in fast-paced environment definite plus. Apply in person at: Eastland Drug 201 W. Main Eastland

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## Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

### Help Wanted

CDL drivers with clean record, exp. equip. operators, heavy equip. mechanics & labor at Jay Mills Contracting 254-965-6657 EOE.

**HELP WANTED: Experienced, mature woman for home cleaning; Rainbow vacuum cleaning system knowledge helpful. Needed every other week for multiple in-home tasks. Good references required. Please call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to set interview.**

### For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Mostly highway-driven, '90 Oldsmobile Full Tank. Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 69,000 miles. Computer/gauges—Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see.

### For Sale

Justin Hunting and Work Boots 17" tops, snake proof, double stitched welt, \$165.00 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

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**Family Van For Sale: Designer Conversion big engine, '91 GMC family van, 90,000 actual miles, white exterior/gray plush interior, pretty wood trim inside, garaged, clean, 4 captains, convertible couch, electric windows, TV/cassette, call 254-629-2413 to see after 6 p.m. \$4995.00 firm.**

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Please do your part to shorten—or even eliminate—that wait list and protect the eyes of Texas. Join me by

contributing \$1 next time you renew your license.

If you are a patient and think you qualify for the program, ask your Eye MD (ophthalmologist) or optometrist. If you'd like more information

on the program or a schedule of upcoming screenings, contact the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services at 800-628-5115 or online at

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29.72 acres with large hill. Mostly wooded with red oak and live oak, creek, water line, electricity, excellent home site. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, owner/broker, agent.  
40 Acres +/- partially wooded with oaks, 4 ponds, waterline septic system, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck.  
50 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$79,000.  
61 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$1,500 per acre.  
61 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded with live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,800 per acre.  
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
81 Acres mostly wooded with oaks & mesquite trees, one 4-acre field, two ponds, hills down to draws, large ranches around this property, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,395 per acre.  
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, excellent property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including Lake Cisco, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CH/CA and older frame house. SOLD turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$145,600.  
116 Acres on large creek, wooded with oak trees, good for hunting or a home site, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
124 Acres with nice fifth wheel camper, mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 fields, big hill and other elevation changes, creek, 2 ponds, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail and duck. 221,555.  
1.4 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,490.  
51 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 buildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$220,183.  
60 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land. SOLD on in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.  
275 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625.  
421 Acres with home 2-story, 5 ponds, swimming pool, large metal barn with pens, 12-acre lake, large creek, mostly wooded. SOLD and swimming pool.

**COMMERCIAL**  
A attractive and clean, 2 year old 40' x 50' bldg., corner property with interstate access. Covered front porch and pavilion with ample parking, drive thru shop, parts counter, showroom, 2 full baths and mini kitchen. 5 lots. Call for details.  
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details.  
Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details.

**HOMES**  
Only 17,000 for this 2 BR, 1 bath home. Call for details.  
2 BR, 1 bath home on corner property with storm windows, some wood floors, large oak trees, attached garage and fenced backyard, \$25,000.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just installed, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees. Reduced to \$26,000. SOLD  
3 BR, 2 bath home with storm windows, double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500. SOLD  
Large 2 BR, 1 bath home. Could be arranged for a third BR, separate DR, detached garage with extra storage, many large oak trees, 1 1/2 lots, \$32,000.  
2 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, double carport, separate double carports, storage building and plenty of space to add more on these lots. \$32,000.  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with full bath, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large pecan trees, double carport, \$35,000. SOLD  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large trees, 1 1/2 lots, \$35,000. SOLD  
3 BR, 2 bath home with storm windows, double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$36,000. SOLD  
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double carport, \$36,000. SOLD  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home with CH/A, large LR and master BR, small office, fenced backyard, large trees, storage building. \$53,000.  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, WBFP, storm windows, attached garage, covered patio, backyard fenced, detached room with full bath; small shop. \$55,000.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with storm windows, double carport, \$55,000.  
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots. \$59,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer home, separate BR and den, storm windows, CH/A, attached 2 car garage, double carport, \$59,500. SOLD  
Large 3 BR, 2 bath home, (recently built) with 2 family rooms, CH/A, wooden deck, double carport, 2 storage buildings and shop or game room. Fenced backyard, corner property.  
4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CH/CA units, vinyl siding, storm windows, jacuzzi, double carport plus single carport, workshop, many large oak trees, 151' x 270' lot. Also has mobile home hookups.

**LAKE CISCO**  
Well maintained, 3 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, covered patio, 2 storage bldgs. covered boat dock with boat lift, large trees, \$55,000. SOLD  
Recently built, attractive 2 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, large deck, many live oak trees, storage building, covered boat dock. \$55,000. SOLD  
Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home. 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.  
Beautiful landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/A units, vinyl siding, large oak trees, many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees.  
Great view of the lake, unique 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home surrounded by large oak trees, attached double garage with extra storage on 9 lots, yard is landscaped and fenced, covered boat dock with 2 boat slips. Call for details.

Ann Williams, Broker Jimmy Williams

# AREA MEDICAL DIRECTORY

## Pigskin Opening Season

Here's the Friday night 7:30 p.m. line-up in Class 2A:

- Early at Cisco
- Brady at Coleman
- Dublin at Clifton
- Albany at Eastland
- Hawley at Ranger
- Jim Ned at Merkel
- Stamford at Munday
- Class A
- Jarrell at Baird
- Bronte at Cross Plains
- DeLeon at Valley Mills
- Roby at Gorman
- Ranger at Hawley
- Six Man
- Gordon at Gustine
- May at Woodson
- Brooksmith at Rising Star
- Strawn at Lometa at 11 a.m.

Moran at Sidney  
Class 2 A year by year Champions since 1948:

- Waco, Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls, Arlington, Terrell, Huntsville, Phillips, Stamford, Stamford, Terrell, Stamford, Brady, Denver City, Donna, Jacksboro, Rockwall, Palacios, Plano, Sweeney, Plano, Daingerfield, Iowa Park, Regugio, Jacksboro, Boling, Friendswood, Newton, LaGrange, Rockdale, Wylie, Sealy, Van, Pilot Point, Pilot Point, Eastland, Boyd, Groveton, Electra, Shiner, Loerna, Corrigan-Crunden, Groveton, Groveton, Schulenburg, Schulenburg, Goldthwaite, Goldthwaite, Celina, Iraan, Stanton, (2 divisions began in 1998), Omaha Paul Pewitt and Celina, Mart and Celina, Sonora and Celina, Blanco and Celina, Corrigan-Camden, Rosebud-Lott, San Augustine and Garrison, Boyd and Crawford, and Newton and Celina.

Six-Man State Champions year by year since 1972:

- O'Brien, Cherokee, Marathon, Cherokee, Marathon, May, Cherokee, Milford, Milford, Whitharral, Highland, Highland, Jayton, Jayton, Fort Hancock, Lohn, Fort Hancock, Fort Hancock, Fort Hancock, Panther Creek, Panther

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**GIRLING HOSPICE**



Pictured (l-r) Brea Pogue (Volunteer Coordinator), Caryon Garrett (Volunteer) and Mary Ann Troxtell (Volunteer). Victoria Jiminez not pictured.

Would like to announce that we have three new volunteers, Victoria Jiminez, Caryon Garrett, and Mary Ann Troxtell that have graduated from our 20 hour program on Thursday, June 29, 2006. They have received their certificates and are ready to help the Hospice program. Thank you for becoming part of the Girling Hospice team.

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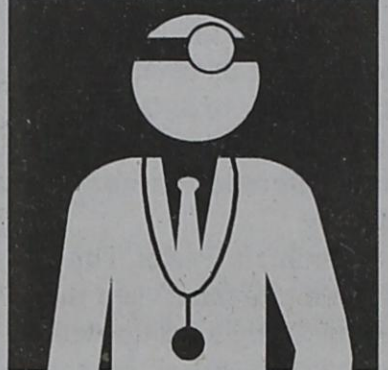
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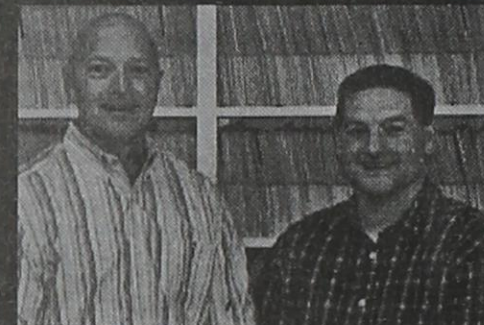
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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Up the Creek...

What, in the names of Pluto, Hollywood and First Timothy, is going on?

News items are flying toward us at warp speed, some in holding patterns, waiting to be cleared for processing.

Astronomers have eliminated a planet, Paramount Pictures has dismissed a star, Gene Autry is back in the news and a Veteran Watertown, NY, Sunday School teacher has been fired.

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If my old momma were still around, she'd be uttering a lot of "tsk/tsk/tsk's," with "I can't believe it" expressions thrown in for

good measure. There'd be statements like, "Well, I'll be jiggered" or maybe "Blow me down." Such would indicate her sense of shock.

She'd focus in on one item at a time, sizing it up from several angles. Then she'd mumble something about the world going south in a hand basket, or being "up the creek without a paddle." Then, the newspaper would be tossed aside in favor of a Sears-Roebuck catalog. Turning the well-worn pages of her "wish book," re-visiting pictures of items she never expected to own seemed much more pleasant than reading news stories that stretched her credulity to the breaking point.

Let's review some recent day stories that she would have called "cock-eyed."

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We'll take them in reverse order, starting with the brouhaha in New York. Pastor Timothy LaBouf (I don't know if his first name is "First") honed in on biblical "jots and tittles." His microscopic examination of the Word led him to decide that women are to be seen and not heard—at least in the church house.

It was bad news for 81-year-old Mary Lambert, who has taught a Sunday School class there for 54 consecutive years. She got her walking papers. Brother Tim enjoyed unanimous support of the deacon body. (A half-dozen other churches in the community quickly invited her to "come on over.")

On the face of it, this item catapults to the top of the "dumb/dumber/dumbest" category.

"Dumb," is Pastor Tim's decision, "dumber" are the deacons for lining up with him and "dumbest" are the congregants who put up with the decision. (I was relieved, and perhaps a little surprised, that this church does NOT have "Southern" in front of it.)...

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In Hollywood, Paramount Pictures blew Tom Cruise's name off the marquee. This should teach him to keep his feet off Oprah's couch. Word has it that the studio has a long list of grievances. This "king of the weird" whose movies have grossed more than \$6 billion worldwide will find another orbit.

Still in California, they're ready to trot out yet another

honor for the singing cowboy, Gene Autry. Folks are ready to name a landmark in his memory, calling it "Autry Ridge."

Seems a bit odd to me. Most ridges are nameless. Some have names to accommodate rhymes, like "Choctaw Ridge" in the song, *Ode to Billie Joe*. Vocalist Bobbie Gentry needed a word to rhyme with Tallahatchie Bridge, from which Billy Joe McAllister took a flying leap.

It would have been more fitting to save the honor for a pass, remembering that's where he rounded up most of the bad men, "cutting them off at the pass." "Autry Ridge" or "Autry Pass?" The former sounds more like a gated community. Now my alliterative juices are flowing, with other possibilities like (Roy) Rogers Range, (Hopalong) Cassidy Cove, (Clayton) Moore Mesa, (Rex) Allen Arroyo, (Lash) LaRue Look-Out, and the list goes on.

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Finally, how shocking that the "powers that be" have decided that Pluto no longer merits "planet-hood." This will send teachers back to the drawing board to find a sentence as good as the one long used to help us remember the names of planets: "My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas." This sentence enabled students to nail down the names of Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Now, I guess it can be "nuts" now instead of "nine pizzas."

Back on earth, map-makers get the "what for" if they eliminate small towns that have withered down to hamlets. Yet, we yawn when astronomers take down planets. Walt Disney must be

# Abilene Quilters Guild Meeting Sept. 11

The September 11 meeting of the Abilene Quilters Guild will be in our new location at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We will meet in the fellowship hall on the corner of North 5th and Orange. Parking is available on the

corner of North 6th and Orange. Enter through the kitchen. The meet and greet will be at 6:45pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm. We are fortunate to have Don Locke DDS from Waxahachie displaying The Supper Quilt based on The Last Supper painting. He will be talking about how he created this monumental pieced quilt that took two and a half years to make, using over fifty thousand half-inch squares. Even if you aren't a quilter this is something to see. As a quilter you will be amazed. Come and see The Supper Quilt and other quilts from Dr. Locke's collection. His website is [www.thesupper.net](http://www.thesupper.net) <<http://www.thesupper.net/>> if you would like a sneak peak. For more information call Glenda Wilcox 698-3721.

spinning in his grave.

I dunno. If I had extra money to invest, I think I would plunk it down on paddles—the kind so many folks seem to be up the creek without. My mom would fully agree.

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- 507 W. 7th, Cisco - renovation started, needs finishing, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 carports, storage shed, 2 lots. \$20,000.
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**Boy Scout Troop 38 Holds Recruiting Day--** Boy Scout Troop 38 held a recruiting day in the Gorman City Park on Saturday. Visitors and Scouts enjoyed a great lunch together, and several new members were added to the troop, a Scout leader said. Shown above are Scouts Jonathan Fenley, Shawn Rainey, Miles Turner, Dalton Murphy, Robert Shawver, James Thomas, Jefferey Rainey, and Trey Howard, Club Scout Master Teresa Lewis, Scout Assistants Scott Hetrick, Frank Fenley, and Robert Struck. Not present were Scouts Cole Underwood, and Daniel Sherman.

Cub Scouts will be holding a Round Up on September 7 from 6-8 pm at the Methodist Church on Roberts Street in Gorman.

## Slides To Be Presented At Adventist Church In Eastland

Marvin Payne of Riverside, California, will give a program with slides at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Eastland. The church is located at 1233 N. Seaman, Hwy. 112, just

north of Morgan Building Co.

The slides will feature historic locations along the Mediterranean Coast between Turkey and Greece. Marvin says he was particularly impressed with the ruins of the ancient town of Ephesus, where the Apostle

## Glory, Light, And Fire Ladies Conference Sept. 23

Mountain Top Church Ladies Committee of Cisco, Texas will host keynote speaker Aimie Dockery from Dallas, Texas during their 18th annual Ladies Conference. Aimie has recently co-authored a book, "On Daddy's Shoulders," with the distinguished author, Tommy Tenney (God Chaser Series).

Ladies from all over Texas will be preparing to attend this exciting conference. The theme: "Glory, Light, and Fire - Our God is a Consuming Fire" will encourage the woman who is battling depression, sickness, mothers of children and teens, marriage discontentment, break-up, and divorce, self-esteem issues, disappointed singles, single moms, or just needing a refreshing in her spirit to be nurtured in the environment of God's love and His passion for each one. If you are tired of being stirred and not being changed - this is your opportunity to receive what's been missing in your life!

Register now for the September 23rd 9:00 am - 3:30

pm Ladies Conference. We will have area teens performing from Eastland County churches, praise and worship music by local singers and musicians, and Kim Pence performing an interpretive dance regarding God as a Consuming Fire. A \$5.00 ticket can be purchased at time of registration to attend

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**Vocalist Shandy Rutledge of Ranger entertained**

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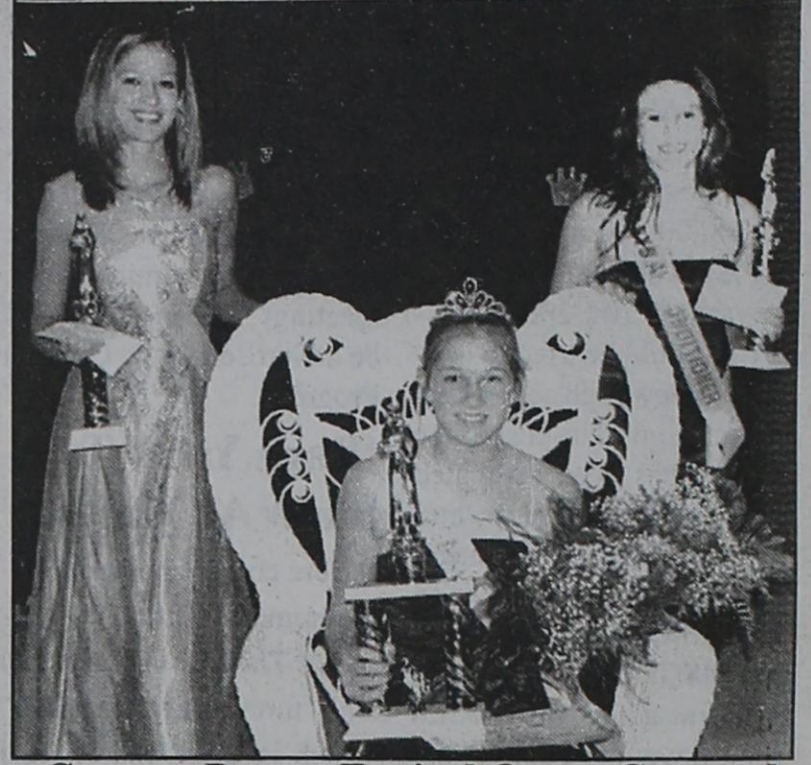
Marvin, his wife Kim and son Jon were in that area last July, just before the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Lebanon. They gave talks to an International Science meeting in Istanbul, Turkey before going to Asia Minor and the Islands of Greece.

The Adventist Church invites all interested people to come out and view these slides next Saturday at 11 p.m.

Marvin will visit family members in Eastland County for about a week before returning to Riverside.

### Crossword Answers

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**Gorman Peanut Festival Queen Crowned-** Audrey Johnston (Center) was crowned Gorman's 2006 Peanut Festival Queen at a coronation Friday evening held in the Gorman High School Auditorium. Also vying for the 2006 Festival Queen title were Tecia Jones (Left) and Brittany Shirley (Right). Audrey is the 15 year-old daughter of Amy Johnston Seaton and is a sophomore at Gorman High School. Her grandparents are Johnny and Ina Smith. She was sponsored by Smith's Service Station. Reigning 2005 Peanut Festival Queen HollyAnn Wright gave a farewell address at the event.

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At a special called board meeting Monday night, August 28th, 2006, Gorman Trustees called for a \$5,000,000.00 school building bond election to be held November 7th, 2006. Proceeds would be used to construct a new high school and gymnasium. The cost of the facility has been estimated by Cadco architects and DSA (construction manager agent) to be between \$4,250,000.00 and \$4,500,000.00. Funds that remain after the initial project would be used to upgrade existing facilities. These upgrades would be determined and prioritized by the board after receiving input from the public, the faculty, and administration. The district currently has no bonded indebtedness. The current high school had an addition built about twelve years ago that added restrooms, and some additional classrooms and since then the district has added two portable classroom buildings that added four more classrooms. The new facility would allow for additional classroom square footage to meet or exceed current state requirements and allow the district to utilize the portables elsewhere. The new facility would house a new state of the art science lab and a new computer/distance learning lab that will help our students keep pace with the more stringent four year science requirement mandated by the state and to deliver dual credit distance learning courses that will give our students a head start on their college requirements. The facility would also have a Fine Arts classroom and four regular classrooms. The new gymnasium would seat a little over 600 people and would be air-conditioned. This would be a great addition not only to the school but to the community. It would have individual stadium style seating on the home side as well as for visitors and would be large enough to house events like graduation comfortably. We will be scheduling meetings to inform the public and to receive input from them too. We hope the community is receptive of this long needed improvement to our facilities. The existing high school would continue to be used primarily for junior high classes. This would give the junior high science classes their own science lab as well as computer lab. The high school students would continue to use the auditorium on occasion and the library. We would keep the counselor and receptionist in the existing building and move the principal and secondary PIEMS coordinator to the new facility. The existing gymnasium would continue

to be used by the elementary and junior high students as well as for practice and tournaments when we needed two gyms at once. We look forward to upcoming public meetings. The meetings will be advertised in the Gorman Progress.

## 'Barn Yard' To Show At Majestic

Here comes another popular animated film to the Majestic Theater in Eastland. This time it is "Barnyard," which is called the original "party animals" movie. It will open here on Friday, Sept. 1, at 7:30. and show through the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, Sept. 4. Admission will be \$4.50 at the box office, with adults-only balcony tickets for \$6.50. As usual, there will be a lot of great refreshments at the concession stand, and the theater will be cool and comfortable. This movie, a comedy, is rated PG, and parents are cautioned it contains some mild peril and crude humor. Some of the main voices in the cast are Kevin James as a rambunctious cow, Danny Glover as an older and wiser mule, Courtney Cox and others. Most of the featured animals are cows, including two named Bessie and Daisy. In this colorful and fanciful place, what really happens when the farmer is away? Otis, son of Ben the Cow,

## Troopers Target Drunk Drivers For Labor Day Weekend

Texans who drive while intoxicated should expect extra attention during the Labor Day weekend. All available Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be on the lookout for speeders, seat belt violators and drunk drivers from Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4.

"It's against the law to drive when your blood alcohol content is 0.08 or above, and you should know that Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be looking for you," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "In addition to the criminal penalties, it's important to remember that there is a \$1,000 per year surcharge for

enjoys playing tricks on humans. He and his misfit friends are always singing, dancing and partying - ignoring Ben and the wise old mule's advice.

But suddenly Otis is forced to be in charge, and has to find the wits and courage to lead his barnyard buddies. See what happens as he confronts the "real" world!

This is a colorful movie, delightful and well crafted. The green round hills look remarkably like California in the spring, and the animals are cute. It should provide some entertainment for the

Holiday weekend.

three years that is assessed on drivers who are convicted of driving while intoxicated."

DPS supports the "Over the Limit. Under Arrest" campaign, a nationwide anti-DWI effort aimed at reducing alcohol-related deaths and injuries during the Labor Day holiday period. DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE-Combined Accident Reduction Effort-a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

The punishment for a DWI conviction:

First offense: a fine not to exceed \$2,000 and/or a jail term of 72 hours to 180 days; participation in an alcohol

education and treatment program even if probation is granted; license suspension from 3 months to 1 year.

Second offense: Fine up to \$4,000 and/or jail term of 30 days to one year; mandatory 72 hours in jail even if probation is granted; license suspension from six months to two years.

Third offense: Fine not to exceed \$10,000; prison term of two years to 10 years; mandatory jail term of 10 days even if probation is granted; license suspension from six months to 2 years.

Intoxication manslaughter: fine of up to \$10,000, prison term of two to 20 years, license suspension of six months to two years.

Last year, DPS troopers arrested 751 people for driving while intoxicated during the Labor Day weekend.

## Scranton Musical To Be Saturday

The musical will be held at the community center on Saturday, September 2. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. to serve. Donations of homemade pies and sandwiches are appreciated. The music begins at 6 p.m. All musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray will be the emcee.

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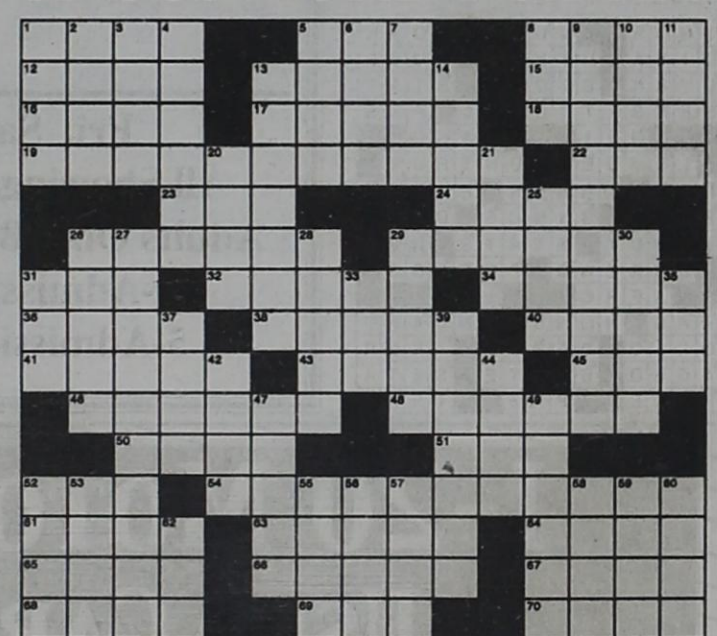
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- Across
1. Barabakh, expressionist painter.
  5. Acronym for Vertical Update Point.
  8. Low, prolonged sound of pain.
  12. Distinguished female operatic singer.
  13. Extracted from a source.
  15. Wily subterfuge.
  16. Having a horizontal surface.
  17. Large sea ducks, having valuable down.
  19. Unexpectedly excellent.
  22. Acronym for the word meaning "an additional postscript."
  23. Broad sash worn with a Japanese kimono.
  24. Enriquillo, largest lake in Hispaniola.
  26. Shaw, former chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.
  29. Not according with the facts.
  31. Man much concerned with his appearance.
  32. Part of a gown that trails behind the wearer.
  34. Near the beginning of a period of time.
  36. French for "wood."
  38. Abbreviation for synchronous.
  40. To plunge into water headfirst.
  41. Something put into a system.
  43. French for "conditions or states at particular times."
  45. Open-meshed fabric woven together at regular intervals.
  46. Astute or sharp.
  48. Pointed parts of a fork.
  50. Combining form of Africa.
  51. Abbreviation for Illinois Wesleyan University.
  52. To prohibit legal means.
  54. Not up to par.
  61. Miscellaneous collection.
  63. Place for storing goods.
  64. Roger \_\_, French author of *Jepote Plainte*.
  65. Became old.
  66. To fry in a small amount of fat.
  67. Slender, rigid, springy animal part.
  68. To tear down to make flat with the ground.
- Down
1. 15th of March, May, July or October in the ancient Roman calendar.
  2. Container for housing honeybees.
  3. Chamber used for baking.
  4. Sum of money demanded for someone's release.
  5. Factor \_\_, essential for blood clotting.
  6. To reverse.
  7. End of a hammer head used for bending the material struck.
  8. Conventional title of courtesy for a married woman.
  9. Outflowing.
  10. Acronym for the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel.
  11. Devices used to capture birds.
  13. Area of activity in which one excels.
  14. To gradually make dry.
  20. To touch or end at one end.
  21. Coming after the proper time.
  25. One-hundredth of a right angle.
  26. Deranged individuals.
  27. Revealing scenes.
  28. Put into a certain place.
  29. To remove the cap of.
  30. Plural of elf.
  31. Acronym for Famous But Incomplete.
  33. Abbreviation for intelligence.
  35. Up to now.
  37. Sound of breaking waves.
  39. To mark with striations.
  42. Three-masted schooner.
  44. Sprinkled with seed.
  47. mass of trees greater than a grove but smaller than a forest.
  49. In accord with naturism.
  52. Uncastrated swine.
  53. Singular of algae.
  55. Less-than-average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon.
  56. Pointed device secured on a rider's heel to urge on a horse.
  57. To carry by hand.
  58. West African evergreen tree, having red and yellow fruits.
  59. Learned.
  60. Small portion of something to drink.
  62. Lyric poem marked by exaltation of feeling and style.

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# Super Notes

By David K. Perry  
Gorman ISD Superintendent

Thank God for the rain! It was so nice to wake up to the sound of rain Sunday morning. It looks like we have a chance for rain all week. I hope so! We began this week with a special called meeting of the school board. The board met to do several things: appoint a delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) assembly, which will be held in Houston in October 2006, consider approval of the Budget for 2006-2007, consider a resolution to set the tax rate at \$1.3257, consider approval of amendment to the 2005-2006 budget, consider a Resolution from TASB to participate in their Buy Board purchasing Co-Op., and to have the first reading of TASB policy update 78, and to consider calling for a school building bond election.

The agenda items were addressed in the following manner:

Melinda Harrington was appointed as delegate to the TASB Convention in Houston.

The 2006/2007 budget was adopted - \$3,645,371.00 excluding federal funds.

Set the tax rate at 1.3257. Amended the 2005/2006 budget.

Passed a resolution to participate in the TASB Buy-Board purchasing cooperative.

First reading of TASB policy update 78.

Call was issued for a school building bond election in the amount of \$5,000,000.00

Adjourned at 7:35pm

The meeting began at 6:41pm following a scheduled public meeting to discuss the 2006/2007 budget and proposed tax rate. Present at the board meeting was Bobby Rich, Jeff Seaton, Melinda Harrington, Beth Underwood, Larry Thompson, and Mark Simmons. Daryl Hirst was absent due to illness. All votes were passed unanimously.

It is great to have a school board that is focused our children,s needs now and in the future. As mentioned above they called for a bond election at Monday night,s special called board meeting. This bond, if passed, will be used primarily to build a new high school and gymnasium. The facility will include a new computer lab/long dis-

ance learning room as well as a new science lab equipped to meet the challenges of the future and the required four years of science to graduate. The building will also be designed for future expansion so that we could easily add a junior high wing when needed. That is the key to the future; educate our children so they can meet the challenges of today and planning for tomorrow.

If you are looking for a great place to live and a school for your children to attend that is planning for the future, we have a great school whose main focus is our students and their future.

This year we have raised the bar with regards to our expectations academically and athletically. We have established honors courses at the high school and have a new experienced Athletic Director with a history of success to lead our coaches and athletes in a positive direction. We have more students enrolled in dual credit college courses than ever before. I believe it was tennis player W. Clement Stone that said, "Attitude is everything". I am not certain. He did write a lot about having a positive mental attitude as a key to success. Our attitude at Gorman ISD is just that; positive. We expect to be successful in everything we do!

It's a shame that more people don't go to football scrimmages. If you didn,t go to Miles Friday night, you missed seeing our young men

have a very good evening. They all played very well. Although they don,t keep score at a scrimmage, it appeared we out scored them five to one. Congratulations Panthers on a great scrimmage and good luck against Roby Friday night. It is also very encouraging to see more boys playing football this year. I invite everyone to come see the Panthers Friday night. The concession stand will be open, so come hungry!

Congratulations to the high school Dance Team who under the direction of Belinda Segura made their first public performance on Friday night at the Peanut Queen Contest! They did a really great job. If you missed them, you can look forward to seeing them perform at half-time at the football games as well as our Flag Team. You will also notice that we have more students in Band this year. I attribute this to the great job that Mr. Howard did last year! I predict they will have an even better year this year. Don,t miss out by staying at home!

Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

- Sept. 1 FB Here 7:30
- Sept. 2 VB @ Perrin-Whitt 10:00
- Sept. 4 School Holiday
- Sept. 5 VB Here 5:00
- Sept. 6 9th Grade Field Trip

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future.

## You Don't Say!

Barbie is a college graduate. She attended a generic educational institution called State College.

Arnold Reuben was a New York deli owner in the 1940s and 50s. He put corned beef, sauerkraut and Russian dressing on a piece of rye bread and named the whole thing after himself.

Richard James, a marine engineer, was trying to invent a spring that could be used to offset the effects of a boat's movement on sensitive navigational instruments. One

day, he knocked a sample spring off a high shelf. It uncoiled, like a snake and "crawled" down to the floor. Thus, the Slinky was born.

When cutting for a deal while playing cards, if you turn up the deuce of any suit, itis considered good luck.

The Sahara desert is the world's largest at 3,500,000 square miles.

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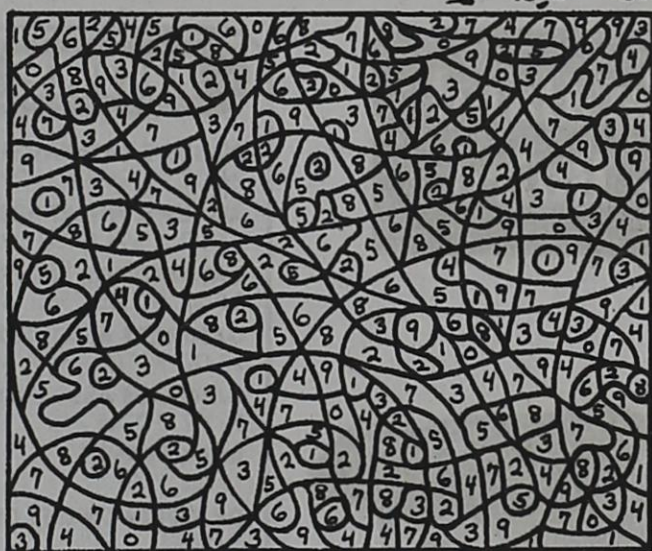
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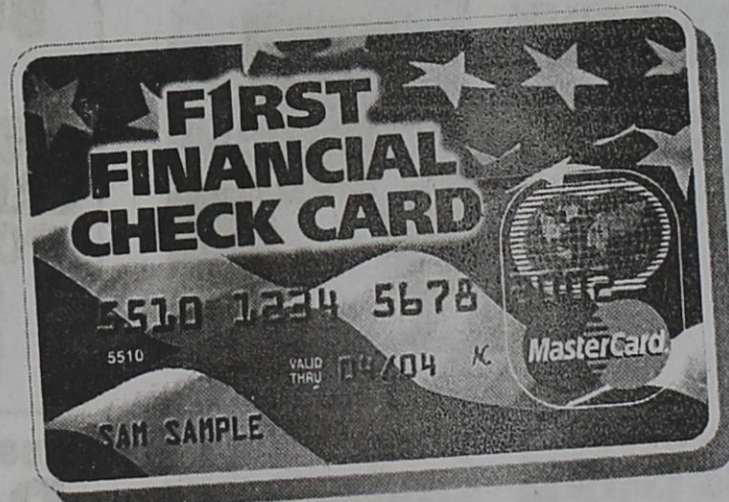
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# Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

The best news this week is the rain that fell in our community as the thunderstorms rumbled through on Sunday and Monday. I heard reports from about 2 inches to over 4 inches, and it was wonderful. The cooler weather is good too. Praise and thanks is due our wonderful Lord.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn preached at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, August 27. He had a very good message using Job 1: 6-7, & 13, John 7:46 and Romans 7:18-19, on having faith to believe God's promises. Tommy Seay was the song leader with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. Haggard did a bible study on the Security of the Believer, using many scriptures, on Sunday evening. Ruth Rodgers led the singing with Gynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. James Hunter of Gorman will preach at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, September 3.

Stacy Webb and Renee Fox of Comanche visited Oren and Norma Webb on Friday. Randall and Kaci Suniga of Comanche visited with them on Saturday. Durwood and Aletha Burgess visited with Oren and Norma on Sunday evening and Stacy, Renee and granddaughter, Kaelee Suniga visited on Monday.

Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland, Bill Collum of Dessdeмона, Betty Little, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Nelda Fails of Arlington, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Shirley Clement of Lake Leon and Carolyn Little visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

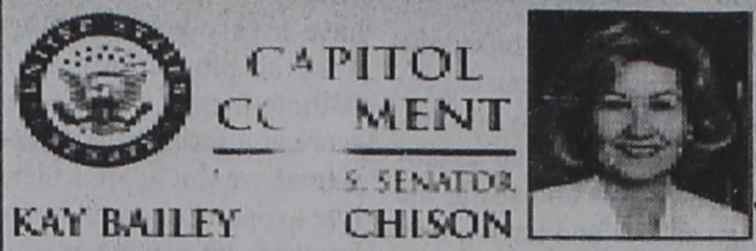
Joe and Glynda Bond were in Abilene recently to attend the concert at the First Baptist Church featuring the Brazos Boys and Jeff and Sheri Easter that was a benefit for the Children's Miracle Network. They report that it was very enjoyable.

Shannon, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove visited with Joe and Glynda Bond and Shannon attended orientation at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene on Friday and then went back on Saturday for a picnic on campus. Shannon will be taking some classes at HSU this fall. Shannon and the girls returned to their home in Copperas Cove on Saturday evening.

Verda Jean Eaves and Norma Webb visited with Zeld Jordan.

Zeld Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Be sure and thank our good Lord for the wonderful rain that we received.



## Honor The Texas Flag

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As students return from summer vacations, many will soon begin learning Texas history as part of their curriculum. Texas pride is instilled in us at an early age as we learn about our state's history in school. As we grow, so does our pride. This is evident by the fact that a Texan is never far from a Texas flag.

Whether flying above the Texas Capitol or hanging in the homes of displaced Texans around the world, our flag conveys how we feel about our state. Texas, identity as the Lone Star State is represented in our flag's design, which has always reflected our independence.

Our flag's history dates back to 1836, but it has not always looked as simple and classic as it does today. The original Texas flag featured a gold star in the middle of a

blue field, while other early Texas flags contained a blue field featuring a white five-pointed star and the word "TEXAS" embroidered between the star's points.

The dimensions and colors of our current flag were adopted and specifically defined by the Texas Congress when Texas was a republic in 1839: a blue, vertical stripe on the left side of the flag comprises one-third of its width, red and white horizontal stripes are each equal to half of its length, and a white, five-pointed star is in the center of the blue stripe.

Folklore explains the red stripe as representing the bloodied ground in Texas, battle for independence from Mexico. State legislation passed in 1933 qualified the flag's colors as blood red, azure blue and white, representing bravery, loyalty and purity, respectively. In 1993, these colors were changed to "Old Glory

Red" and "Old Glory Blue" to mimic the colors of the U.S. flag.

Because our current flag is such a recognizable image, many do not realize that it is only one in a line of six flags that have flown for our state. The "Six Flags Over Texas" are the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, the Mexican Federal Republic, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America. Each represent different eras, and the legacy of each flag contributes to our state's culture. This unique heritage resonates not only in our diversity but also in our varied styles of music, art, food and culture.

Texans take great pride in our flag - especially when they see one outside Texas. In the U.S. Senate building in Washington, D.C., a large Texas flag is displayed at the end of the hallway in front of my office, and few visitors leave without taking pictures with this flag. I regularly observe families crowding around the flag to recite the Texas pledge, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one

and indivisible." The Texas flag has a special mystique. When I visit Texans serving abroad in the armed forces, I frequently notice the display of the Texas flag. Texas soldiers speak of the aura surrounding the flag and its ability to heighten morale and arouse camaraderie. This is the essence of our flag. Not long ago, I had the opportunity to tour Afghanistan and visit with soldiers bravely defending America in the War on Terror. Upon arriving, I was moved to see a Texas flag waving proudly in that war-torn country.

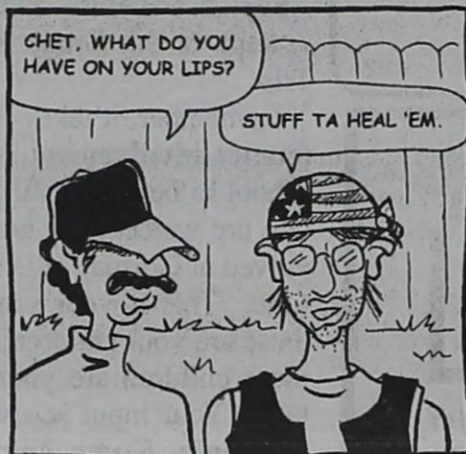
Our state flag has even been to space. In 1972, NASA astronaut Charlie Duke took a Texas flag to the moon. When he served as lunar module pilot of Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, a Texas flag was stowed behind his seat. This flag is currently on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the "It Still Ain't Braggin, If It's True" exhibit.

Our flag has a deep history and strength. It has a special place in our state's lore, and it represents the pride of Texas wherever it is displayed.

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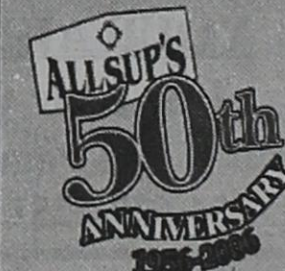
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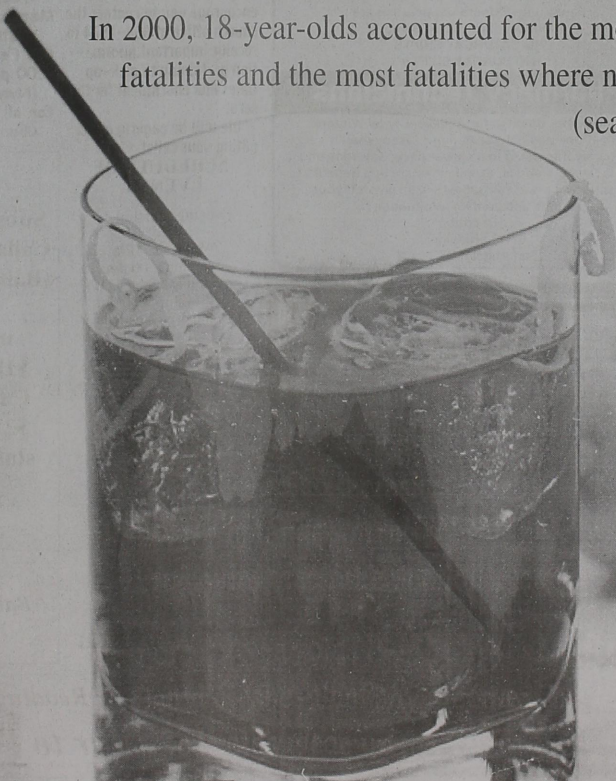
## STATISTICS

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in alcohol-related traffic crashes than any other age (1,368). The next most fatal ages were 18, 21, 20, 17 and 22, respectively. No other single ages but these six recorded more than 1,000 fatalities.

By a wide margin, 21-year-olds recorded the most alcohol-related fatalities (680) in 2000. The ages with the next highest numbers of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes were 19, 22, 20 and 23, respectively. By comparison, no other single age besides these five accounted for more than 500 alcohol-related fatalities.

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in lower BAC (between .01 and .09) alcohol-related crashes than any other age. In fact, 19-, 21-, 18-, 20-, 22- and 17-year-olds made up the top six ages (in order) of people who died in these crashes.

In 2000, 18-year-olds accounted for the most alcohol-related fatalities and the most fatalities where no restraint system (seat belts or motorcycle helmets) was used.



**Obituary**

**Margaret L. Young**

Margaret L. Young, 88, of Baird, died Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at a local care center.

Gravesite services were at 11:00 a.m., Friday at Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird, with Rev. Sandra Keith officiating, under the direction of Parker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Young was born January 16, 1928, in Fairview, OK, to Daniel James and Lenora

McCarty. She came to Baird from Fort Worth in 1960. She was the widow of Raymond Young, whom she married April 13, 1962, in Cross Plains. They owned the Callahan Abstract and Young and Manion Insurance, Inc. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include one nephew, Dan McCarty of Glen Rose and several Great-Nephews.

**Capital Highlights -**

Border security was the main topic, and Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff spoke. Other topics included commerce and security.

Meetings were held behind closed doors.

Gov. Rick Perry told reporters that commerce and immigration are concerns that come after security in his book, and that he doesn't plan to wait for the federal government to tighten up the border.

Outside, immigration policy protesters and counterprotesters expressed their opinions in 100-plus degree heat.

In El Paso a couple of days before the Austin conference, Perry said increased joint law enforcement in the borderlands has helped lower the crime rate in some communities.

"When you increase patrols, you decrease crime," he said.

Governors capped the border conference by co-signing a letter to congressional leaders, urging lawmakers in Washington D.C., to pass legislation enhancing border security and controlling immigration.

In mid-August, the state of Texas supplied El Paso County more than \$2 million to work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to disrupt organized criminal groups involved in violent crime, gangs, human trafficking, money laundering and drug trafficking.

More park funding, chairman says Texas law devotes \$32 million a year from the state sporting goods tax to maintain the state parks system. But the parks are only getting a fraction of the revenue.

Result: the parks aren't doing so well. In fact, there's a whole lot of crumbling going on. It's no wonder, with some 10 million people visiting each year. On Aug. 24 the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission met with its 17-member Parks & Wildlife Advisory Committee. Former state Sen. John Montford, chairman of the committee, suggested using the entire state sporting goods sales tax for parks to increase funding by about \$85 million per year, with the Legislature's approval.

Virtually every major Texas newspaper in recent months has devoted either editorial or column space to supporting our state parks. The time for action is now," Montford said. Whooping cough initiative begins: The Texas Department of State Health Services launched a whooping cough education campaign Aug. 21.

The agency is spreading the word about new vaccines that can protect people ages 10 to 64 against whooping cough, or pertussis.

Last year the health agency reported more than 2,000 whooping cough cases with nine deaths.

**2006-07 Calendar Baird I.S.D.**

**next Teacher Development Workday:**  
December 22  
May 25

**Staff Development Day: ends Aug. 11**  
**\*Compensatory Days: November 21-22 also January 19.**

**Bad: Weather Day: May 11.**

**Students Holidays: Labor Day, September 4**

**Thanksgiving, November 20-24**

**Christmas break, December 21-January 7**

**County Stockshow: January 19.**

**Spring Break, March 12-16**

**Easter, April 6**

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You Will Be HAPPY to learn that the adventure will continue through our bus ministry! The bus ministry will serve children age three through senior adults, who live within the Baird city limits, and are needing a ride to our Sunday School (Bible Study) and Worship Serv. beginning at 9:45 each Sunday. If you or a child in your neighborhood have been unable to attend Sunday School and Worship Services due to lack of dependable transportation, here is your opportunity!

With August 20 only a couple of weeks away, we encourage you to contact the church office at 854-1574 to receive important information pertaining to pick-up times and enrollment for this serv.

We will be eagerly anticipating your calls!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wednesday YOUTH Fellowship 7:00 pm (Nursery provided for all services)

Highlights in September  
\*Sunday, Sept 3 11:00 am Guest Speaker-Truman Turk  
\*\*\*No Evening Service\*\*\*  
\*Monday, Sept 4 Labor Day Office Closed  
\*Wednesday, Sept 6 at 7:00 pm

**Service Times**  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Wednesday Old Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. (Nursery provided for all services.)  
Change of Location

**Pharmacist In Charge**

Position available at rural grocery store pharmacy about 90 miles from Fort Worth. Pharmacy is newly constructed. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 9a-6p  
NO SATURDAY SHIFTS  
NO SUNDAY SHIFTS

**Pharmacy Technicians**

One floater position for Abilene/ Clyde/ Winters One position for Ranger/ Cisco area  
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**Baird-Callahan Star**

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**Texas Press**

Security issues get top billing at border conference  
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Texas hosted the 24th annual Border Governors Conference, Aug. 24-25.

Officials from the Lone Star State, New Mexico, Arizona and

California met at the state Capitol with governors and officials from the northernmost Mexican states.

**Bears Football Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 19	Ranger	There.	5:00 p.m
August 25	Bronte	Here	6:00
September 2 (Sat.)	Jerrell	Brownwood	7:30 p.m
Sept. 9 (Sat.)	LC.H.S.		10:00 a.m
Sept. 9 (Sat.)	Stamford	Baird	7:30 p.m.
*Sept. 16 (Sat.)	Abilene J.V. District Game	Shotwell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Roscoe	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Albany	Albany	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open		
Oct. 20	Roby	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Winters	Winters	7:30 p.m.
Novemb. 3	Hamlin	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Novemb. 10	Rotan	Rotan	7:30 p.m.

\*Homecoming

**Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu**

Week of August 31 -Sept. 4, Wedn. to Wedn..

**Thursday, August 31:** Turkey & Gravy over Rice or PopCorn Chicken, Green Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Brownie.

**Friday, Sept. 1**  
Bear Burgers or Bear Dogs, Chef Salad, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Dessert Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

**Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day**

**Tuesday, Sept.5:** Cheese Pizza or Corndog, Tossed Salad, Whole kernel Corn, Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Choice of Milk

**Wednesday Sept. 6:** Chessy Lasagna or Chicken Tenders w/gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll, Krispie Treat, Fresh fruit, Choice of Milk.

**Breakfast Menu: for August: Baird :**

**Thursday, August. 31, 2006:** Biscuit & Sausage with Gravy or Cereal & Toast, Fresh fruit, Assorted juices, Choice of Milk.

**Fri., Sept. ember 1:** French Toast Sticks, Yogurt Plate or Cereatt & Toast, Fresh Fruit, Assorted juices, Choice of Milk.

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