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Thursday, May 21, 1998

Congratulations Baird Seniors Class of 1998

Valedictorian



MICHAEL PARKER

Michael Lee Parker is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parker.

His Baird H.S. career includes participating in tennis for 2 year and advancing to Regional each year.

He played baseball for 1 year. He advanced in U.I.L. number sense 2 years and in mathematics, one year.

He was a member of the Student Council for 1 year, and of the Beta Club, 2 years.

He has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He attended the American Legion's "Boys State" in 1997.

In the fall, Michael plans to attend Texas A&M and study in computers.



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Congratulations... grads, this community is proud of each and every one of you.

Caboose Bar-be-Cue

Class of 1998

ANGELA CLAYTON

Angela Lou Clayton is the 18 year old daughter of Paul and Barbara Clayton. After her graduation from Baird High School, she looks forward to entering the workforce through the service area.



DAVID MCCLAIN

David Martin McClain is an 18 year old graduate. During his four years at Baird H.S., he has participated in baseball for 4 years, and was on the All District First Team for 3 years and was selected for the All Area Baseball team.

He played basketball for 4 years and made First Team All District and holds the record for the most points scored in a game.

He played football for 3 years and was on the All District Team for three years.

He served 2 years on the Student Council, and was Vice President of his class for 3 years.

He was a Homecoming Escort for 3 years. He was class favorite his Freshman year and was listed in Who's Who for three years.

He was also selected as All State in the Senior League Baseball.

He plans to attend college and play baseball.

Salutatorian



ANNIE GILLILAND

Annie Lee Gilliland is the daughter of Jud and Karla Gilliland. During her career at B.H.S. she was in the

Beta Club for three years; Band for 4 years and was the 1997 Band Sweetheart.

She was a sophomore and junior class officer. She participated in the U.I.L. One Act Play competition in both 1997 and 1998 where she was selected for the All Star Cast at Zone and District both years. In 1998, the play she was in won Zone and District and competed at Area.

She played basketball for 3 years; ran Cross Country for 4 years. The Cross Country team she was on was a State Qualifier in 1997.

She also played on the golf team for 4 years and was part of the State Champion 1-A Golf team in both 1997 and in 1998.

She was selected at the "Best All Around Girl" in 1998, and was selected as the Queen of B.H.S. for 1998.

Her goals for the future include attending Abilene Christian University and majoring there in Art. She is also interested in mass/media communications, theatre and landscape architecture.



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RANDI WITTE

Randi Jo Witte is the 17 year old daughter of Randall and Jo Witte.

In school, she was been active in U.I.L. One Act Play for 1 year, and band for 4 years. She served as a Junior Class officer and was on the Student Council for 4 years, serving there at different times as treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, and president.

She participated in golf for 4 years and was a member of the State Championship Team in 1998.

Randi plans to go to Angelo State University and then to transfer to complete her engineering degree



Memorial Day

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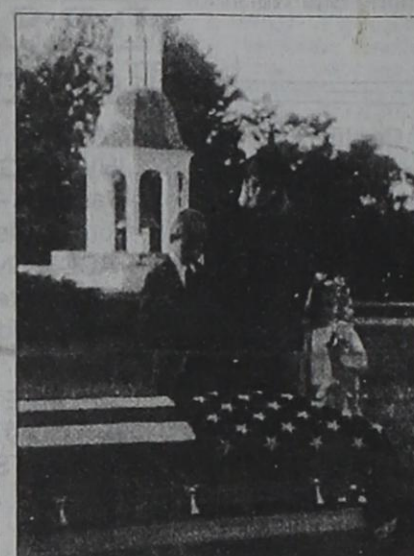
America's freedom is a gift that spans generations. America's freedom continues to be purchased by the blood of patriots.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

On Memorial Day, we join The American Legion in honoring more than 1 million men and women whose supreme sacrifice helped to make America "The land of the free and the home of the brave."

We pledge to remember their service and sacrifice, which was made for each of us and for the future of our nation.



Callahan County Star

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Baird H.S. Graduation Tomorrow Night

The Baird High School Senior Class of 1998 will officially graduate from their public school education this Friday night, May 22, at 8 p.m.

The activities are slated to take place on the football field as long as weather permits. If the weather should turn bad, the ceremonies will move into the auditorium.

Keynote speaker for the commencement will be Dr. Gary H. Gilliland. He is a professor of Psychology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is a 1959 graduate of Baird High School.

He received his undergraduate degree and master's degree from Texas Tech. He then

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TRIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY:

Well wishers gather around Gene and Donna Thompson as they cut the Chamber of Commerce's Red Ribbon to honor the opening of their new Baird Motor Inn on IH-20. Chamber members, Civic leaders, and City Government representatives all gathered to welcome the Thompsons and their employees.

BAIRD MOTEL HAS GRAND OPENING

Present at the ribbon cutting were Baird well wishers, local government and civic leaders, and Gideon Bible representatives.

The new Baird business is owned by Gene and Donna Thompson of Fort Worth. The Thompsons operate seven other motels around Texas. Baird's new 26 room - 30 RV-spaces facility is their eighth motel.

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THE LIBRARIES OPEN THIS SUMMER!!

Baird School Library's Summer Hours

The Baird school library will once again be open during part of the summer. Our hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, from 9-12 noon, for the first four weeks of June.

This will correspond with the summer school program that will be going on during that month.

Our school library has many things to offer besides plenty of books, we have Internet access, lots of books-on-tape that can be checked out, games, puzzles, and computers. See you there!

The Callahan County Library Features Reading Program

Summer is just about here and so is the Summer Reading Program. This year's reading program theme is **FURRY TAILS! FUNNY TALES!**

We will get it started June 1st, so come by, sign up and put boredom off for 6 weeks!

The reading program is open to all ages. Children too young to read can join the "READ TO ME" program.

We will be giving some small prizes to those who read and bring their reading logs to the library when they come.

Use The Classifieds



The expression a "red-letter day" may come from the custom of using red or purple colors to mark holy days on a calendar.

TROPICAL SNO-GONES

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Tara Jernigan Sprints to A Win at State

Baird Junior, Tara Jernigan, took first place in the state UIL Class A 3,200 meters race in Austin on Friday, May 15. She had a winning time of 12:05.08.

She out ran Patty Hernandez of Rock-springs by six seconds. Amanda Shores of Jayton took third and Jessica Partin of Priddy took

sixth. As the runners came into the last 150 meters of the race, Hernandez was in the lead but Jernigan pulled up beside her and then passed her and gradually kept pulls out ahead.

Jernigan contributed put of her success in that she was able to be patient and to pace herself.

BAIRD H.S. LADY GOLFERS BEST IN THE STATE

On May 12, the Baird High School girl's golf team won their second consecutive Class A state Championship in Austin. Coach Doug Thompson's teach was made up of Kyla Neal, Randi Witte, Chasity Hardy, Annie Gilliland, and Laura Gilliland.

They won state by defeating Vega and Robert Lee. Vega and Baird both

finished with totals of 779, but the Bears two days scores were both lower in creating their average. The Lady Bears played under pressure on the second day of competition and brought in a score of 389 while Vega slipped to 397.

We congratulate all these fine athletes!

BAIRD H.S JUNIORS REMINDED ABOUT SENIOR PICTURES

The Baird High School Seniors of 1998-99 are reminded that their Senior pictures are scheduled to be taken

BAIRD H.S. BOYS BASEBALL TEAM VIES FOR BI-DISTRICT

The Baird Bear's District winning baseball team will meet Bryson on Friday in Bi-District competition. The game is to take place in Albany and will begin at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.00.

The winner will advance to Area competition. Jim Jaggars will be the starting pitcher for the Bears.

EARLY RELEASE DAYS AT SCHOOL TODAY/TOMORROW

Parents of all school age students are reminded that school will be releasing this Thursday and Friday at 2:30. This includes all elementary, junior high and high school students.

Parents are asked to make any and all required arrangements.

Thursday, May 21, 1998
Baird School Board Approves Waiver on Speech Classes

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 18, 1998 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Miller Scott, Butch Parron, Tom Windham, Byron Hatchett, Tony Robinson and Terry Hunter.

Other school personnel presents: Interim Supt. Charlie Uselton, Business Manager, Linda Hart, Larry Riney, Teacher Doug Thompson.

Others present: Eugene Bell, Michael Flores with Johnson Controls, Girls Golf State Champion Team—Kyla Neal, Chasity Hardy, Annie Gilliland, Laura Gilliland, Randi Witte; Girls Track Team - Krissi Fortune, Adrienne Kerbow, Heather Kerbow; Terry Neal, Kathy and Tony Kerbow, Jud and Karla Gilliland.

The meeting was called to order by President Kenneth Brock at 8:17 p.m. A motion to nominate Kenneth Brock for Board President was

made by Butch Barron and seconded by Bryon Hatchett. Vote was unanimous.

A motion for nominations to cease was made by Butch Barron and seconded by Tony Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to nominate Miller Scott for Vice President was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Butch Barron. Vote was unanimous.

A motion for nominations to cease was made by Byron Hatchett and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to nominate Butch Barron for Secretary was made by Tony Robinson and seconded by Terry Hunter. Vote was unanimous.

A motion for nominations to cease was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Bryon Hatchett. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Byron Hatchett. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Tony Robinson and seconded by Bryon Hatchett. Vote was unanimous. Abstentions—concerning ck #015736—Butch Barron.

A motion to proceed with the Project Development Agreement with Johnson Controls was made by Terry Hunter and seconded by Miller Scott. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the waiver for Speech Class in High School was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Tony Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the Student Insurance for 1998-99 with GM Southwest was made by Tony Robinson and seconded by Miller Scott. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept the resignation of Cornelia Mantooth as business teacher with regret was made by Butch Barron and seconded by Bryon Hatchett. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Butch Barron at 10:25 p.m. Vote was unanimous. A motion to adjourn from closed session at 12:02 a.m. on 5/19/98 was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Tony Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A Special Meeting was set for June 1, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., and the Regular meeting was set for June 15, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 12:10 a.m. on 5/19/98 was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Bryon Hatchett. Vote was unanimous.

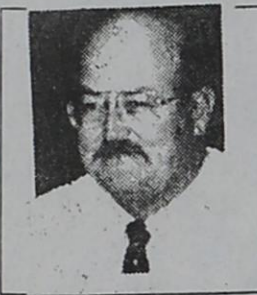
Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Two new guides that delight a growing number of birders are *All The Backyard Birds, East* (Harper Perennial, \$7.95) and *All The Backyard Birds, West* (Harper Perennial, \$7.95). Created by the American Bird Conservancy, they contain a revolutionary system based on feeding behaviors and field-recognizable features.



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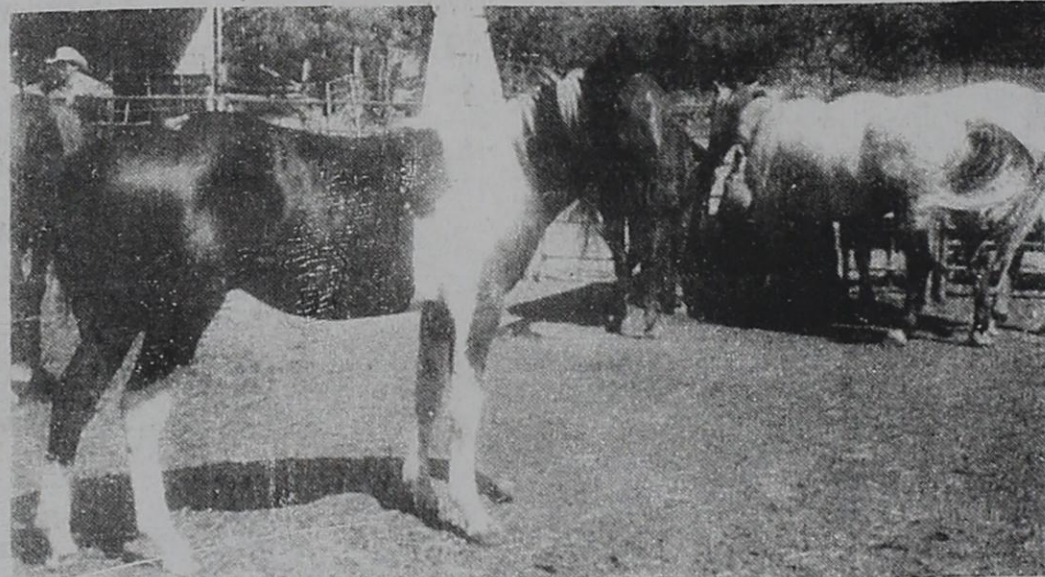
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Callahan County Veterans News

by Tom Ivey

May 24 will be just another holiday for many people but not those who have served in the Armed Forces of this great nation or to those who have lost loved one in the defense of our country.

"Decoration Day" was begun as a day to put flowers and mementos on the graves of soldiers killed in the War Between the States. Great cemeteries were necessary to bury the dead of that terrible time when over 600,000 Americans we lost. The dead of that bitter conflict exceeded the combined dead of ALL OTHER wars involving American troops.

The Confederate Decoration Day used various dates of April 26, May 10, May 30, and June 3. Union graves were marked on May 30. Over the years, the wounds slowly healed and May 30 has become the universal day for honoring

the American dead of all wars. During those years the day's name was changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day.

So, while you're enjoying the day off from work on Monday, May 25, stop for a moment to give a word of thanks to those Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in order that you and yours may continue to enjoy the great freedoms of this wonderful nation.

Hats off and Hand Salute to those who have gone on to the Great Mustard while the bugler sounds TAPS. The words of TAPS give even stronger meaning to the call:

DAY IS DONE, GONE THE SUN,
FROM THE LAKES,
FROM THE HILLS,
FROM THE SKY.
ALL IS WELL,
SAFELY REST,
GOD IS NIGH.

AMERICAN LEGION HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Many brave men and women have unselfishly given their lives for America; therefore let us honor these devoted dead and their families befitting their sacrifice for our freedom and country with a Memorial Day Service at the Ross Annex Cemetery, May 24, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. at the foot of the American Flag.

Flags, furnished by the Eugene Bell Post #82, will be available to anyone wishing to mark and honor their loved ones having served in war.

At 1:00 p.m., the Eugene Bell Post #82 Ladies Auxiliary will serve lunch at the American Legion Building. Everyone is invited.

The highlight of the day will be the special guest appearance and speech to be given by Keith Wells, Major U.S. Marine Corp, Retired. He will be addressing the gathering at 12:30.

Major Wells is a hero from the World War II battle of Iwo Jima. During that famous and awful battle, Lieutenant Wells commanded the most decorated Infantry

Platoon to come out of a single engagement of the United States as Platoon Leader of 3rd Platoon, Easy Company, 28th Marines.

It was members of his Platoon that raised the first American Flag atop Mount Suribachi in February 1945 which was immortalized by a Life Magazine photographer. The famous image of the brave men raising the flag has been recreated as a wall painting by Baird's own, Phillip Mendez, on the North wall of Post #82's building.

Weather permitting, Major Wells will make his presentation to the audience from in front of the mural that depicts the famous event at which he was present.

After Major Wells' presentation outside the post building, activities will move inside the Post Building as the Ladies Auxiliary's will serve their sandwiches and Major Wells will be available to greet the public and to autograph copies of his book, "Iwo Jima", which will be on sale.

CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

THE TAX ON LOVE AND MARRIAGE

If you're looking for romance, the tax code is not the place to start. Love may be blind, but the IRS isn't. Our current federal tax code penalizes those who are married by requiring hard-working married couples to pay higher taxes on the same combined income than would two unmarried persons. In fact, in 1996 the law pushed 42 percent of married couples in America into a higher tax bracket. This is the so-called marriage tax penalty.

For example, take a couple in which the husband is a new Houston Police Officer and his wife is a teacher for the Houston Independent School District.

The husband's adjusted gross income is \$33,500, his wife's is \$28,200. Combined, their incomes total \$61,700.

Filing jointly, their tax liability is \$8,504. If they were allowed to file singly, their liability would be \$6,481.50. That's a difference of \$2,022.50 — enough to make several car payments, acquire a family computer or make a nice addition to their retirement nest egg.

Because American families increasingly have two breadwinners, instead of one, more Americans feel the pinch of the marriage penalty each year. Both spouses

worked outside the home in 48 percent of American families in 1969. Today that figure is 72 percent.

The marriage tax penalty goes against the American grain. Under current law, the only way to avoid the marriage penalty is not to marry. Dollars and cents aside, this is inappropriate tax treatment for an institution that is one of the bedrocks of our society.

Things have gotten so bad that at least one counselor is warning engaged couples who are planning their weddings to "anticipate the extra tax you'll have to pay once you're married, and have your withholding tax adjusted." (And oh, by the way, congratulations from your Uncle Sam!)

Right now, Congress' top priority is to eliminate this unfair burden imposed by the tax code, and to give families a fighting chance in their battle of the budget.

The congressional debate now is focused on the best way to go about remedying the situation.

One proposal would be to allow a husband and wife each the flexibility to file single returns or a joint return, depending on which would be right for them.

A second proposal, "income splitting," also would allow couples to file as singles. But before calculating their taxes as singles, they would be permitted to add their incomes and divide the total in two for tax purposes.

Such an approach, included in a bill I introduced earlier this year, has the advantage of helping families in which one spouse earns considerably less than another or who may earn no wages at all because that spouse stays home to take care of the family.

The third way Congress could remedy the tax code would be to double the amount of income at which married couples would be thrown into a higher tax bracket.

Bottom line here — and it is the bottom line for 21 million American couples — is that I'm for any effective way to eliminate the marriage tax penalty. Americans shouldn't have to choose between love and money.

CAR CARE CORNER

What To Do With Your Dirty Oil

(NAPS)—If you're among the more than half of all Americans who change their oil at home, you may be happy to know it's easier than ever to dispose of oil properly—something that's legally required and environmentally sound.

Each year, more than 200 million gallons of used oil are poured down storm drains or thrown in the trash.

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correctly. If you've changed your motor oil at home, bring it in to a Q Lube center, and the service technicians will have it reclaimed for you. Specialty Environmental Services (SES), a Quaker State Company specializing in the collection of used motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters and brake fluid collected over 19 million gallons of used oil, approximately 12.7 million used oil filters and 76 thousand gallons of used antifreeze nationally in 1997.

To find a Q Lube facility near you where you can recycle your used motor oil, visit Q Lube's website at <http://www qlube.com>.

Tips On Trips

New Website Helps Traveling Families

(NAPS)—A new website created by the Arlington Convention and Visitors Service Bureau can take visitors on a virtual tour of museums and monuments of our nation's capitol. It allows visitors to look out of the windows of the Washington Monument, and tour the White House room by room. The site is linked to the official websites of nearby attractions.



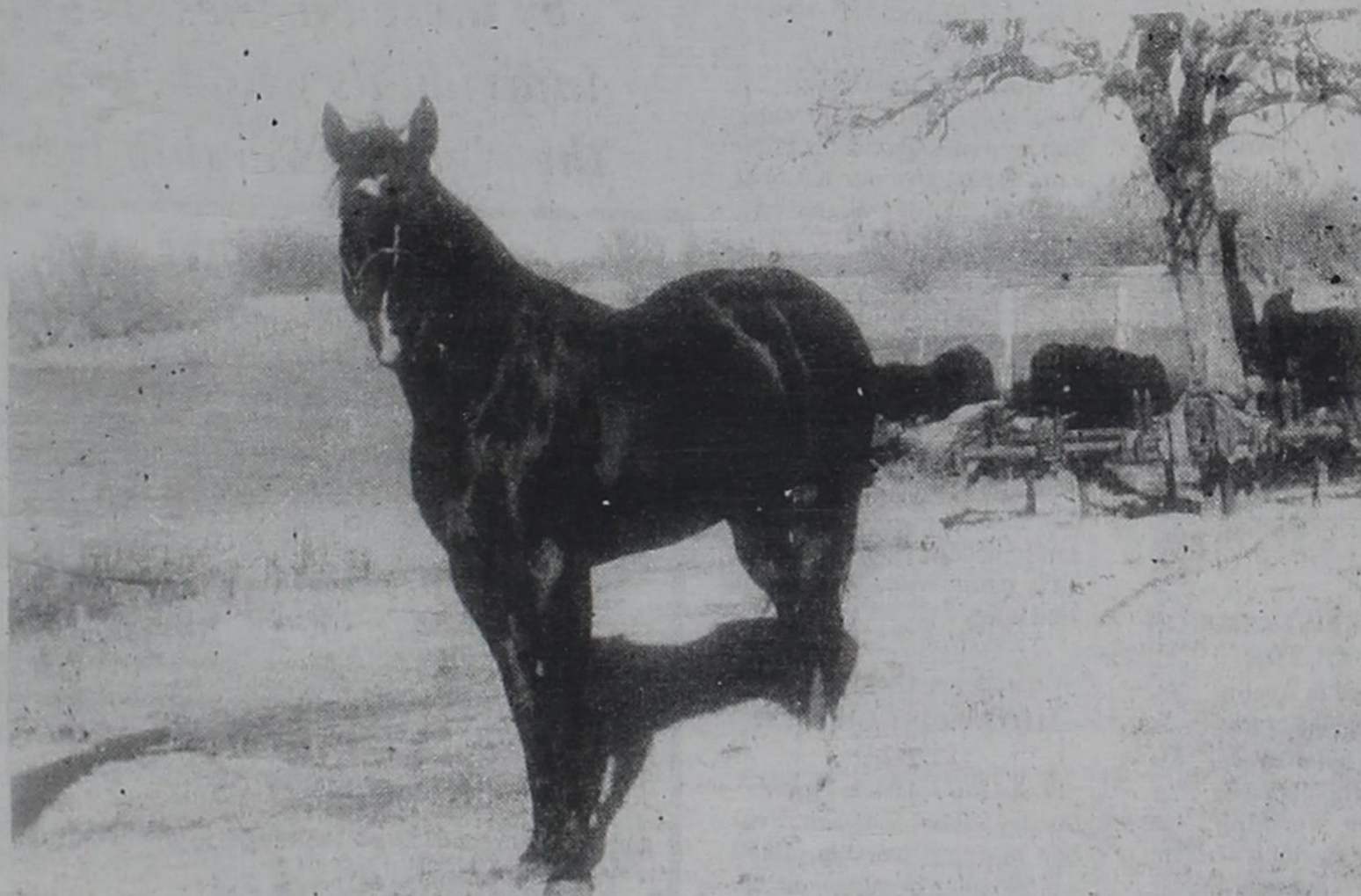
The new Web page, guided by a mascot called "Buster," is located at www.co.arlington.va.us/ACVS. It will also soon have a children's activity area with points of interest particularly appealing to kids. Arlington, Virginia, known as Neighbor to the Nation's Capital, is literally a stone's throw across the Potomac from Washington, D.C. For more information please call 1-800-677-6267.

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seniors. Prizes will be available to high point of each group. All exhibitors will be run at end of Play Day.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Austin — Many Texans who have been in motor vehicle accidents involving claims for bodily injuries have noticed that their premiums go up 15 percent for the next three years.

The Texas Department of Insurance is proposing a rule that would bar these insurance premium "surcharges" for drivers at fault in accidents causing less than \$1,000 in repairs and less than \$3,000 in medical expenses.

A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for July 1, Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said.

While consumer groups welcomed the idea of limiting the surcharges, insurance industry officials said the proposal could penalize accident-free drivers.

About 44 percent of noninjury accidents in Texas result in vehicle damage of less than \$1,000. About 20 percent of all injury accidents result in medical expenses lower than \$3,000.

Child-Care Legislation in Works

In preparing for the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature, which begins Jan. 12, Democratic state lawmakers are working on legislation to make child care better, more accessible and more affordable.

"Our Texas families should not have to choose between the jobs they need and the child that they love," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin. Barrientos and others are preparing a plan that includes:

- Tax breaks for companies that

provide or help pay for high quality child care;

- The pooling of nonprofit and private money to attract federal child-care funds;

- Working with state and local officials to open more child-care facilities; and

- Speeding up background checks on child-care workers.

Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said a big problem is attracting good workers to the child-care industry because of low pay and high stress. If the Legislature can get more money into the industry, it could help, she said.

But Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, called the Democrats' effort "a nice-sounding political ploy."

Hughes said Texas already is getting the maximum amount of federal assistance for child care and Gov. Bush has always advocated increased funding for child care.

UT Votes to Appeal Hopwood

At a meeting last week in Odessa, University of Texas System regents voted 9-0 to appeal the case that made it illegal for universities to use race as a factor in admitting students.

The board of regents asked Attorney General Dan Morales to let the Houston-based law firm of Vinson & Elkins handle an appeal of the "Hopwood" case, because Morales earlier said he would not handle it himself. Vinson & Elkins already has assisted in the case for five years, free of charge.

The board of regents face a May 18 deadline in filing notice with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In its motion to seek an appeal, the board said, "If the Hopwood injunction is not challenged, all institutions in the state of Texas are at a competitive disadvantage in the recruitment of students."

Regents said it is essential for the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether U.S. institutions of higher learning can consider race when admitting students, awarding them scholarships and financial aid.

Interstate Branch Banking Is Allowed

Texas Banking Commissioner

Cathy Ghiglieri announced last week that she would be accepting applications for interstate merger and branching transactions for all state-chartered banks.

In permitting the 450 state-chartered banks to operate offices under the same rules as nationally chartered banks, Ghiglieri made the decision because she doesn't want to put state banks in a position of "competitive inequality" with national banks.

Her decision came a week after a federal judge in Dallas sided with the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency in a merger application filed by NationsBank of North Carolina and NationsBank of Texas.

NationsBank of Texas is a branch of NationsBank of North Carolina and does not pay state franchise taxes and avoids other Texas laws.

Other Capital Highlights

- Houston attorney Joe Jamail, an alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin, has given his alma mater \$2 million for minority-student scholarships: \$1 million to endow a scholarship program for undergraduates and \$1 million for a similar program for law students. Black and Hispanic enrollment at UT has dropped since the 1996 "Hopwood" ruling stopped race-based admissions policies.

- A study of the 23,000 sex offenders in Texas state prisons has identified 33 inmates as violent predators. Those inmates may qualify for involuntary commitment beyond the completion of their sentences under a proposal to be debated during the next legislative session.

- Attorney General Morales said last week that Texas would get more money in its settlement with the tobacco industry and be able to impose broader restrictions on cigarette makers' marketing tactics because of Minnesota's farther-reaching tobacco settlement.

- Attorney General Morales ruled last week that most health maintenance organization complaint records are open to the public. The records are kept at the Texas Department of Insurance. HMO officials contended confidentiality was necessary to protect the privacy of patients.



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January Fun Facts ●●●●●

If you were born in January, you are in good company. Do you know anything about these famous people? They were all born in the month of January.

Benjamin Franklin, Martin Luther King, Jr., Joan of Arc, Albert Schweitzer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, W. C. Fields and Lord Byron.

Craft Recipe ●●●●●●●●●●

Bread Dough: Play with it— but don't eat it!

Make your own modeling clay!

GET READY!

(Basic bread-to-glue ratio.)

- One slice of white bread
- One tablespoon of white craft glue
- Food coloring

GO!

For each slice of white bread, mix in one tablespoon of white glue. Mix and knead until bread forms a dough that holds together. Add more glue if dough is too dry. Add more bread if dough is too wet and sticks to your fingers.

To color the dough, make a small indentation in the center of the dough. Add a few drops of food coloring in the center. Fold the dough over and begin to work the color into the dough. (Hint: Plastic food-service gloves will protect your hands from food coloring.) Repeat the process until desired color is reached. Use the dough as you would any clay. For instance, roll it out and cut out shapes using cookie cutters, let them dry, then decorate as desired.

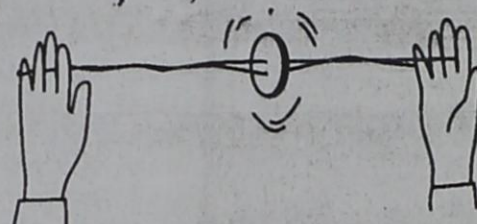
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A great activity for parties!

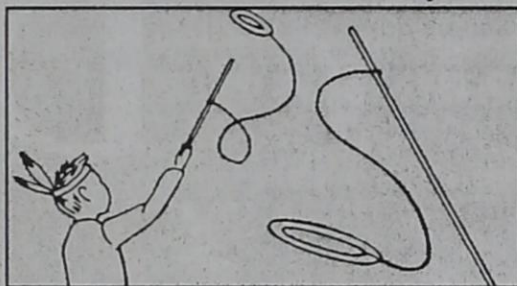
This idea is "older than the hills," but still lots of fun. See who can make the most noise with their homemade buzz saws! You will need a large two-hole button and about two yards of string. Thread one end of the string through each hole and tie ends together in a knot, making a continuous loop.

With the button at the center of the string, put one end of the loop around the middle finger of each hand. Spread your hands apart and swing the button in a circle 30 to 40 times until the string is twisted tightly. Then move your hands together and apart so that the string winds and unwinds, making the button spin until it hums like a buzz saw!



RING AND PIN

Ring and Pin is a Native American game. The pins were pointed sticks, and the rings were made from bones or flat pieces of wood with a hole at the center. You can use a ring of cardboard and a stick or dowel, fastened together with string, as shown. The player holds the pin in his or her hand, brings the end up sharply to toss the ring into the air and tries to catch it with the pin. Players may each have several tries. As you get better, make the ring smaller and smaller.



Ten Famous "D"'s

See how well you know your famous "D"'s. Match the famous person or character in column A with the description in column B. Each correct answer is worth ten points. The bonus is worth 30. See who scores the most points.

Column A

1. Dumbo
2. Dopey
3. Dinah
4. The Duke
5. Dr. Seuss
6. Donald Duck
7. Dr. Watson
8. Dracula
9. Dino
10. Dr. Dolittle
11. Daffy Duck

Column B

- A. Cartoon drake who spoke with a lisp.
- B. Sherlock Holmes' assistant.
- C. Flintstones' dinosaur pet.
- D. A fictional vampire.
- E. Disney's flying elephant.
- F. John Wayne's nickname.
- G. A duck who always wears a sailor suit.
- H. One of the Seven Dwarfs.
- I. Wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*.
- J. The person who could "talk to the animal."

Bonus: Alice's pet cat
(*Alice in Wonderland*).

Answers: A)11; B)7; C)9; D)8; E)1; F)4; G)6; H)2; I)5; J)10; Bonus)3.

Quiz

When were the first winter Olympic Games held?

Answer: January 25, 1924

What famous composer was born on January 27, 1756? He played the harpsichord at age 3 and began composing at age 5.

Answer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

What is one of the largest rodents in the world?

Answer: The Beaver

Creature Feature Giraffic Park

by Neil B. Schanker

Have you ever seen a giraffe at the zoo? If you have, I bet you had to look way up, because giraffes are the tallest animals in the world! Giraffes average between 14 and 17 feet tall. To see how tall they are, imagine three adult people standing on top of each other!

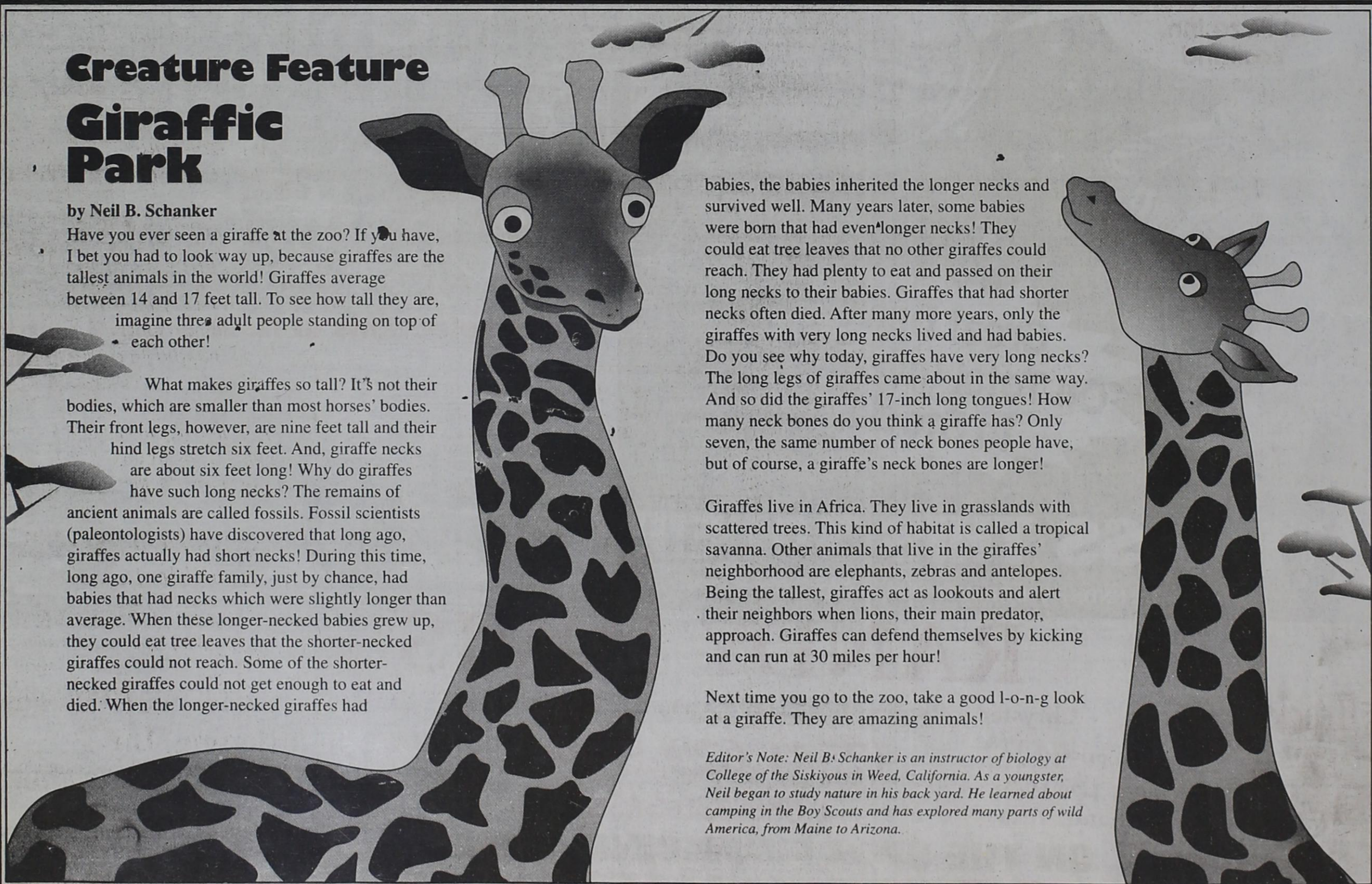
What makes giraffes so tall? It's not their bodies, which are smaller than most horses' bodies. Their front legs, however, are nine feet tall and their hind legs stretch six feet. And, giraffe necks are about six feet long! Why do giraffes have such long necks? The remains of ancient animals are called fossils. Fossil scientists (paleontologists) have discovered that long ago, giraffes actually had short necks! During this time, long ago, one giraffe family, just by chance, had babies that had necks which were slightly longer than average. When these longer-necked babies grew up, they could eat tree leaves that the shorter-necked giraffes could not reach. Some of the shorter-necked giraffes could not get enough to eat and died. When the longer-necked giraffes had

babies, the babies inherited the longer necks and survived well. Many years later, some babies were born that had even longer necks! They could eat tree leaves that no other giraffes could reach. They had plenty to eat and passed on their long necks to their babies. Giraffes that had shorter necks often died. After many more years, only the giraffes with very long necks lived and had babies. Do you see why today, giraffes have very long necks? The long legs of giraffes came about in the same way. And so did the giraffes' 17-inch long tongues! How many neck bones do you think a giraffe has? Only seven, the same number of neck bones people have, but of course, a giraffe's neck bones are longer!

Giraffes live in Africa. They live in grasslands with scattered trees. This kind of habitat is called a tropical savanna. Other animals that live in the giraffes' neighborhood are elephants, zebras and antelopes. Being the tallest, giraffes act as lookouts and alert their neighbors when lions, their main predator, approach. Giraffes can defend themselves by kicking and can run at 30 miles per hour!

Next time you go to the zoo, take a good l-o-n-g look at a giraffe. They are amazing animals!

Editor's Note: Neil B. Schanker is an instructor of biology at College of the Siskiyous in Weed, California. As a youngster, Neil began to study nature in his back yard. He learned about camping in the Boy Scouts and has explored many parts of wild America, from Maine to Arizona.



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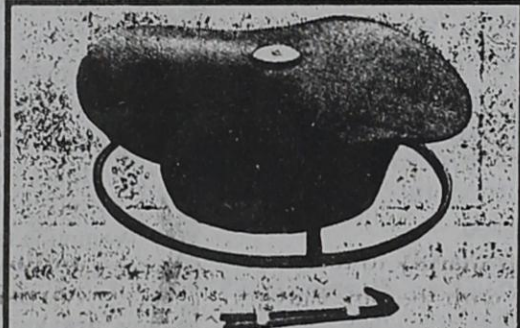
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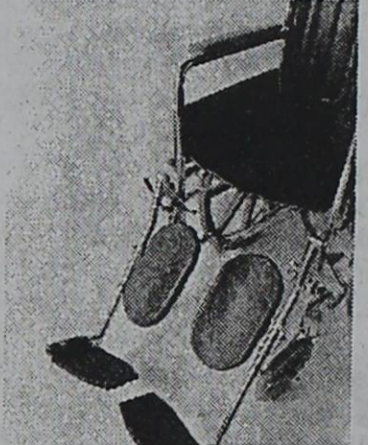
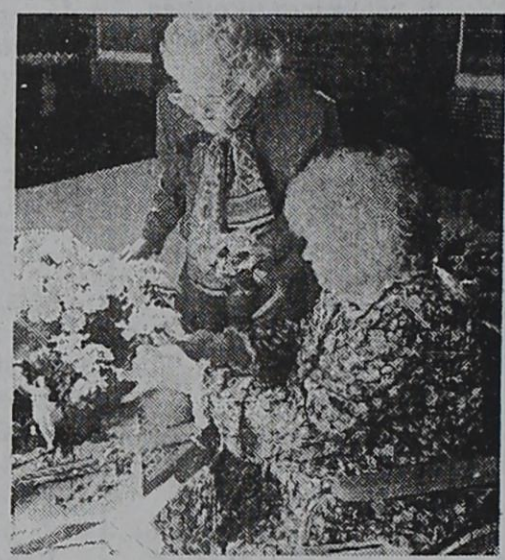


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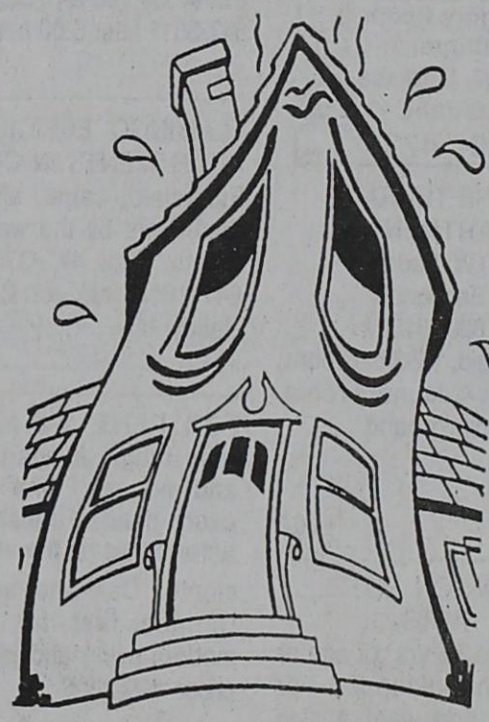
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The Chopping Block by Philomena Corradeno

With the introduction of the "fancy" salad greens — arugula, radicchio, mache (lamb's tongue), tiny field greens, frisee and the popular mixture of greens called mesclun — iceberg lettuce has been getting a bad rap.

Iceberg is inexpensive when compared with any other salad greens, and helps remind the expensive ones

of their cost and their place in the bowl. So there, snobs! In this first recipe, a head of iceberg is used to contain

a mixture of cream cheese and walnuts seasoned with parsley, dill and mustard and dotted with crisp celery and diced red peppers. For serving, the head is cut into wedges.

In the second recipe, a head of iceberg holds a heartier stuffing of Jarlsberg cheese, mushroom salad and chick peas, brightly seasoned. The surprise here is that the head of lettuce is wrapped in foil and grilled outdoors or baked in the oven. A very unusual entree.

1 head iceberg lettuce
4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1/3 cup sour cream
1/4 cup minced parsley
1 teaspoon dried dill weed or 1 tablespoon fresh dill weed, minced
2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
1 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup finely chopped

red pepper
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Core, rinse and thoroughly drain iceberg lettuce. Remove inner leaves from lettuce to form a fist-sized hollow in center of head. (Save for another salad.) Wrap lettuce in plastic bag and chill to crisp lettuce while making filling. Stir together softened cream cheese, sour cream, parsley, dill weed and mustard, until well-blended. Mix in celery, red bell pepper and walnuts. Spoon mixture into hollow of lettuce; cover completely with plastic wrap. Chill at least two hours. To serve, cut lettuce into 6 wedges with sharp knife. Makes 6 servings.

1 tablespoon Italian herbs
1 medium red onion, minced
4 Kavi crispbreads, crumbled (about 3/4 cup)
Core, rinse and drain iceberg lettuce. Remove and discard any bruised outer leaves. With paring knife or curved grapefruit knife, scoop out inside leaves of lettuce, leaving a 1-inch shell. Reserve 2 or 3 of the larger interior leaves for a cover. Shred enough inside leaves to make 2 cups. Place shredded lettuce in large bowl. (Save any excess lettuce for another use.) Add to bowl cheese, mushroom salad, red pepper, chick peas, herbs, onion and crispbreads; mix well. Pack mixture into lettuce shell. Cover

with reserved interior leaves and wrap in triple layer of foil. Cook on side of grill, 6 to 8 inches from heat. Turning packet every 8 to 10 minutes, grill 30 minutes or until stuffing is warm. OR, preheat oven to 350F. and bake 30 minutes. Serves 6.

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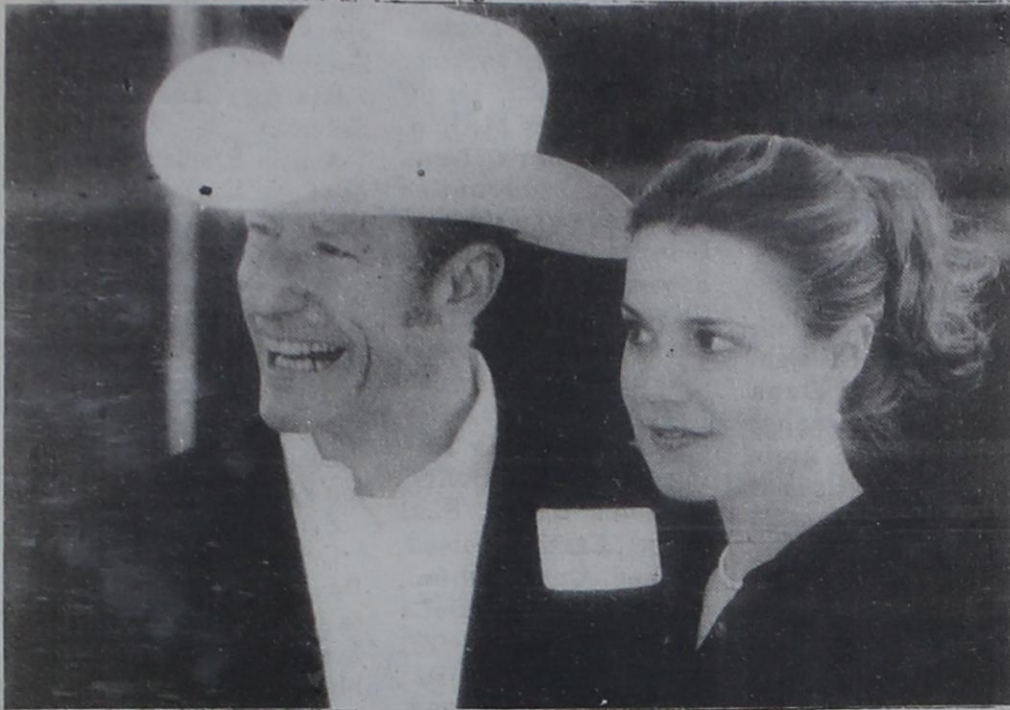
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After the "Polo On The Prairie" fund raiser on April 18 M.D. Anderson Cancer Center President Dr. John Mendelsohn presented the championship trophy to the San Angelo team of (L to R) Miguel Silvestre of Mexico City, John Eicher of Charlottesville, Jeff Mero of San Francisco, and State Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo. About 1,800 Cancer Center supporters turned out to see the annual event, which has raised more than \$1.2 million over the last 12 years.

Wayne Sellers Area Pioneer Publisher Honored By WT Journalists

By Jack Scott
Wayne C. Sellers, retired publisher of the Palestine, Texas Herald, who began his newspaper career with the Rising Star Record 65 years ago, was honored in Austin Friday by Texas University.

Sellers, former president of Texas Daily Newspaper Association and oldest member of the U.T. School of Journalism's advisory board, was saluted for his many years of service to Texas University and its College of Communications.

Sellers and his late wife, Camilla, maintain a scholarship which is awarded annually to a qualified U.T. student who in-

tends to pursue a career in journalism. The award was endowed in memory of M.S. (Doc) Sellers, once widely known and legendary publisher of the Rising Star Record from the early 1920's until after World War II. He was the father of last week's honoree.

In acknowledging

the recent honor conferred upon him the retired publisher said, "To quote a Biblical phrase, 'It's a mountaintop experience.'"

As he accepted a commentary plaque Sellers said to friends and UT professors gathered for the ceremony, "As you know, I have always been interested in journalism education. My dad never graduated from high school but was one of the greatest newspapermen I ever knew."

Poetry Corner

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On a bright, clear Sunday morning
As we walked down this dusty country road.
We can hear the birds singing sweetly
As they put on for us a show.
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