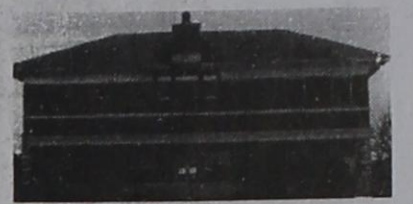


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Cantatas, Candlelight Services Ring In Joy Of Christmas

Two Cantatas will ring in the joy of Christmas at churches in Baird on Sunday, December 19.

A special message through song - the Christmas Cantata "And It Came to Pass" - will be presented at the First Baptist Church Baird during the Morning Worship services at 11:00 AM.

The 2004 Christmas Cantata, "One of Us: The Miracle and the Mystery",

directed by Mr. Danny Lewis, will be performed at Baird First United Methodist Church that evening at 6:30 PM.

Christmas eve candlelight services will be held at the First Baptist Church Baird on December 24 at 6:00 PM, and at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM.

Everyone is invited to attend these special Christmas events.

The Christmas Village, located in the Archess on Market Street in Baird remains open Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. through 8 p.m. through New Years. It can also be opened for special groups and families with prior notice. Call 325-854-2003, 325-854-1655 or 325-854-1347 to schedule a time.

Plan to visit this beautiful Christmas display with friends or family during the Holidays.

New Student And Pre-Kindergarten Registration Is January 3 - 7

Parents of students who need to enroll their children in Baird Elementary School may come by the school's office from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the week of January 3-7 to register.

Baird Elementary School will also take applications for the Pre-Kindergarten program on these dates.

All parents registering new students for school will need to bring copies of the child's birth certificate, shot records, and Social Security card.

All applications for the Pre-Kindergarten program must submit proof of income (such as a pay stub, etc.)

The Baird Pre-K program will begin on January 10th for children that have turned 4 as of September 1, 2004.

Baird elementary School offers Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-school Program for Children with Disabilities, Kindergarten, and First through Sixth Grade classes.

Please call 854-1400 Ext. 308 for additional information.

Baird Elementary To Hold Pre-Kindergarten Registration For 2005

Baird elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2005 school year beginning on Monday, January 3 and ending on Friday, January 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. The registration will be held at Baird Elementary School in the office.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age and is 1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; or 3) homeless. In

order to qualify for the program based upon #2, students must meet the criteria of financial need as determined by a formula provided by the state (which is based upon eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced lunch program).

To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income. (Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly

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A Special Thanks

In last week's issue, I faxed a report to our newspapers about the horrible car accident in Germany in which my daughter Cynthia (Cindy) was a passenger.

Spontaneously individuals and churches throughout the area offered prayers and support for her.

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for their concern and thoughts. Cindy is badly injured and will have to endure more surgery when she is stronger.

This will probably not be for several months, her physicians said. For the time being, she will have to remain in bed in the hospital.

We are, however, very thankful that she will recover. Cindy is thankful for her "second life" as she says, and adds that she wants to get well again.

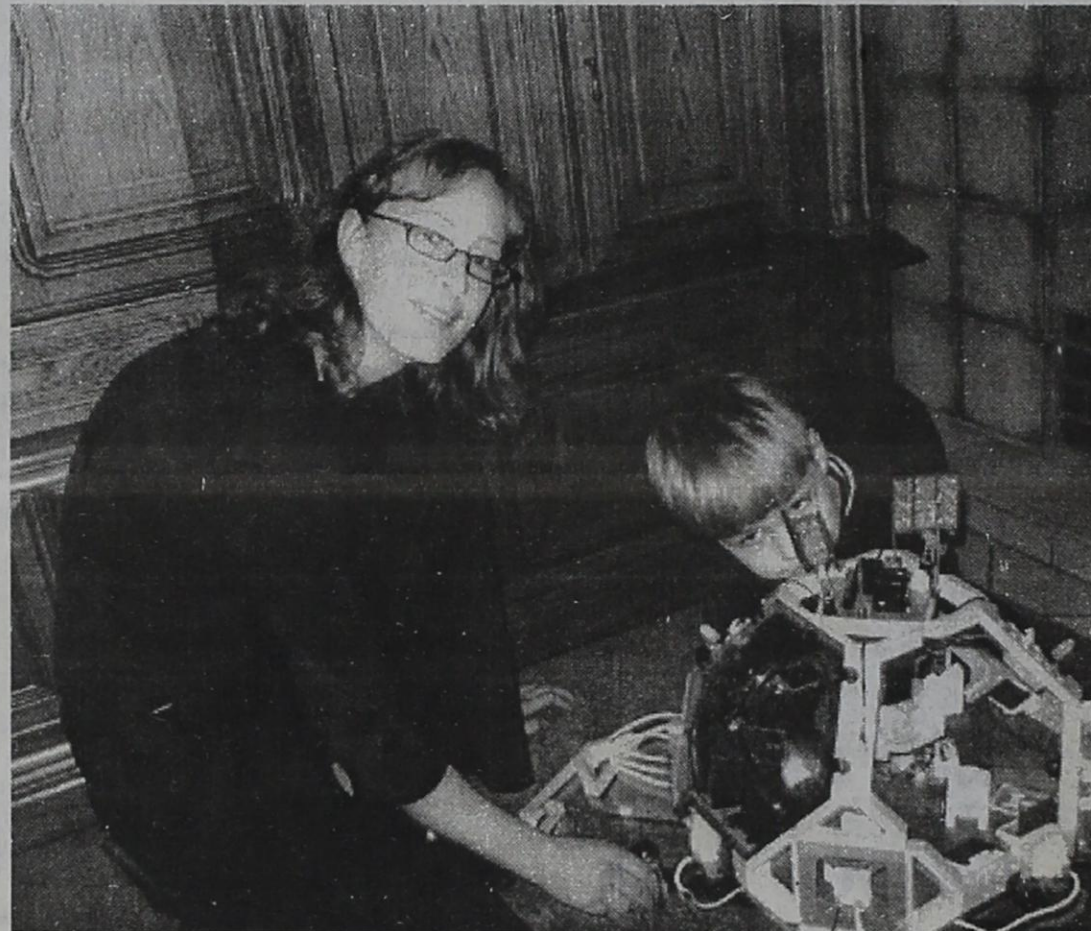
Her spirit will certainly help her to get through the months ahead. I am very distressed for the parents who lost their children in the accident.

The funeral of one of the young men killed in the accident - a school friend of Cindy's - was held before I left Germany.

I wish there was some way to get across the message that alcohol is a killer behind the wheel.

Please join me in spreading this message. And thank you again for all your support.

Your Editor,
Margaret Hetrick



Cynthia is shown with a little friend during my visit with her last spring. Cynthia, who will remain in the hospital for some time, is very thankful for all your prayers, cards, and thoughts.

Bill Rollins Describes His Yearlong Cancer Fight: Agent Orange Is Blamed

Letter to the Publisher:

Dear Hugh,
Thought I'd give you a run down of what has happened to me this year and where I've been.

Last January, 2004, I became ill and couldn't get to feeling better. There were several missed diagnoses from doctors here and elsewhere.

I went to Big Spring to my regular doctor in May. He put me in the hospital and told me I would stay until he found out what was wrong. I looked like a skeleton by this time and was unable to speak.

The doctor discovered a tumor in my throat. I chose to go to Albuquerque for treatment. The specialist there checked me out thoroughly, but did nothing. Sent me home for six days. The tumor had grown so rapidly, I couldn't breathe upon returning to Albuquerque. I had to have a tracheostomy there.

Two weeks later as I was to go home and then to Dallas for my surgery, I died twice! They brought me back.

I had to stay in Albuquerque two more weeks. They then flew me to Big Spring by Lear jet. I stayed there for ten days to get some strength.

My wife took me home from Big Spring. Darrell Fox took me to Dallas by ambulance 3 days later.

I was 160 pounds by this time. Three weeks later, after trying to get me stronger, I had radical surgery (cut from ear to ear). The cancer I had was called Laryngeal Cancer.

I then stayed in the hospital a week before coming home. The next step was to be radiation since the cancer was malignant.

They gave me 43 doses of radiation - the last 10 being cobalt. Burned me up very badly around my neck! Still

is burned now after 2 months.

I can speak with a speaker phone in my mouth. When I am healed inside and out, they will insert a voice box in my neck. The ordeal took over 7 months in the hospital.

After what I've been through, I am lucky to be here and thank the Good Lord that I am. I'm a long way from being "well", but at least I'm here. I am in constant pain.

While I was home between treatments, I was able to vote. Noticed that many Democrats are now Republicans. I'm not, and never will be. I'll be a Democrat until I'm gone.

Hope you have a wonderful holiday and very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Bill Rollins

P.S. The cancer was caused by Agent Orange - tests revealed.

Commissioners' Court Minutes From Dec. 13, 2004

The meeting of the Commissioners' Court was begun and held at its regular meeting place in the Court-house on December 13, 2004 A. D., and the following officers were present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge Presiding

Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1

Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer

Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 A.M. by Judge Corn.

The minutes of November 22, 2004 were approved as presented.

Billy Schat and Sheriff Curtis discussed the Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement. This is about local governments and counties desiring to contract and agree to provide police protection by contracting to create the West Central Interlocal Crime Task Force.

This is not run by the State or Federal Government. There is a staff of 10 agents. The task force works closely with the Sheriff, County Attorney and Judge.

Harold Hicks made a motion to approve the Law Enforcement Interlocal Contract. Doris Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Pat and Frank Chrane were present to discuss the drug problems in Callahan County. Sheriff Curtis gave a report on drug cases the past two years in both County and District Court. Drugs have become a problem everywhere. Judge Corn assured the Chrane's the Commissioners' Court was concerned. No action was taken.

Judge Corn gave the county jail inspection report. Bryan Farmer made a motion to approve the report. Harold Hicks seconded and motion carried 5-0. A letter commending Sheriff Curtis and his staff for passing inspection was signed by the Judge and all four Commissioners.

Joe Clark was not present from TXDOT. The resolution concerning FM 604 was discussed. Doris Grider made a motion to approve the Resolution and when the State gives to the County

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Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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House Loans

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Miscellaneous

BURGLARY REWARD! For ID, tools, welder, computers taken 10-21-04 for Cisco temp. storage. Everything marked TXDL ****27861, 836661 or 800-682-3414. Contact 254-629-TIPS or 254-442-1770 or Mr. S P.O. Box 885 Cisco, TX 76437. B52*

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APPELLATE CASE NUMBER 11-03-00283-CV TRIAL COURT CASE NUMBER 17,947
11TH Court of Appeals EASTLAND, TEXAS (Phone) (245)629-2638
Wayne Boyd
332 Girard Street
Baird, Texas 79504
(Phone) (325) 854-2545
Appellate-Plaintiff v.
Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. and Texas Workforce Commission
Appelle-Defendant (CO)
AFFIDAVIT STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CALLAHAN
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Wayne Boyd, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says:
My name is Wayne Boyd, and I swear to the truth of this affidavit:
1. I am a resident of 332 Girard Street, Baird, Texas 79504
2. Because this case concerns a PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, Plaintiff believes the case No. 11-03-00283-CV should proceed on, and believes the Texas Workforce Commission should waive the TWC's sovereign immunity because of being a HEALTH ISSUE in other states.
3. It would have made it too difficult for Plaintiff to have remained in the front end section after closing, and attend any cleaning duties to go along with the closing Grocery Cashier position that Plaintiff worked at this store because the insecticide spray fumes administered after closing hours enveloped the BAKERY, PRODUCE, and FRONT END section of the store, and in Plaintiff's opinion, made it too unhealthy to breathe.
4. In Plaintiff's opinion, the spray, which saturated the above areas with all the items uncovered, and for at least a period of one hour each time, "put customers at a risk".
5. ALSO, on many different occasions with different TWC Representatives -- incorrect information on how to file Plaintiff's civil suit was mistakenly given to Plaintiff over the telephone from Austin, Texas, causing Plaintiff to incorrectly file this suit. The TWC is not wanting to take responsibility for their actions.
WAYNE BOYD
Plaintiff Pro Se
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to me before me, this 2 day of Dec. 2004.
My Commission expires 10-24-06
Cami Robinson
Notary Public, State of Texas

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52 acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$62,400.
78 acres, wooded and cleared, 1 pond, 2 barns, concrete water plus nice 1 room efficiency home with full bath, \$99,000.
83 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$60,000.
90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$89,550.
95 acres wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$99,000.
97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400.
110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills, 1 field, water line, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac.
117 acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oak trees, 3 fields, 3 ponds, hill top view, old water well, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac
177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.
306 acres, wooded with 35 acre field, post oak and mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$125,000.
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.
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3 BR, 1 bath home, large room, detached garage, corner property, \$17,500.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, shop and other outbuildings, \$19,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly wooded, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.
2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$21,000.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, \$32,500.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, computer room, big kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, could be converted into a 3BR home, 6 ceiling fans, inside and outside recently repainted and carpeted, fenced yard, \$35,000
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, reduced to \$34,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH, separate DR, WBFP in LR and WB heater in den, patio, 2 large metal shops, 2 double carports, 3 lots.
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property.
****LAKE CISCO****
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.
3 BR Home, many cabinets, woodburning heater, wooden deck, boat dock with boat house, large trees. Reduced to \$27,000.
2 BR Home, CH/A, fireplace, detached guest room, patio, boat dock, 2 car carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$27,000.
2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake from DR and BRs. Some landscaping with sprinkler system, deck and boat dock.
Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR, many extras.
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2004 Pecan Show Results

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| Caddo- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.-1st | Mahan- Dale Walker- Eastland Co.- 2nd | Eastland Co.- Native- Ray Don |
| Cheyenne- Dale Walker- Eastland Co.- 2nd | Mahan- Lee Roy Pearson- Eastland Co.- 1st | Craighead- Eastland Co.- Native- A.J. Williams- Eastland Co.- Native- A.J. Williams- Eastland Co.- 3rd |
| Cheyenne- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Maramec- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Native- A.J. Williams- Eastland Co.- Native- T.J. Cummings- Eastland Co.- Native- D&D Farms- Eastland Co.- Native D & D Farms- Eastland Co.- Native- T.J. Cummings- Eastland Co.- Native- D & D Farms- Eastland Co.- |
| Choctaw- Rudolph Little- Eastland Co.- 2nd | Melrose- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Lightest Pecan- I. Hickman- Eastland Co.- 1st |
| Choctaw- Dena Withers- Eastland Co. | Navaho- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Lightest Pecan- Ada Jones- Eastland Co.- 2nd |
| Choctaw- Nikki Mitchell- Eastland Co. | Podsednik- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Lightest Pecan- Darlene Mullenweg- Eastland Co.- 3rd |
| Choctaw- Dale Walker- Eastland Co. | San Saba Improved- Dale Harper- Eastland Co.- 1st | |
| Choctaw- Billy Adams- Eastland- 1st | Shawnee- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | |
| Desirable - Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Shoshoni- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | |
| Kanza- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Shoshoni- Dale Walker- Eastland Co.- 2nd | |
| Kiowa- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 2nd | Stuart- A.J. Williams- Eastland Co.- 1st | |
| Kiowa- Bill Carlton- Eastland Co.- 1st | Variety Seedling- T.J. Cummings- Eastland Co.- 2nd | |
| Oconee- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | Variety Seedling- Wesley Warren- Eastland Co.- 1st | |
| Mohawk- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st, Reserve Champion | Other Varieties- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- Other Varieties- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- Other Varieties- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 3rd | |
| Mohawk- Wesley Warren- Eastland Co.- 2nd | Other Varieties- Dale Walker- Eastland Co.- 2nd | |
| Pawnee- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st, Champion | Other Varieties- Ada Jones- Eastland Co.- Other Varieties- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st, Grand Champion | |
| Schley- Dale Walker- Eastland Co.- 1st | Native- Ada Jones- Eastland Co.- 2nd, Reserve Champion | |
| Sioux- Billy Adams- Eastland Co.- 2nd | Native- Wesley Warren- Eastland Co.- | |
| Sioux- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | | |
| Western- Ada Jones- Eastland Co.- | | |
| Western- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 2nd | | |
| Western- Billy Adams- Eastland Co.- 1st | | |
| Witchita- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | | |
| Apache- Ada Jones- Eastland Co.- 2nd | | |
| Apache- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 3rd | | |
| Apache- Justin Phillips- Eastland Co.- 1st | | |
| Barton- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st, Reserve Champion | | |
| Burkett- D & D Farm- Eastland Co.- | | |
| Burkett- Dale Walker- Eastland Co.- 3rd | | |
| Burkett- Ada Jones- Eastland Co.- | | |
| Burkett- Rudolph Little- Eastland Co.- 2nd | | |
| Burkett- Mark Harris- Eastland Co.- | | |
| Burkett- Lee Roy Pearson- Eastland Co.- | | |
| Burkett- Childress Farm- Callahan Co.- 1st | | |
| Burkett- T. J. Cummings- Eastland Co.- | | |
| Comanche- Billy Adams- Eastland Co.- 2nd | | |
| Comanche- Mark Harris- Eastland Co.- 1st | | |
| Comanche- Darlene Mullenweg- Eastland Co.- 3rd | | |

Obituaries

H.G. Henderson

H.G. Henderson, Jr. died after a very short illness on December 3, 2004 at the age of 77. He was born in Abilene Texas on April 21, 1927 to Harris George and Ima Inez Henderson. His primary address was in Abilene, but, as most of you know, it seems he spent most of his time flying on or above Hwy 36 between Abilene and Houston. For the past 33 years he owned and operated Henderson Grain, a company begun by his father.

H.G. was a man of many talents, gifted in many fields. He couldn't decide which he liked best so he worked in all of them. He valued his friendships and was loved by all who knew him for his willingness to lend a helping hand, whether repairing an air conditioner, fixing a computer or just calling to find out how you were doing. He was a good listener.

Learning to fly an airplane by age 15 gave H.G. a freedom that even the effects of polio contracted as a young adult could not diminish. He had to be tenacious and he was. By age 25 he had completed his military obligation serving in the US Navy, had four daughters and paralytic polio. He was just getting started!

He faced every challenge like he faced life, to the fullest. He enjoyed sailing, regattas, air shows and always meeting new people all over the country. From traveling Mexico to Canada in the family's converted bus, "The Land Yacht" or flying

his own plane, to sailing the Caribbean, and scuba diving, (using fins on his hands because his legs would not work), H.G. enjoyed life. He stopped to "smell the roses along the way of life" always being thankful and never giving up.

H.G. is survived by his former wife, Donna Gipson Henderson, and a sister, Marinel Hester.; daughters and son-in laws are Molly

Thursday, December 16, 2004
Fairbetter, Melanie and Dennis Dossey, Vicki and Kevin Matney, Cyndi and Bob Galloway; Grandchildren are Anissa Long, Adam and Alex Dossey, Amber Fairbetter, Jack Matney, Megan, Caitlin and Robin Galloway. Great-grandchildren are MaKenna and Kyra Long, Daniel and Dylan Dossey, and Olivia Dossey. Also, numerous nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Cecil Ray Sylvester

CISCO- Cecil Ray Sylvester, 71, of Cisco, died Saturday, December 11, 2004 at his home.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at Eastland Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Pat Riley, directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Sylvester was born in Eastland on November 15, 1933 to Cecil Lee and

Trophie Rae (Todd) Sylvester. He served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. He worked as an accountant and was a member of First Baptist Church in Pomona, California.

He is survived by daughters, Cathy Sylvester of Cisco, Sue Wing and husband Gary of Benicia, CA; sister, Liz Harrison and husband Bill of Cisco; granddaughters, Holly and Heidi Wing.

It Is Time To Sign Up For Relay For Life

It is time to get your team signed up for this year's Relay For Life, if you need more information call Cheri at 254-734-2668.

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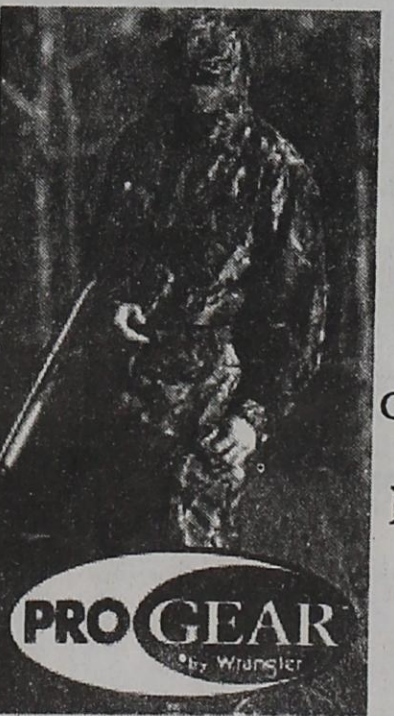
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Christmas Calendar

Yes, the nights are colder now, and Christmas is almost upon us. Bundle up the children and make some memories by viewing the glorious lights around all the towns. And don't forget the Christmas Village in Baird, or the All-Community Dinner in Cisco. People in this area really know how to celebrate!

BAIRD

Don't miss the beautiful Christmas Village in Baird - there is nothing like it around. It is open from 6-8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights through New Year's, and there is no charge.

This winter wonderland was constructed by the people of Baird, and it consists of over 4,000 sq. ft. of lights and animated objects. It is located on Market St., just north of the depot.

The Baird First Baptist Church will hold a Christmas Cantata at the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, Dec. 19. All are invited to attend and be inspired by this music.

CISCO

The Annual All-Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Christmas Day, 12-noon, at the Spur and Sportsman Cafe, North Access Rd. of the Freeway in Cisco. Some of the best cooks in town will be preparing a meal there. Meals will also be carried out to shut-ins who cannot attend at the Spur and Sportsman.

The Cisco Rotary Club is having a Holiday Decorating Contest, and you must take a drive and see the results! Yards will be judged before Dec. 24, with prizes awarded. The Judges will be from outside of Cisco.

As always, Cisco people are supporting the Goodfellows in their work for those less fortunate. You may mail donations to Goodfellows at the Cisco P. O. Box 1220, Cisco Texas; or take your contribution to the Chamber of Commerce.

EASTLAND

The Eastland Women's Civic League and Garden Club is hosting its annual Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Women's Club on Plummer St. Please provide your own box. You may drop your gifts off at lunch and pick them up after work, if you like. A small fee is required, or more generous donations accepted. The money raised will be used for services to the community.

OLDEN

The Olden Community Center will hold its monthly musical and a Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 17. To show appreciation to musicians, patrons and volunteers, they are asking all who attend to bring a favorite snack or finger foods to make up a free buffet of treats for everyone to enjoy. The food will be served from 5-7 p.m., and music begin at 6 p.m.

GORMAN

The homes in the Gorman Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest will be judged on Friday, Dec. 17. Homes in the town and within a five-mile radius of Gorman are eligible. Come out and enjoy these beautiful displays of Christmas lighting.

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Texans say Taxes, Energy and Transportation are top priorities

Texans say taxes, energy, transportation, are top priorities

This January, a new Congress will be sworn in and will begin setting its legislative priorities. As I contribute to the process on behalf of Texas, I use information I gather from many sources, including my annual Listening Post. In this year's survey on domestic issues, you provided excellent feedback and suggestions for dealing with energy, transportation, tax relief, legal reform, and more.

The largest number of responses came in support of tax relief measures that, without congressional action, are set to expire in 2011. More than any other provision, the respondents said, relief from the Marriage Penalty was the item to preserve. Permanent elimination of the Death Tax, lower marginal tax rates on all income brackets, and maintenance of the higher child tax credit were also heavily supported.

Gordon and Nancy, from Richardson, summed up their position on tax relief in this way: "We don't want this relief so much for ourselves as we do for our children and their children. We had hoped to leave them with a better world than the one we have now, or at least similar to what we remember from our growing up years."

Other comments were short and to the point. Lee, from Austin wrote, "The alternative minimum tax needs reform."

"Eliminate the income tax and IRS and institute a consumption tax," was the terse reply of Stephen, of Highlands.

Dale, who lives in Flower Mound, said he favored elimination of the Marriage penalty, lower marginal tax rates, and the higher child tax deduction, and added, "I also want a balanced budget."

Legal reform questions generated a large number of reactions. The greatest number approved prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Medical liability and tort reform drew many responses on both sides. Fern, from Beaumont, argued, "Lawsuits and the threat of lawsuits are the only

way to keep big business from putting out bad products and taking advantage of the little guy."

Carolynn, who hails from Friendswood, had a different take, saying she wants to see tort reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits from driving up insurance for doctors. "I lost my OB-GYN for this reason, and he was the best doctor I ever had," she wrote.

Energy policy generated many comments. Most of you said the United States should increase domestic oil and gas drilling and production, while nearly as many argued on behalf of renewable resources. Raising federal requirements for fuel efficiency was much less popular.

James, of Kilgore, said, "I believe our tax dollars are wasted on funding for solar and wind energy." John, of Pilugerville, counters that he wants, "Massive emergency federal funding research and development of alternative energy sources. Get out of dependency on foreign oil, NOW."

William, from San Antonio, speaks bluntly, "We have had 31 years since the OPEC oil embargo of 1973 and still we have no comprehensive energy policy. This is a disgrace."

The final category of questions addressed our state's transportation needs.

On a topic that generated the most answers for any single question in the survey, Texans wanted a fairer share of the gasoline taxes paid to build more roads. Raising those excise taxes received the lowest backing of any proposal in the survey. Almost as unpopular was the suggestion of an alternative way to finance highways through methods such as tolls. Conversely, many agreed we should increase funding for light rail and mass transit.

Michael, a Dallas resident, replied, "New taxes and tolls are not the answer. Increasing efficiency is...I, and everyone I have spoken to, find it hard to believe that there is no high-speed rail

system connecting major Texas cities."

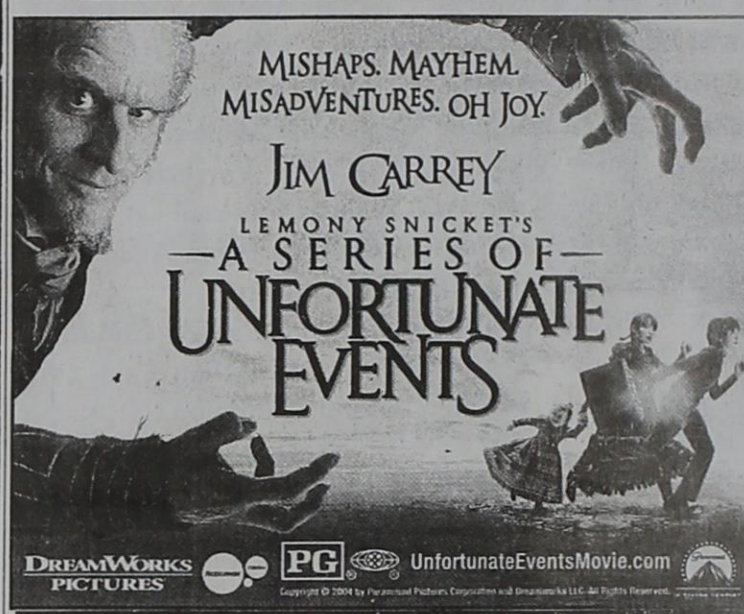
Marc, from Houston, agrees with half of what Michael says. "Tolls are bad because they are discriminatory," he wrote. "Gas taxes should be MUCH higher."

Thomas, of Bryan notes, "I do not believe gas taxes should be raised. However, getting people out of their vehicles and onto mass transit will be tough...I do not really have an answer."

With the help of your responses and other input from my fellow Texans, we can work together to develop practical answers to these and many other challenges face our state and nation. I really appreciate the time you took to weigh in...I am listening.

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

One is Calm, One is Bright

She wants her due and takes no guff. Picture her as a "young" Clara Peller, this efficient new mom who is a heads-up winner in life's mini-crises along the way, particularly in the hubbub of Christmas shopping. (Of course you remember the late Ms. Peller! She was the gray-haired grandmother who demanded to know the whereabouts of beef on Wendy's burgers.)

This no-nonsense woman knows that hindsight is 20-20, and she's revisited the vignette several times. Seems to me she's mighty close to being 20-20 in foresight, too.

Here's the scene. She's running 20 minutes behind, and she's still 20 minutes from home. Her 20-week-old daughter is 20 minutes late getting her bottle. Her hunger screams are at the 20-decibel mark and counting. Bottle is in the baby bag but devoid of warmth.

Mom spots a fast food place, grateful to see the drive-through lane open. She'll grab a sandwich and a cup of hot water to warm the bottle. Or so she thinks.

"Safety procedures preclude our serving hot water," the new attendant responds, emphasizing the "preclude" part, suggesting she had practiced enunciating it repeatedly in front of a mirror.

Not to be outdone, Mom smiles at her, nods and orders a cup of hot tea, without the teabag.

"Ma'am, you don't understand. Our policy likewise precludes selling hot tea without teabags. Clearly, you are scheming to get hot water, and it is NOT going to happen on my watch."

Mom, now fully challenged by this 20-something upstart, smiles again. "Fine. I'll take a large cup of coffee, and cancel the sandwich order."

She watches the attendant fill the cup halfway with coffee, then top it off with tap water. "That's \$1.08 including (not precluding) tax," she prattles, passing the tepid coffee through the window. By this time, a half-dozen cars are in line.

"I do not drink tepid coffee; it has to be as hot as McDonald's, and if it isn't, I want to speak to the manager," Mom fumes. Now, the clerk is steamed, too, but she's not about to get the manager involved and she's out of options. Snarling, she hits 90 seconds on the microwave, slaps a lid on the cup and warns of the dangers of steaming hot coffee.

Mom removes the lid, pronounces it to be "just right," pours half of it out on the driveway, plunges the milk bottle into the remaining brew and drives away. Oh, I almost forgot. She pays for it with 108 pennies from another child's piggy bank in the back seat.

Indeed many victories are small, yet worth pursuing. The seven-year-old boy, sporting a report card that gives parents bragging rights, was rewarded with a trip to see the Dallas Mavericks play basketball at the American Airlines Center. He had never been inside the splendid basketball palace, and upon taking his seat was ready for the sights and sounds of the evening.

It was yet early. Mostly, he busied himself reading ads; he was not short on reading. The UPS slogan on the scoreboard caught his eye: "What can brown do for you?" The question had bugged him since pre-school, when he first heard it on a TV ad. It whirled in his head like the "Little Drummer Boy" melody playing on endless audio loops at the malls.

As Dirk Nowitzki and lesser stars took the floor, the seven-year-old high-fived with his folks and others within reaching distance. Oh, it had nothing to do with the team's arrival. He had the answer for the UPS question, and surely it might earn him a nice prize.

"I've got it! I've got it," he screamed. "Call UPS immediately! I know what brown can do for us: Mixed with white, it can give us tan."

Seems reasonable to me. Ah, and the Mavericks won! There were no injuries, on or off the court. Crowd

department was feisty, but well short of unruly. Security folks pretty much blended in, chatting with fans. It was a good night.

One wonders what lies ahead in new safety measures for thousands of people at sporting and concert events. Some people employed to keep the peace at the latter venues are called "bouncers." What may be needed instead are "deflaters."

Avoid situations with bouncers. Take a deep breath as you finish out the year; keep in mind that folks on the high road diffuse many problems. A friend reminds that first-class people treat others first class; second-class people treat others third class.

May the gifts you get and give all fit and please, each

bundled in "first-class" sentiments. And, as you move about in ever-increasing traffic, avoid fast-food drive throughs if the line is long and the front car has a baby seat in it.

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist. His weekly column appears in more than 100 newspapers in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Feel free to contact him at 817.447.3872 or by e-mail: newbury@speaker.doc.com

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Pocket Bikes Popular, Hazardous On The Roads

With the holiday sales of pocket bikes (minibikes resembling small motorcycles) expected to be high this season, a highway safety group representing state motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies nationwide is urging consumers, parents and retailers to heed the safety warnings with these toys and learn the state laws and local ordinances governing their operation on public roads.

"In most cases, it is unlawful to operate one of these 'pocket bikes' on state, county or city maintained roads," said Linda R. Lewis-Pickett, president and CEO, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). "Children and their parents who fail to learn or choose to ignore their local and state ordinances regarding these toys might receive an unwanted Christmas gift: a traffic citation."

In Texas, most of these small, inexpensive vehicles are not considered roadworthy and therefore are not registered or titled, which means they are not legal to drive on public roads. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Eastland County tax assessor-collector's office also warn that these toys can be dangerous and life threatening. Unlike the bigger bikes they emulate, pocket bikes often lack basic safety features like rearview mirrors, lights and turn signals, and do not meet minimum state safety requirements. Recently, the World Against Toys Causing Harm (WATCH www.toy.safety.org), a consumer group, ranked the Pocket Rocket Miniature Motorcycle as one of the "10 Worst Toys of 2004."

"These pocket bikes are classified as toys," said Sandra Cagle, tax assessor-collector for Eastland County. "And unlike registered 'motor vehicles' these toys do not belong on our roadways. If riders do not behave responsibly and obey traffic laws, they may pay heavily with a trip to the emergency room."

According to Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates, there were 2,345 emergency room visits related to minibikes in 2003.

In addition, consumers should be aware these toys can reach very high speeds. Some pocket bikes are capable of reaching speeds up to 50 miles per hour.

To ensure a safe and legal holiday season, AAMVA recommends that users, purchasers, and sellers of these toys consider the following facts before taking to the road:

- Research local ordinances and licensing requirements for these toys. Many municipalities authorize their use only on private property and ban them from public roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. In some instances, riders may have to hold a motorcycle license, register and insure the vehicle, have it inspected, or be 16 years of age to operate the bike.

- Never operate a pocket bike in traffic.

- Pocket bikes are low to the ground, making it difficult for motorists to see. Injuries and deaths have resulted from mixing cars and pocket bikes.

- Insurance policies may not cover accidents involving these toys.

- An adult should closely supervise children operating these toys.

- Always wear a helmet. According to a study by the National Safe Kids Campaign, less than half of children observed on wheeled vehicles wear a helmet.

Never Take Christ Out of Christmas

By Wanda Skinner

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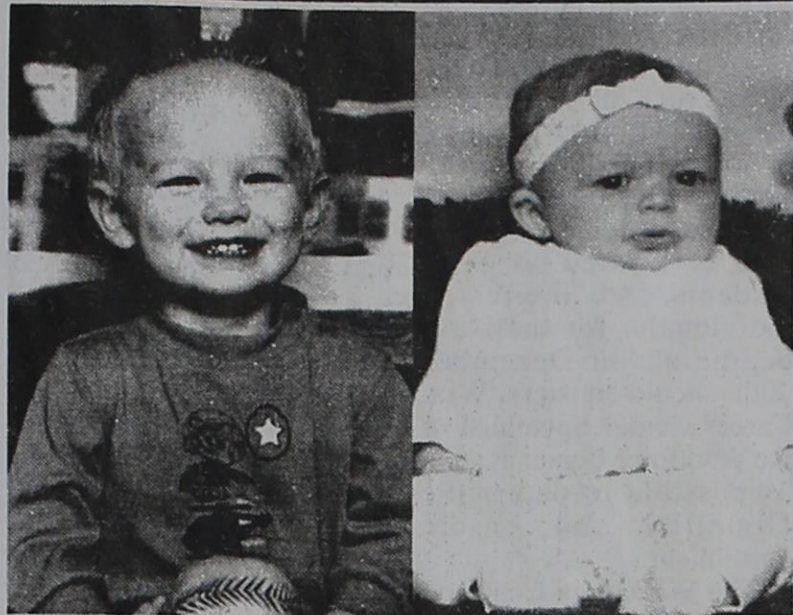
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced that all available state troopers and local law enforcement officers will be on Texas streets and highways during the long Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends watching for drunk drivers.

TxDOT officials are expecting their "Jingle All The Way" annual holiday public education campaign to reach millions of Texans this month with messages that driving while intoxicated can

lead to jail time.

"We want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "If alcohol is involved in their holiday celebrations, we're reminding people not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. Safe alternatives are to designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

Though Texas continues to lead the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities, safety advocates credit stepped-up enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising about the penalties of drunk driving with the recent decline in impaired driving fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 100 fewer people died in Texas in 2003 in alcohol-related crashes than the previous year.

Besides DPS and hundreds of police departments and sheriff's offices statewide,

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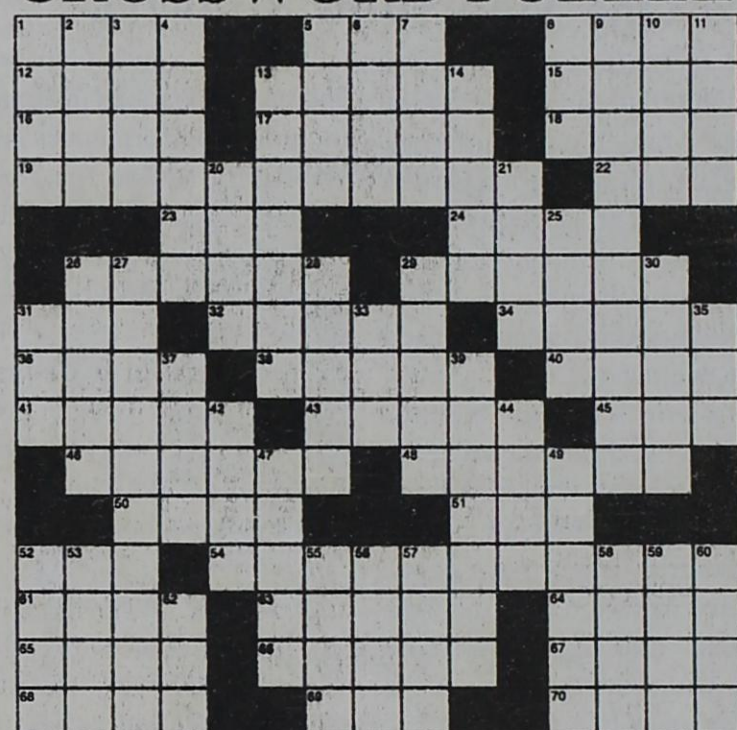
Drop off on your lunch hour and pick up after work! If your gift(s) require a box, kindly bring the appropriate size box, as boxes will not be provided. A small fee per gift is required or, if you prefer, a more generous donation to our club will be graciously

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Spend all your precious time shopping for that special gift and let us do your wrapping! You will be allowing yourself more time to enjoy the holiday season, while giving us more opportunities to carry out charitable services in our community throughout the entire year!

For more info, please call Maria Bradley at 629-5513.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
- Male head of some non-Christian religions.
 - Cracchiolo, trumpeter for the Poncho Sanchez Latin jazz band.
 - Sound of distinct pitch.
 - Having a horizontal surface.
 - Public meeting place for open discussion.
 - To travel by ox wagon.
 - To talk in a noisy, excited manner.
 - Base of a class.
 - To be alive.
 - Extremely modern in ideas.
 - Pointed tool, such as a spike, used for breaking rock.
 - Winglike structure.
 - Major General R. Chase, one of the most decorated pilots of the USAF.
 - Incendiary mixture of polystyrene, benzene and gasoline.
 - People who have committed a felony.
 - Roofing slate with one rough surface.
 - Capital of South Korea.
 - Domesticated South American ruminant mammal related to the camel.
 - Nervous.
 - To become lost.
 - Main trunk of a plant.
 - Fathers.
 - City in South Carolina.
 - Whitney, originated the idea of mass production.
 - Aid in time of danger, especially rescue from siege.
 - Dezmond, character in Elfwood: The Chaos to Come.
 - To shut with force and loud noise.
 - To cease living.
 - Acronym for Program Budget System.
 - To make liberal.
 - Violent public disorder.
 - Harmonies Poetaues/... by Franz List.
 - Leslie, singer of "It's My Party."
 - Also called regional gumbo.
 - Analgesic ointment.
 - To whine.
 - Nuisance.
 - Act of employing something.
 - Vehicle mounted on runners for carrying loads over snow and ice.
- Down
- Country in South America.
 - Having the shape of an egg.
 - Past tense of pen.
 - To lure into a compromising statement.
 - Alme.
 - Excessively dry/silly.
 - Stringed instrument shaped like a pear.
 - To take leave.
 - Bring into being.
 - Patterson, Eleanor Supres on TV show "V."
 - To get with great difficulty.
 - Women.
 - Haggard, singer.
 - Expression of sorrow.
 - Movie starring Jodie Foster.
 - Nickname for Tennessee Volunteers.
 - Lowest point.
 - People that commit aggression.
 - Repeated design.
 - Sweetheart.
 - To melt ores in order to separate the metallic constituents.
 - Acronym for Rochester Engineering Society.
 - Vase of varying size and shape, usually having a footed pedestal.
 - "En... French for "As a friend."
 - Synonym for shout.
 - Amount measured in yards.
 - Rock forming the upper layer of the earth's crust.
 - Stim, pointed piece of metal hammered into material as a fastener.
 - Rulers of Islamic countries.
 - Long high-pitched sounds made by a horse.
 - Theatrical property.
 - Shortened form of bicycle.
 - Boyfriend.
 - Right angle bends in a pipe.
 - To wrench open.
 - Abbreviation for zoology.
 - River... in Northern Ireland.
 - Synonym for kernel.
 - To do tattooing.

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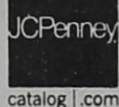
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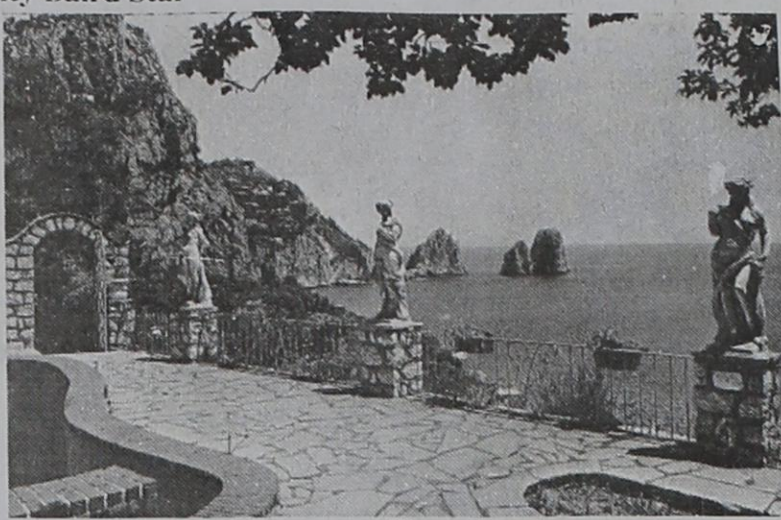
GUEST SLOT

CAPRI & THE AZZURRA GROTTO...

By HVO, GNO & V
 WE PRONOUNCE it Capri; they say Cap ri; what ever, regardless, it's one of those places again that we've all heard about, but few actually know exactly where it is, except off the coast of somewhere, maybe, our only introduction was probably some glorified romantic movie, where we probably also learned about the exalted Blue Lagoon. Thanks to elaborate hydrofoil sailing vessels that ply the entire Bay of Naples, you can get to the tiny island of Capri off the peninsula in The Tyrrhenian Sea. From Sorrento, the boat ride is E9.50 each, to the island, a popular tourist spot with hotels and restaurant. Very beautifully scenic. Then if you want to go around to the famous grotto, you buy another ticket at E8. each and

get into an open, fairly comfortable small, dozen passenger vessel which bounces across the waves, around the island to join a flotilla of other boats waiting to off load passengers into smaller (think canoe) boats to go into the grotto, which is a not so giant hole in the rock face of the north (I think) face of the island. And go in, they did as fast as they could collect ANOTHER E4.30 each for the right to clamor into the small boats for the thrill. We might add that we were lucky because the tide and wind were right that day; when it isn't, they can't take people in. Many people go for the experience only to be told: "Sorry, not today."...The canoes were propelled and steered by standing boatmen with oars. If you could have only seen the disgraceful off loading of our four from big boat into little boat. Because we provided the most ballast,

Vance and I were first clamored over in "Laurel and Hardy" fashion, and told to sit in the bottom of the canoe. Gaynell and Amy came aboard with all the grace in the world. First you're taken by the collection boat to get your tickets, then the boatman steered through the not too high entry with the aid of an attached cable that propelled the boat far into the grotto where many other boats were being paddled about for the



Panarama - The tall rocks



A natural arch in Capri



The gardens of August

same experience. And the beauty of that cave is beyond description; and it's as

exciting as a Walt Disney creation, and you fully expect a fairy to fly through the air. It is the most

incredible bluest of blues you have ever seen in there; because they say, the bright western sun shines in, and is reflected by the clear water, reflected and deflected, as by prism, to ripple hauntingly over the white, rock roof, the boats and people. (You don't think about how deep the water is or how fragile the boat is because you're so enthralled.) Truly a once in a

lifetime experience, well worth the money, although over quickly, and you are propelled out to go back and clamor onto the boat that brought you there. Lilt takes you back around to the hydrofoil which zips you to Sorrento ... So far as we know, there is no ribbon for having done Capri and the Blue Lagoon, but it is a wonderful memory.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

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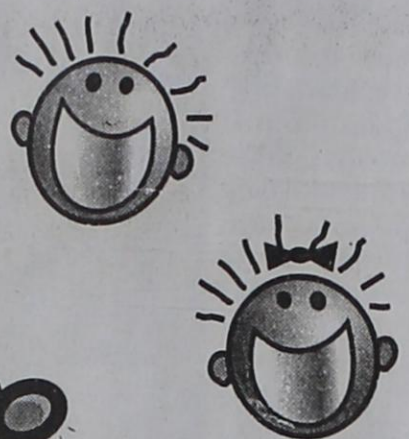
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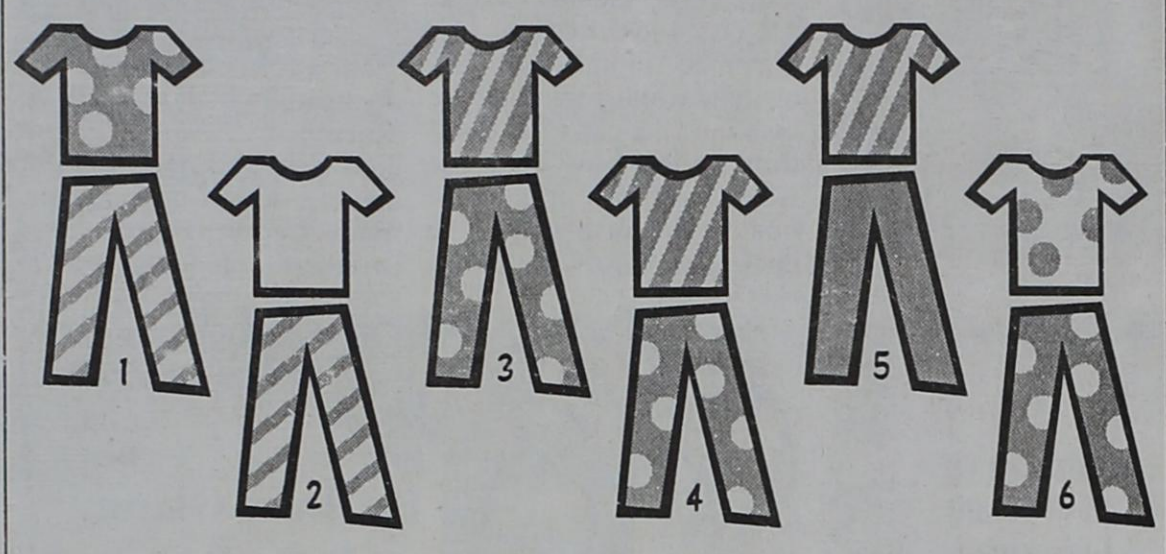
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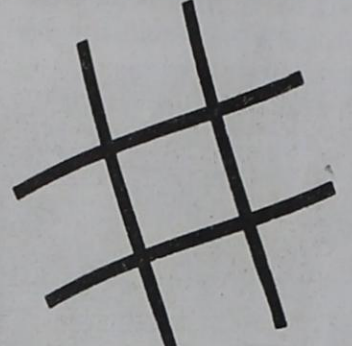
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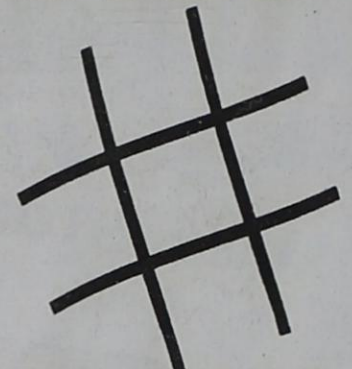


ANSWER: THREE AND FOUR

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What a Pest!



They are only 1/16 to 1/8 inches long when full grown, but even at that size, fleas cause a lot of problems. They don't just bug cats and dogs; they can cause humans medical problems, too, like allergies and tapeworms.

The dark reddish-brown insects are almost flat from side to side, so they can move through hair, fur and feathers pretty easily. Fleas don't have wings; however, they have three pairs of legs, and the back legs are longer, which helps them jump. They can leap up to 7 inches vertically and 13 inches horizontally, which is pretty far considering their size.

The mouths of fleas have piercing, sucking parts, and there are spines on their bodies that point backward, along with a row of spines on their faces called a genal comb.

Adult fleas cannot live or lay eggs without a meal of blood. Once they have that meal, they can live off of it for awhile. A female flea can lay 15 to 20 eggs a day after a blood meal, and she can lay up to 600 eggs during her life.

Horsing Around Safely



Horseback riding is a lot of fun. But before you gallop off, take a look at these guidelines to help make your ride safe and more enjoyable.

Before you start...

- Put on a safety helmet or hard hat.
- Wear sensible boots, like hiking or riding boots.

Check the horse...

- Make sure the horse's chin strap is done up right.
- Keep the reins in good order.
- Adjust stirrup leathers to be the right height for you.

Around the horse...

- Don't get too close to the horse's back legs. If you must, talk to the horse so it knows you are there.
- Mount and dismount from the right side.

During the ride...

- Enjoy your ride and don't ride too fast.
- Don't let your horse get too close to the one in front of you.
- Keep your feet in the stirrups and your heels down.
- Make sure you or your horse do not get too hot or cold.

In case you fall...

- If you feel like you're falling, don't stiffen up.
- Don't use your hands to break your fall.
- Curl in a ball when you hit the ground, then roll away from the horse.

If you have any questions or concerns, talk to the people where you're riding.

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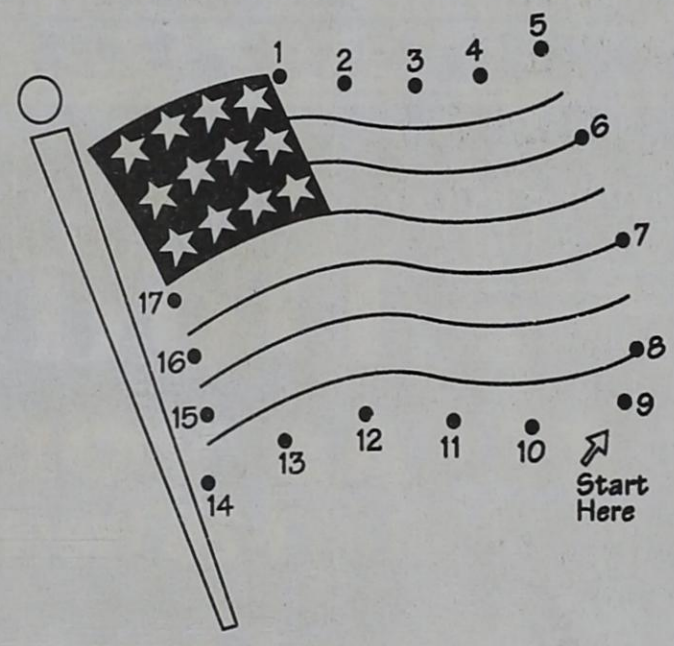
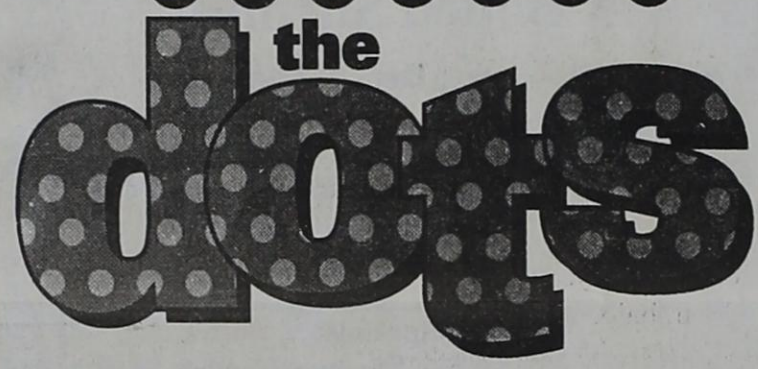
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| FUN | MIRTH | SPORT |
| GLEE | PLAY | ZEST |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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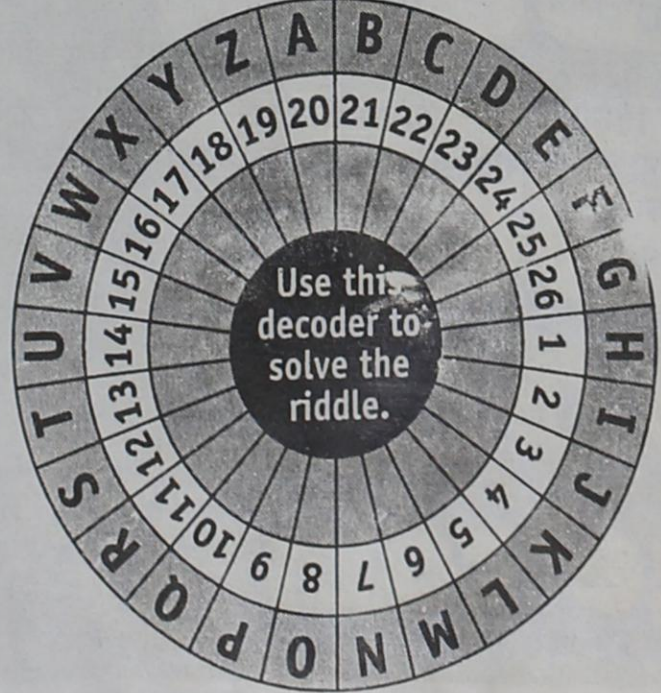


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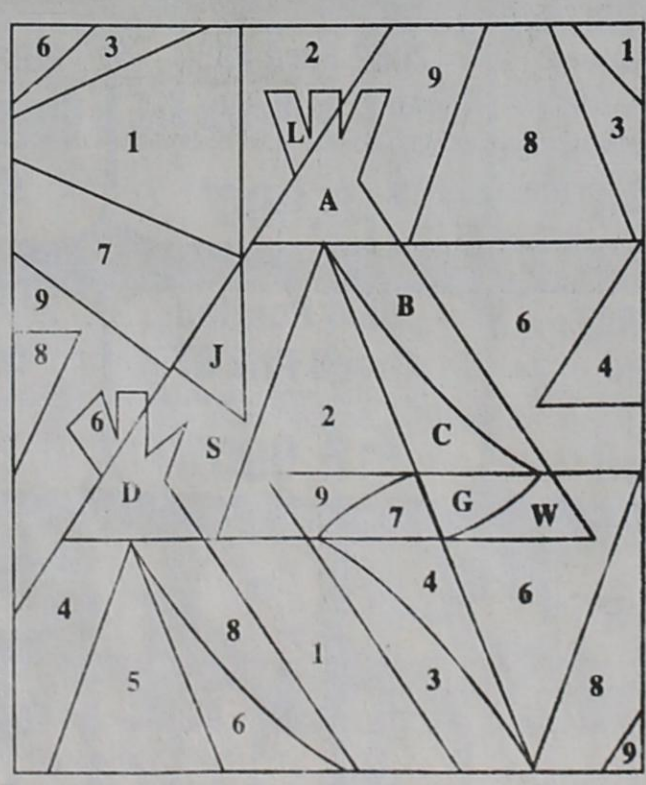
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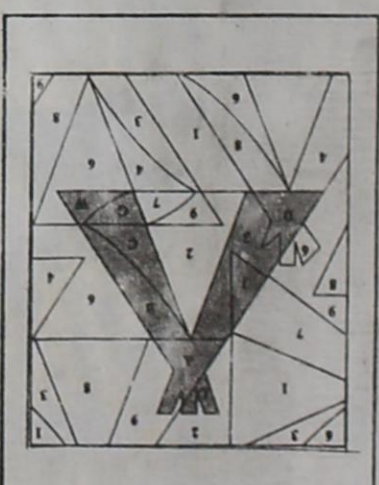
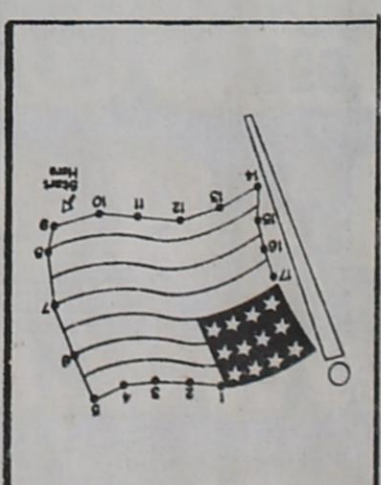
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Answers

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 R E C R E A T I O N
 Q D R E E E W T Y P
 G L E J O L L I T Y
 D E L I G P L A Y T



Obituaries

Randal Ray Walker

CROSS PLAINS- Randal Ray Walker, 36, of Cross Plains died December 11, 2004 at the Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at First Baptist Church, Ronnie White officiated, assisted by Max Evans.

He was born to Glenard "Skeet" and Wanda Faye (McNabb) Walker on March 15, 1968 in Coleman, Texas. Randy attended Cross Plains

Elementary School and graduated from the Cross Plains High School in 1986. He worked as a truck driver.

Randy is survived by his parents, Glenard "Skeet" and Wanda Faye Walker of Cross Plains; a son, Austin Ray Walker of Cross Plains; a brother, Mike Walker and wife, Tonja of Cross Plains; a nephew, Heath Walker and a niece, Tiffany Walker both of Cross Plains; as well as cousins, aunts and uncles.

From Page One Commissioners

after completion. The County will then give to the City of Clyde. Bryan Farmer seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Tommy Holland made a motion to approve an Order Prohibiting Use of Fireworks in Unincorporated areas of Callahan County. Doris Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Harold Hicks made a motion to approve an attachment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between Callahan County and West Central Texas Council of Governments. The attachment transfers all duties and responsibilities for addressing maintenance from Callahan County to WCTCOG. Tommy Holland seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Bryan Farmer made a motion to approve the Holidays for 2005. Tommy Holland seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Doris Grider made a motion to approve County Membership in the Association of Rural Communities of

Texas (ARCIT). Judge corn seconded. Motion failed 3-2.

Judge Corn signed a Consulting contract between the County and Texas communications. No motion was required.

Bryan Farmer made a motion to pay approved bills. Tommy Holland seconded and motion carried 5-0.

There was no public comment at the meeting.

From Page One School Registration

wages or a paycheck stub.) The pre-kindergarten program has limited spaces, so parents are urged to register their children as early as possible. The first 22 children that meet the requirements listed above will be enrolled in this semester's class. After the 22 spaces have been filled, those children meeting the requirements will be placed on a waiting list.

If you have any questions concerning registration or

Baird First United Methodist Church Worship Services

Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship - 10:45 AM
Youth - 5:00 PM
Choir Practice - 5:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Kids's Club - 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Sr. High Youth - 7:30 PM
Choir Practice - 7:45 PM

Sunday, Dec. 19
Christmas Cantata
6:30 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 21
Food Boxes Distribution
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

(Food Boxes for the needy should be brought to the church no later than Sunday, Dec. 19th)

Friday, Dec. 24
Candlelight Service
7:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Prayer Group - 10:00 AM - Joy Corn's

this program, please contact Mrs. Kamie Puet at 854-1400 Ext. 308.

El registro de Pre-Kindergarten para el año 2005 a la escuela de Baird Elementary es en miercoles, el 3-7 de January de 8:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. y de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. cada día en la oficina.

Los niños puede asistir Pre-Kindergarten si tiene 4 años antes del 1 de Setiembre, 2004, y no puede hablar o entender ingles, o tiene una necesidad económica, o si no tiene hogar.

Necesita traer la partida del nacimiento, del inyecciones, la tarjeta de seguridad, y papeles del trabajo.

La clase tiene espacio limitado (solamente hay 22 niños), pues las parientes necesitan registrar sus niños tan temprano.

Si tiene preguntas, por favor llama a la oficina de Baird Elementary a 854-1400 Ext. 308.

Basketball Scores

Baird VB and VG played two very close games against ACHS on Monday.

The final scores were: Boys: ACHS 38- Baird 36 Girls: ACHS 43- Baird 40. After the game, Baird VB had a record of 11-2.

All Baird teams will meet Tolar there on Friday, Dec. 17.

Call Margaret @ 254-629-1707 with all your local events and news.
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Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Wednesday Service -

7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Sun. Dec. 19 - Morning Worship - Christmas Cantata "And It Came to Pass". Join with us for this special message through song.

Sunday, Dec. 19 - 6:00 PM - Monthly Business Meeting

Thursday Dec. 23 - The Church office will close at 1:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 24 - OFFICE CLOSED. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Friday, Dec. 24 - 6:00 PM Candlelight Service. Everyone is invited!

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Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

Pastor Chad Gosnell

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Baird I. S. D. School Menu

Wednesday, December 15
Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion Rings, Cookies, Milk

Thursday, December 16
Turkey and Dressing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Cranberry sauce, Milk

Friday, December 17
Sack Lunches

D. P. S. REPORT

12-05-04 to 12-11-04

CASES INVESTIGATED

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- SHURFINE BUTTERED FLAVORED JUMBO BISCUITS 8 CT **\$1.49**
- SHURFINE MARGARINE 1/2 LB QUARTERS TYPICAL **2 FOR \$1.00**
- PET RITZ PIE SHELLS 10.5 OZ BAG / REG. \$1.49 **2 FOR \$3.00**
- SHURFINE ORANGE JUICE 2 OZ CAN / REG. \$1.49 **89¢**
- SHURFINE FLOUR 5 LB BAG / REG. \$1.49 **99¢**
- SHURFINE SUGAR 4 LB BAG / REG. \$1.49 **\$1.49**
- BAKE RITE SHORTENING 42 OZ TUB / REG. \$1.99 **\$1.89**
- SHURFINE BROWN OR POWDER SUGAR 2 LB TUB / REG. \$1.49 **99¢**
- NESTLE CHOCOLATE MORSELS 2 OZ **\$2.29**
- JET PUFF MINI MARSHMALLOWS 10.5 OZ BAG **\$1.29**
- LIBBY PUMPKIN 5 OZ CAN **89¢**
- OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY JELLED SAUCE 5 OZ CAN **\$1.29**
- SHURFINE CHICKEN BROTH 4.5 OZ CAN **69¢**

ALLSUP'S COMBO MEALS

COMBO NO. 1	BACON/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 2	SAUSAGE/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 3	BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 4	HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 5	SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.39
COMBO NO. 7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.39
COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.19
COMBO NO. 9	CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.19
COMBO NO. 10	2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.19



BAIRD BEARS

Baird HS Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Friday, Dec. 17 Tolar There JVG/JVB/VG/VB
 Mon. Wed. Dec. 27-29 Zephyr Tourney There VG/VB TBA
 Friday, Dec. 31 Hamlin There JVB/VB 1:00 PM
 Tuesday, Jan. 4 Abilene Christian There JVG/JVB/VG/VB
 Friday, Jan. 7 DeLeon Here VB TBA

Superintendent: Cliff Gardner
 H.S. Principal: Sandra Carter
 Head Boys Coach: Clay Barnett
 Assistant: Luke Moody
 Head Girls Coach: Lane Loyd
 Assistant Coach: Lauren Rodriguez

Baird J.H. Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Thursday, Jan. 6 Cross Plains There 5:00 PM
 Saturday, Jan. 8 7th Albany Tourney There TBA
 Monday, Jan. 10 Gorman Here 5:00 PM
 Th/Sa Jan.13 & Jan.15 Cross Plains Tourney There TBA
 Thursday, Jan. 20 Albany There 5:00 PM
 Saturday, Jan. 22 8th Albany Tourney There TBA
 Thursday, Jan. 27 Ranger There 5:00 PM
 Thursday, Feb. 3 Eula Here 5:00 PM

All games will be played in the following order:
 7th girls, 7th boys, 8th girls, 8th boys.

Baird HS Basketball District Games Schedule 2004-2005

Friday, Jan. 7 Cross Plains Here JVG/VG 6:00 PM
 Tuesday, Jan. 11 Gorman There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Friday, Jan. 14 Albany Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 Ranger Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Friday, Jan. 21 Eula There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Tuesday, Jan. 25 Cross Plains There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Friday, Jan. 28 Gorman Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Tuesday, Feb. 1 Albany There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 Friday, Feb. 4 Ranger There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 * Tuesday, Feb. 8 Eula Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
 * Friday, Feb. 11 Cross Plains Here JVB/VB 6:00 PM

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 893-4260

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 244 Market
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Clyde Insurance
 Bonnie Howe
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