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Happy Thanksgiving



Christmas Village Grand Opening
Nov. 26, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Located in The Arches on Market Street

The Callahan County Courthouse and Baird City Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Baird I. S. D. schools are closed on Wednesday, Nov. 26, Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.

School will resume on Monday, Dec. 1 at the regular school hours.

Callahan County Unemployment Rate, October 2003 - 4.2
6,698 employed; 293 unemployed

Unemployment Rate Drops Following Upward Revision in September; Employment Grows Slightly

Austin - Texas; seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in this industry has grown by 21,500 jobs.

declined one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 6.5 percent, following an upward revision in September, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Nonagricultural wage and salary employment added 900 jobs from September to October.

Following three straight months with an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent, the October unemployment rate now stands at 6.5 percent, down from a high of 6.8 percent in May 2003. The increase in Total nonagricultural employment in Texas represented the third straight month of job gains. Over the year, Texas employers have added 32,600 jobs.

"The Texas labor market continues to show signs of growth," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Our State is on the right track, and Texas employers are proving resilient following the recent economic slowdown."

Following a gain of 3,000 jobs in September, Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU) employment added an additional 3,200 jobs in October. Education and Health Services employment grew by jobs in October. Since the beginning of the year, em-

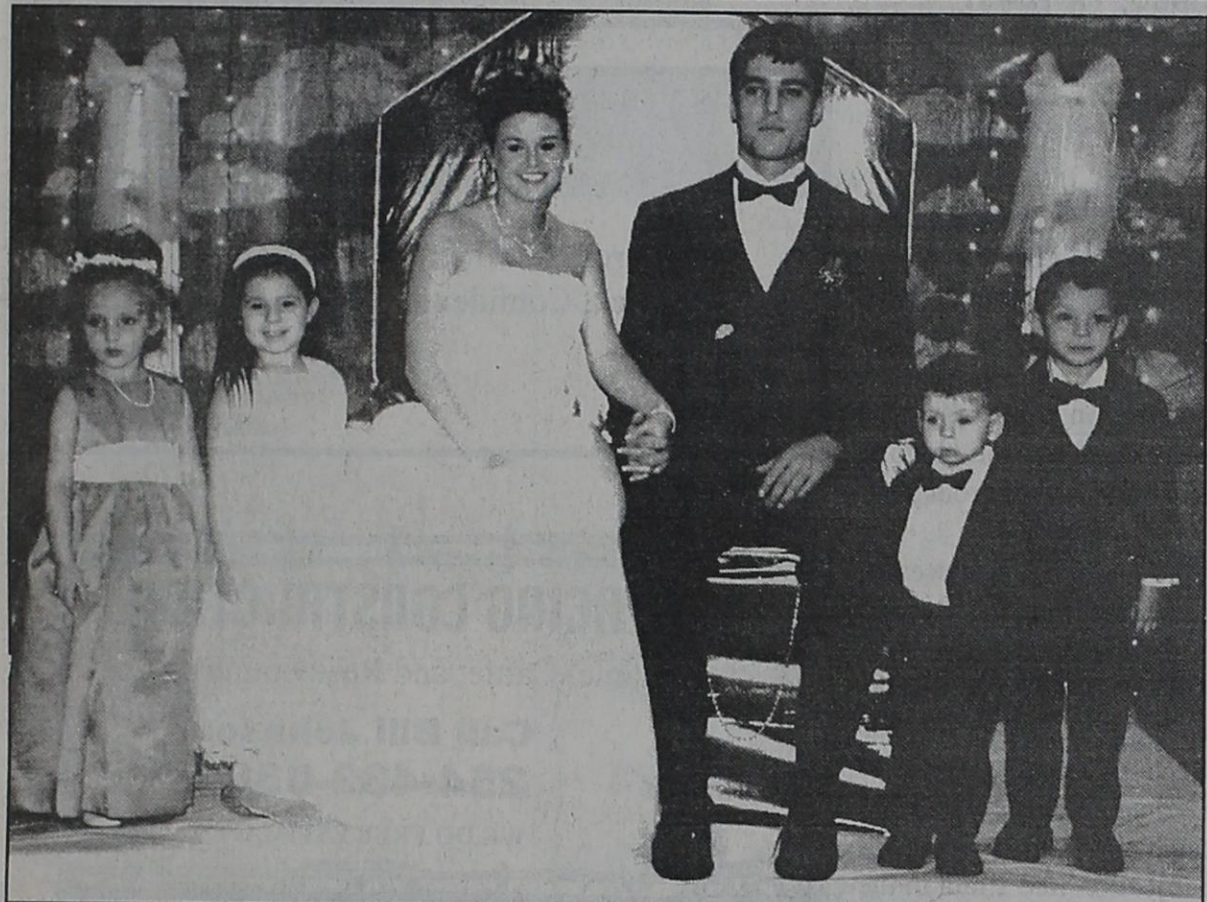
ployment in this industry has grown by 21,500 jobs. "I find it encouraging that company profits are improving and that business is beginning to invest in new equipment, processes and jobs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "I take it as particularly good news that Texas employers continue to add jobs."

Construction lost 1,700 jobs over the month, but remains a high point over the year with a gain of 15,400 jobs. Over the year, Education and Health Services led all major industries, showing a gain of 37,100 jobs.

"I am pleased to see continued job growth over a sustained period," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronald G. Congleton. "Right now, getting people back to work in one of my priorities, so I am pleased to report that we have 15,000 fewer Texas unemployed from September to October." According to TWC, Callahan County showed an unemployment rate of 4.2 in October, 2003.

From a work force of 6,991, 6,698 were employed; 293 unemployed. This was slightly higher than the neighboring counties of Eastland and Brown

Texas Department of Health will hold the following immunization clinics in Callahan County:
Monday, December 8th
Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th, 10-12
Cross Plains Housing Authority, 233 N. Main, 2-4
Wednesday, December 10th
Clyde Community Resource Center, 306 N. 1st., 10-12 & 1:30 - 3
Please bring child's immunization records
For more information call 325/754-4945



To the theme "Drifting On A Dream", Josh Sims and Tamara Vestal were crowned Baird High 2003-04 King and Queen at the school's coronation on Nov. 11, 2003. Shown from left to right are Kylie Fortune, trainbearer; London Diller, crownbearer, Queen Tamara Vestal, King Josh Sims, Gunner Webb, crownbearer; and Colton King, trainbearer.

Bay And Peg Forrest To Speak At First Baptist Church Baird

Women's Retreat for all ladies in the community with Peg Forrest will be Dec. 6 at the First Baptist Church Baird, 240 Race St.

The theme is "Fixing your Eyes on Jesus."

Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., it will include brunch.

Peg's heart beats with a passion to lead others into a more personal, intimate relationship with their Savior.

Her "homespun" style and simplistic love for the Scriptures both encourages, yet helps her audience relate to the messenger.

She and her husband, Bay Forrest, have written several books and ministered to hundreds all over the world.

Bay (former NBA center for the Phoenix Suns and missionary in Kenya, East Africa) will be speaking to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. service on Dec. 7th.

submitted by the First Baptist Church

Commissioners Court Holds Open Meeting; Appoints Appraisal District Director

The Callahan County Commissioners Court held an Open Meeting on Nov. 24, 2003 at the Callahan County Courthouse Commissioners' Court Room.

Deliberation and Consideration of action on the following items were on the agenda:

- I. Review and sign minutes of previous meetings.
 - II. Public Comments
 - III. Discuss and Appoint Appraisal District Director.
 - IV. Discuss Omnibase Services of Texas TDPS failure to appear program.
 - V. Discuss Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department with Bob Harrell.
 - VI. Discuss Jail Inspection Report.
 - VII. Discuss - Approve Rainey Creek Acres Plat.
 - VIII. Extension Agent Annual Report - Robert Pritz.
 - IX. Discuss and pay approved bills.
- Jimmie Easter was appointed by the Court as Appraisal District Director. continued inside please see Commissioners

4 Ex-POWs Tell Of WWII Experiences 1 From Cisco, 1 From Baird

Submitted by Lion Bob Tiffany of Abilene

On Thursday, November 13, 2003, at the Abilene Founders Lions Club, the program was in recognition of Veteran's Day two days earlier, and featured four members of the Club who had been Prisoners of War in Germany during World War II. Each had a personal story to tell, and in the span of 35 minutes, the four inspired the audience with their dedication, loyalty, and patriotism.

Moderated by Lion Bob Tiffany, a Captain B 24 pilot during the war, each veteran contributed interesting information.

First up was John Smith, former resident of Cisco and a B 24 pilot. His wife, Allene, owned and operated the Merle Norman and Hallmark store in Eastland. John was a farmer. John entered the military in 1940 via the National Guard. He later transferred to the Army Air Corps and earned his silver wings in June, 1943.

Flying on his 13th mission, his aircraft was shot down over Budapest, Hungary on April 13, 1944. He was taken into custody and imprisoned in Stalag 7 until January, 1945. At that time the prisoners, thousands of them, were forced to march for 72 hours straight with no food or drink and no rest. If one

dropped out, he was left to die in the very cold winter. The reason for the march was to stay away from the approaching Russian troops. After 13 months of imprisonment, John was freed by General Patton's troops and the General himself greeted John on May 6, 1945.

Ed Kuseck entered the service at age 21 in Pittsburg, PA. He was a Waist Gunner on a B 17 and was shot down on his 5th mission on September 9, 1944 by German fighters and anti aircraft near Frankfurt, Germany. As he entered prisoner of war Stalag Luft #4, he was greeted by a high school buddy who gave him a 2 ounce piece of cheese, his first food, in several days. Like John Smith, his group of prisoners were constantly on the move to stay ahead of Russian troops until he was liberated by British troops on May 6, 1945 after eight months in captivity.

Buddy Hart, born and raised in Baird, Texas, graduated from Abilene Christian College and then entered the U.S. Air Corps. He flew on a B 24 aircraft as Radio Operator/Gunner from the middle East, North Africa, and Italy. He was shot down February 22, 1944 on a mission to take out a ball bearing factory at Regensburg and to act as a

"decoy" to draw fighters from Berlin so that 8th Force bombers, could bomb Berlin. He was imprisoned in Stalag 6, then 4, then 1, and was liberated by the Russians on May 1, 1945, after 15 months in captivity. He lost 70 pounds and does not recommend that as a painless way to lose weight!

Dennis Bruno, a native of Toronto, Canada, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as an aircraft mechanic on December 12, 1941, five days after Pearl Harbor. He was moved to Glasgow, Scotland via the Queen Elizabeth and there became a flight engineer on a British Halifax bomber. He was shot down over Leipzig Germany on a night mission, December 3, 1943, on his 10th mission. He admits to being pretty frightened of making his first parachute jump at night over strange territory. He didn't see the ground until he landed unharmed and with no broken bones. He was imprisoned in Stalag 4 B until liberated by the Russians on April 29, 1945, having spent 17 months as a P.O.W. Following the war, he joined the U.S. Air Corps and retired after 30 years and two months.

These four gentlemen typify the veterans of World War II, who met every challenge and served their country nobly in the cause of freedom. They are to be greatly admired.

First Baptist Church Of Baird Events Scheduled

Nov. 26 No services on this Wed Evening so that Families can be together for Thanksgiving.
Dec. 2 Men's prayer breakfast with breakfast ready at 6:30 so that you may get to your appointed place by 8:00. All men in the community are welcome to this time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.
Dec. 6 Womens Retreat for All Ladies In The Community with Peg Forrest. Theme is "Fixing your Eyes on Jesus". It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and includes brunch.
Dec. 7 Bay Forrest (former NBA center for the Phoenix Suns and missionary in

Kenya, East Africa) will be speaking to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. service.
Dec. 8 Esther Sunday School class will have their class Christmas party.
Dec. 9 All women in the community are invited to Prayer Breakfast for ladies. Breakfast will be ready by 7:00 a.m. and prayertime to follow. Ladies if you can only be here for part of it, please come on.
Dec. 13 Womens Mission Group will be leaving the church at 10:30 a.m. to go to Mary Green's home north of Putnam for Christmas brunch and time of prayer. Back to Baird by 1:00 p.m.
Dec. 21 The Adult Choir will be presenting "A Christmas

Gift" in the 11:00 a.m. service. Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St. Baird.
 For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574.

D. P. S. Report

11-16-03 to 11-22-03

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 45
 Complaints - 37
 Fugitive Arrest - Sexual Assault with Child - 1
 Fail to Identify - 2

Accidents

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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11th Court of Appeals

Proceedings (En Banc)
November 20, 2003

Affirmed
Continental Holdings, Ltd. v. Jim Leahy, Individually; Brown, Parker & Leahy, L.L.P.; and Thompson & Knight, L.L.P., Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Kenneth Ray Andrews v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Granted; Former Opinion & Judgment Withdrawn; Appeal Reinstated & Dismissed

In re Charail McDaniel, Orig. Proc. Appellant's motion for rehearing. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Appeals Dismissed
Anthony L. Martin v. Kathleen Vaughan, Dallas. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Leonidas Vezos and Ted E. Dahl et al v. Spring Lake, Inc. n/k/a, Hollister Springs, Lake Inc., Harris. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Joseph Michael Gomez v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Granted; Appeals Dismissed

Robert Hardy Falk v. Patricia Stampley, Dallas. Agreed motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Lawrence Harvey Thibodeaux v. Ramona Rose Kemps Thibodeaux, Harris. Appellant's pro se motion for voluntary dismissal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Lana Munoz v. Mickey Emerson, Howard. Appellant's pro se notice of dismissal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Appeals Abated
Billy Gene Littlepage v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Original Proceedings Denied

In re Van Lee Brewer, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se petition for writ of mandamus. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Orders Not Disposing of Case

Rene Julio Hernandez v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

CROSSWORD ANSWER

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Motions Submitted & Granted

Horatio Sprague Taveau, D.O. v. Angela M. Brenden, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Linda Gayle Evans, Deceased, Gayle S. Maxwell, and Curtis Kirkpatrick, Taylor. Appellant's agreed motion to supplement appellant's initial brief on the merits.

David H. Gililand v. Taylor Investments et al, Taylor. Appellant's motion for leave to file reply brief in excess of page limits.

Marlon James Newsome v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

James Harris v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Abron Michael Henry v. State of Texas, Galveston. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the Matter of N.M.K., a

juvenile, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Granted in Part

Stevan Ray Warren v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file motion for enbac/motion for reconsideration.

Maretta Lorene Erwin v. State of Texas, Scurry. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Nelson Romero v. State of Texas, Dawson. Appellant's pro se request to file a pro se brief.

Danny Earl Dixon v. State of Texas, Baylor. Appellant's pro se motion to intervene with the 50th District Court for counsel. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Robert Gordon v. Wayne Scott, Jefferson. Appellant's pro se motion for rehearing.

(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motion Reconsidered & Overruled

In re Charail McDaniel, Orig. Proc. Appellant's pro se motion to dismiss evading arrest no probable cause.

Cases Submitted
Zachary Tyler Smith v.

State of Texas, Erath. Darla Bowman v. State of Texas, Shackelford.

B.W. Carr, Individually and Under Power of Attorney for his father and mother J.C. Carr and Dorothy M. Carr v. The City of Cisco et al, Eastland.

Michael Ray Manning v. State of Texas, Dallas. City of Dallas v. Jim

Lowenberg et al, Dallas. Nelson Romero v. State of Texas, Dawson.

Henry Garcia v. State of Texas, Mitchell.

Michael Duane Trout v. State of Texas, Dallas.

Craig Michael Stricklin v. State of Texas, Collin.

Bryan Thayne Folkman v. State of Texas, Collin.

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Personally Speaking

By Sam Pendergrast

CHAPTER TWO for "Head" Rush, Gov. Ahnald, Judge "Moses"

By Sam Pendergrast
HERE WE GO AGAIN: A gubernatorial nut, a stained holier-than-thou exhorter, and an out-of-control Christian.

First, to admit my own goof, the new Governor of Cahdefordea, Ahnald Schwarzenegger. (Yes, I predicted the day before the recall election that Californians would have better sense than to elect a celebrity with no political experience except being married to a Kennedy and a penchant for "laying on of hands" not sanctioned by political brethren.)

But I underestimated the California taste for fairytales, and now the bellwether state is in heavy debt under the nominal control of a fictitious cyberhunk in a hotbed of Democrats (including district attorneys eager to pursue complaints about the new Gov's touchy-feely past). And we must wish him well, partly because the economy, style, and assorted attitudes of the rest of us have so often originated somewhere between the studios of Hollywood and the flower children of Frisco.

As for Rush, returning to his acid mike after a drying-out period from prescription drugs, let's all be more indulgent and solicitous for his health than he has been for ours.

(I must admit, the first few time I heard Limbaugh on the radio, I would have sworn he was a skilled comedian instead of a fire-breathing zealot. Since I decided he was for real, I put him in the no-listen category with "Dubya" Bush and Company whose contempt for simple truth and political fairness renders listening dangerous.)

Hopefully, Rush's experience with addiction, the embarrassment of universal disclosure, and the probable agonies of withdrawal will have rendered him a little more understanding of those of us without Florida mansions and countless ears of functional fundamentalists. I'll have to listen for a while, just to see if he learned anything.

(I'm a forgiver wherever possible. When we were all kids, I wrote a column in San Angelo in support of Ann Landers when everybody else was snickering editorially about her divorce.)

SCARIER, REALLY, is the Alabama judge defrocked by his judicial peers for refusing to disembarrass his courthouse of a granite monument of the Ten Commandments after such

public display was ruled unconstitutional.

Limbaugh has a right to say what he thinks, and Cahdifordeans have a right to try the leadership of a celluloid myth again, but nobody has the right to use a governmental function to force his religious views (however broadly accepted) on others. But if "Judge Moses", doesn't go more berserk, he is free to run for re-election, and my guess is that he might have touched Karl Rove's "Bob Jones University" syndrome that helped "Dubya" get nearly half the popular vote for the presidency.

After considerable progress toward equality for Blacks, women, and gender disparity, a major if largely

unrecognized deficiency in real religious freedom remains with us, and the "Judge Moses" remain eager to exploit it.

(We really need to insist Christian symbols be paired with Buddhas, Islamic, Confucion, and atheist symbols in public.)

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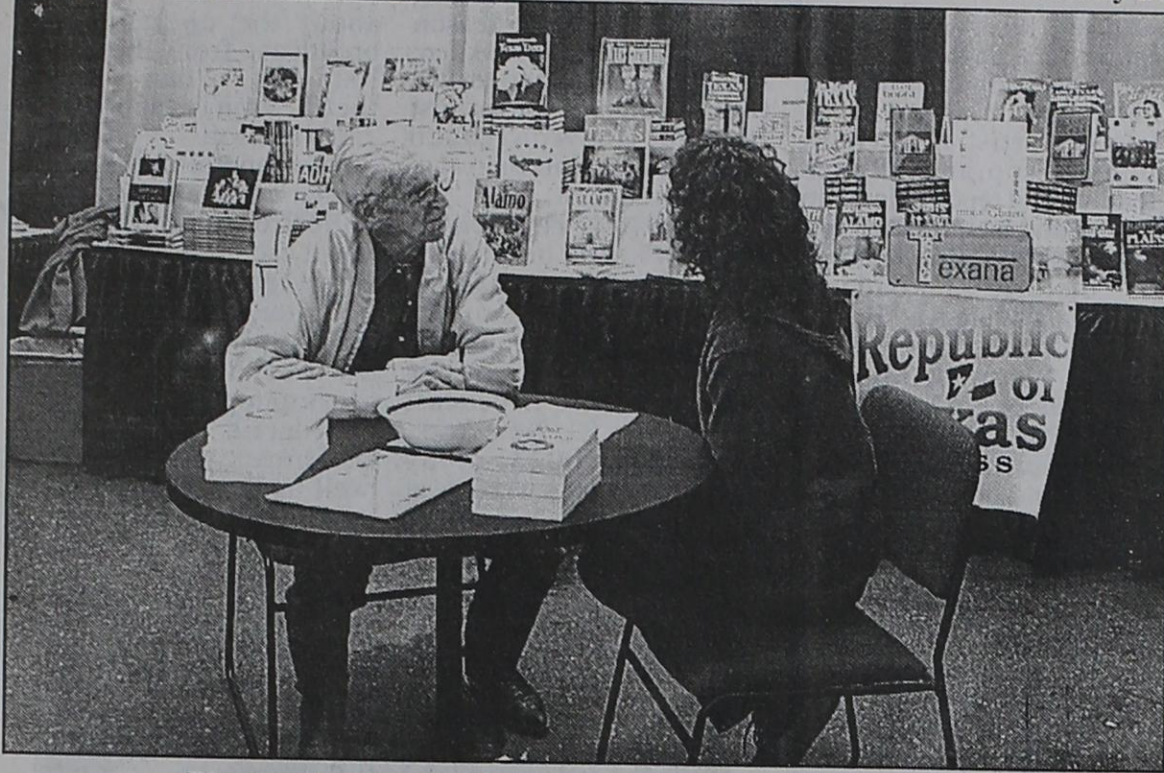


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Charles Chupp is a well-known Texas author and local personality who served as mayor of De Leon, Texas. His column "I Got No Reason to Lie" is published in the *De Leon Free Press* and *The Manor Messenger*. He has published two books and written for newspapers and magazines including *True West*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Lone Star Gazette*, and *Frontier Times*. Mr. Chupp and his wife make their home in De Leon, Texas.

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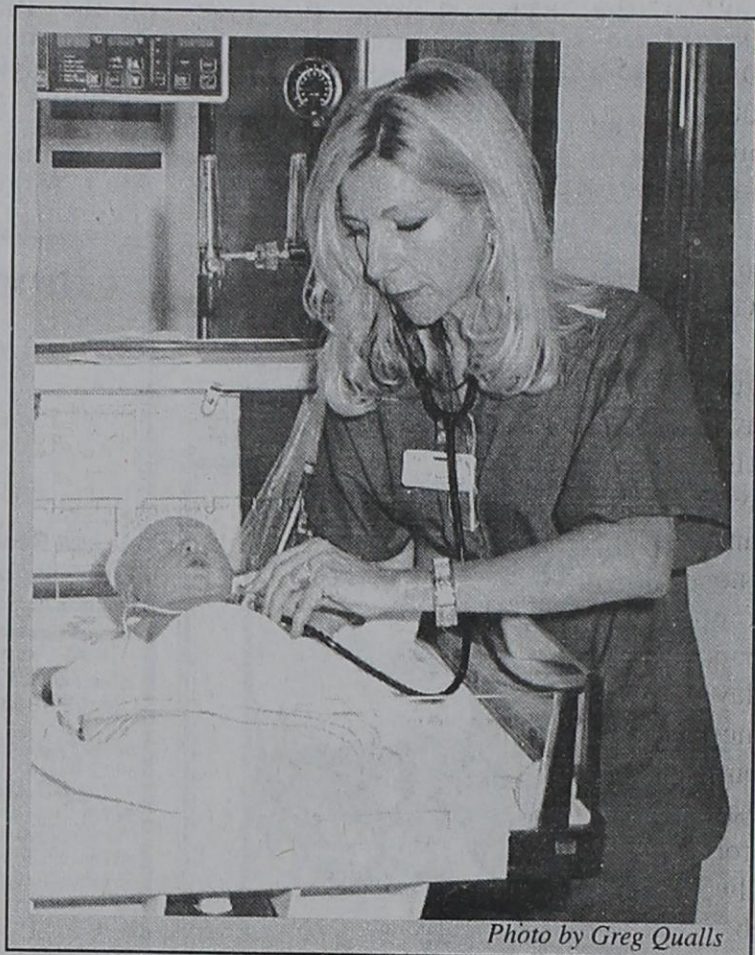


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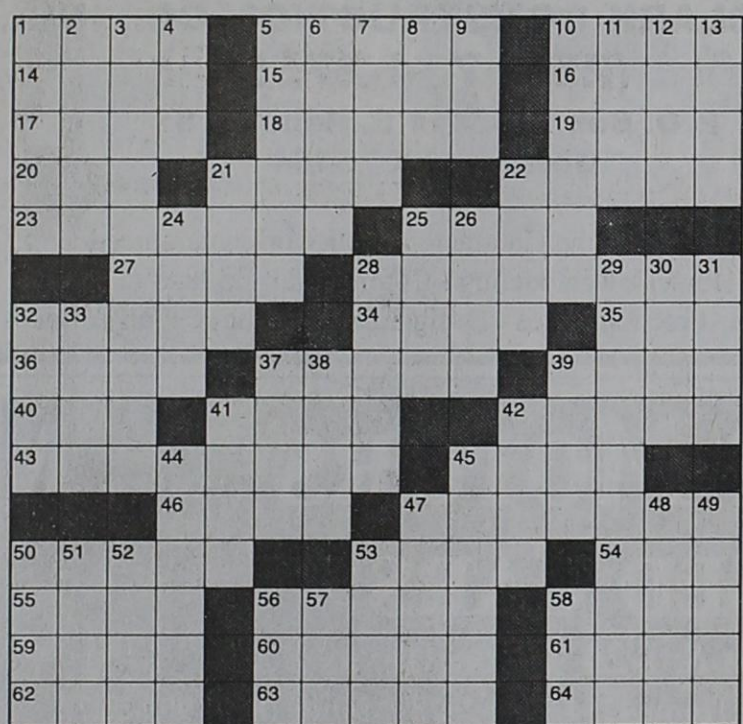
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Met artists of the past and present will be featured in excerpts from historic broadcast performances from operas that will be performed during the upcoming twenty-week radio season.

The broadcasts begin on Dec. 13 with the Met's first-ever broadcast of Promental Havery's LA JUIVE, and conclude with the April 24, 2004 performance of Wagner's GOTTERDAMMERUNG. "The Season Preview" features several regular ChevronTexaco intermission commentators who will join host Peter Allen to guide listeners through six decades of performances taken from the Met's broadcast archive. The broadcast season will include a Met premiere: Hector Berlitz's first opera **BENVENUTO CELLINI**,

performed as part of the Met's two-season long commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth.

This season the Met is presenting Richard Wagner's complete RING cycle, and a special feature of the PREVIEW will include highlights from the live RING broadcasts spanning more than 60 years.

Television programmer and producer Alan Wagner hosts this segment, which also

includes interviews with soprano Jane Eaglen, and Met principal conductor and artistic director James Levine.

Other artist interviews include soprano Renee Fleming, and tenors Marcello Giordni and Neil Shicoff.

Among the artists featured in historic broadcast performances are Karl Bohm, Franco Corelli, Jane Eaglen, Kirsten Flagstad, Marilyn Horne, James Levine, Lauritz Melchior, Roberta Peters, Helen Traubel, Jon Vickers, and others.

The host for "The Season Preview" will be Peter Allen, who this year celebrates his twenty-ninth season as host for the ChevronTexaco Metropolitan International Radio Broadcast. Listeners to "The Season Preview" will be able to order a free Broadcast Guide to the 2003-2004 season by calling the toll-free number 1-800MET-8828, or by writing to Met Broadcast Guide, Box 50, New York, New York 10023, or by visiting the Met's web site at www.metopera.org.

For further information

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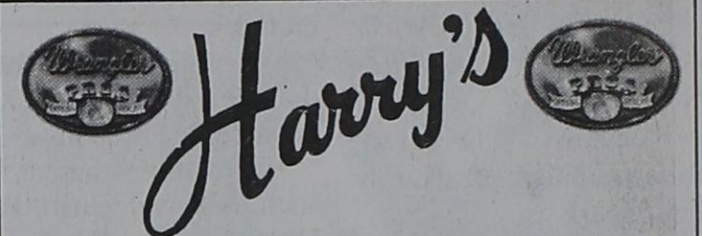
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Brazos River Authority Receives Desalination Grant

The Brazos River Authority has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Texas Water Development Board to obtain a regional water plan for the proposed Freeport Seawater Desalination Project. The Authority and its partners, Poseidon Resources Corporation and the Dow Chemical Company, have proposed a seawater desalination facility to be constructed at the Dow Chemical Complex in Freeport. The facility is planned to produce 25 million gallons per day of high quality water, and could go up to 100 million daily. "The Board of Directors is extremely pleased to take part in Gov. Perry's desalination initiative," said Joe B. Hinton, Chairman of the Authority's Board of Directors. He said that this project was expected to help the Authority provide high quality water for the future needs of Texas.

The funding awarded by the TWDB will be used by the Authority to identify potential customers for water produced by the facility, identify infrastructure necessary to deliver the water, evaluate technical issues necessary for integrating the water, and evaluate the cost. "The grant allows the Authority to take the first steps toward making this project a reality in the Brazos River Basin," says Phil Ford, General Manager/CEO of the Brazos River Authority. "Along with our partners, Poseidon Resources and Dow Chemical, we hope to be first organization to implement a large scale seawater desalination project in Texas."

The grant is a big part of the project development portion of the TWDB's Desalination Work Plan. The Plan's development was mandated by House Bill 1370 passed by the 78th Texas Legislature. Other TWDB project development tasks include engineering facility planning, environmental review, permitting, securing project funding, and construction.

In addition to the Authority's funding grant, two other professional desalination programs also received grants. The Brownsville Public Utility Board and the City of Corpus Christi will also prepare regional water plans focusing on seawater desalination projects in their area of the state.

Note: The Brazos River Authority is the oldest River Authority organization in Texas. It has a 42,000 square-mile territory which extends

from the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport to the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock. It owns and operates four reservoirs, Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, Limestone and Alan Henry, and contracts with the Corp of Engineers

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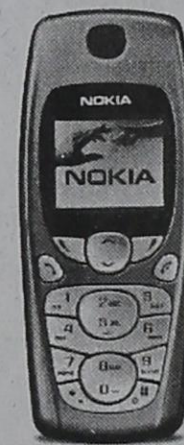
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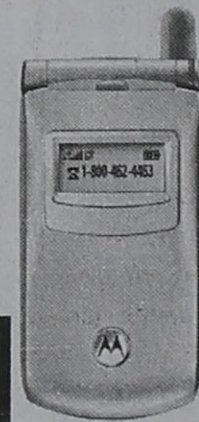
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BAIRD BEARS

Bears Lose To Plowboys; Still Finish With Good Season Record

In their last game of the season, the Baird Bears took a clear-cut loss to the Roscoe Plowboys on Friday.

The end score was Roscoe 39, Baird 11.

Roscoe, now 9-3, will meet Windhorst, 11-1, next week.

Jed Womack put the Bears on the score board with a 30-yard field goal in the first quarter.

Zach Harmon scored a TD for Baird in the fourth quarter on a six yard run.

The Plowboys came on particularly strong in the second and third quarters, scoring 20 in the 2nd and 13 in the 3rd.

Even with the loss on Friday night, the Bears have had a good season, and have only lost two games.

It will be the last season for several top Bear players. Casey Burford, L. J. Mendez, Josh Sims, Will Ross, Zach Harmon, Chief McAdams, R. C. Smith, Derric Nichols, Jeremy Sims, Paco Carrion, and Carlos Gomez are all seniors.

Chance Rodriguez and Jed Womack, both sophomores, are names to watch in the next season.

Several other players will certainly come forth to fill the shoes of the great players leaving the team. Good work boys!

In non-district Basketball, the Baird Varsity Girl's team scored over Stamford 52-45.

The Varsity Boys and Girls met Roby on Monday, Nov. 24 and Cisco on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Scores were not yet available for those games.

The Varsity Boys and Girls will challenge Strawn on Dec. 2. The Rising Star Tournament will be held on Dec. 4, 5, and 6.

Basketball Scores

Baird 52 Stamford 45

Girls

Baird 8 16 18 10 - 52

Stamford 14 16 8 7 - 45

Baird - Windham 6, Russell 4, Sweeney 2, Moore 4, Harris 9,

McDowell 18, Bell 9

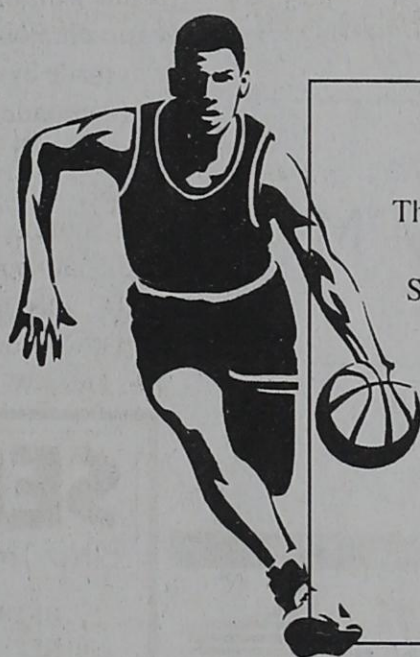
Stamford - Navert 2, McMeans 8, Williams 10, Ford 8, Hoadley

2, Lisle 12, Patton 3.

Records - Baird 2-0, Stamford 0-2.

Junior Varsity - Stamford 39, Baird 27

Go Bears! Go!



November Basketball Schedule

High School

Thurs. Nov. 6 Red & White Scrimmage, Baird, 6:00 p.m., JHG, JVG, VG

Thurs., Nov. 13 Hico (Scrimmage), Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Sat., Nov. 15 Rule, May, Tolar (Scrimmage), Baird, 1:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Tues., Nov. 18 Winters, Baird, 5:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Fri., Nov. 21 TBA

Mon., Nov. 24 Roby, Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Tues., Nov. 25 Cisco, Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Junior High

Nov. 17, Albany, There, 6:00, 7G, 8 G

Nov. 17, Albany, Here, 6:00, 7B, 8 B

Nov. 24, Gorman, There, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B

Week 11 Area Football Results

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Obituary

Thomas F. 'Buddy' Gann, Sr.

BAIRD- Thomas F. 'Buddy' Gann, Sr., 69, died Saturday, November 22, 2003 at an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson, Floyd Leverton officiated, directed by Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home of Anson.

Mr. Gann was born March 25, 1934 in Anson. He was the son of the late Joseph and Velma Gann. He married Alice Buffington on April 4, 1996 in Abilene. Buddy was a heavy equipment operator and was a longtime flea market dealer. He moved to Baird from Abilene in 1997.

Thomas was preceded in

death by one son, Buddy Thomas Gann; one grandson, Bobby Dale Gann; three brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Gann of Baird; three sons, Frankie Gann of Merkel, Joseph Gann of Potosi, and Clifford Gann of Abilene; three daughters, Pamela McGough of Abilene, Bonnie Phillips of New Ark, Jennifer Grant of Abilene; one stepson, Michael Fults, II of Abilene; three stepdaughters, Lisa King of Mineral Wells, Cheryl Buffington of Merkel, and Tanya Dominguez of Yakima, WA; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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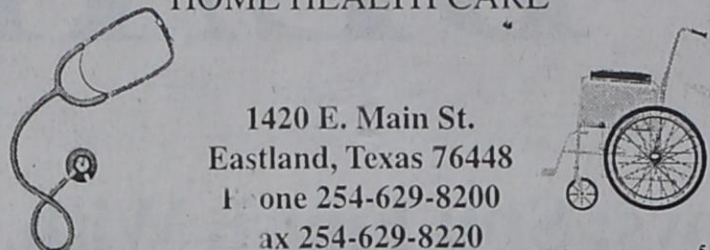
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Baird I. S. D. Board Of Education Minutes

November 20, 2003

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on November 20, 2003 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Jim Dyer Windham, Jr., Joe Clark, Burke Robinson, Miller Scott, Allen Wilson at 7:45 PM and Gerry McDowell at 7:30 PM. Other school personnel present: Lacy Hogue, Lana Walls, Martha Lynn, A. L. Hunter, and Sandra Carter. Others present: Al Pickett.

Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM. Miller Scott gave invocation.

Mr. Hogue gave the first reading of Update 71 from TASB.

Enrollment is steady at 379.

The football team is playing in the Area round against Roscoe on Friday, November 21, 2003 in Sweetwater.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the High School Campus Improvement Plan as presented was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the Elementary Campus Improvement Plan as presented was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Miller Scott. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to open an account with the Lone Star Investment Pool through TASB was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the sale of 50 WADA to Austin I. S. D. was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

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A motion to approve the selection process of Superintendent in the 2004-2005 school year as presented by Mr. Hogue was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the selection committee for Superintendent in the 2004-2005 school year as presented was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:39 PM was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to employ an Elementary teacher for the second semester was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to employ Donna Sikes as band director for the second semester with a Probationary Term Contract was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept Lacy Hogue's letter of intent to retire November 30, 2003 was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to appoint Sandra Carter as acting Superintendent from December 1, 2003 through January 4, 2004 with a \$500.00 stipend was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to employ Lacy Hogue as an administrative consultant beginning January 5, 2004 through June 30, 2004 was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

The next regular meeting date was set for December 18, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

From page one

Commissioners

The Jail Inspection Report was in compliance and approved by the Court.

The Commissioners also accepted the Omnibase Services of Texas - TDPS failure to appear program.

Rainey Creek Acres Plat was approved.

Great American Smokeout

Millions of people across our nation have plans to quit smoking for a day or longer by joining this year's Great American Smokeout which was held on Thursday, November 20, 2003. This is a nationally recognized event that challenges adults and minors to stop using tobacco and raises awareness around the many effective ways to quit smoking for good.

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