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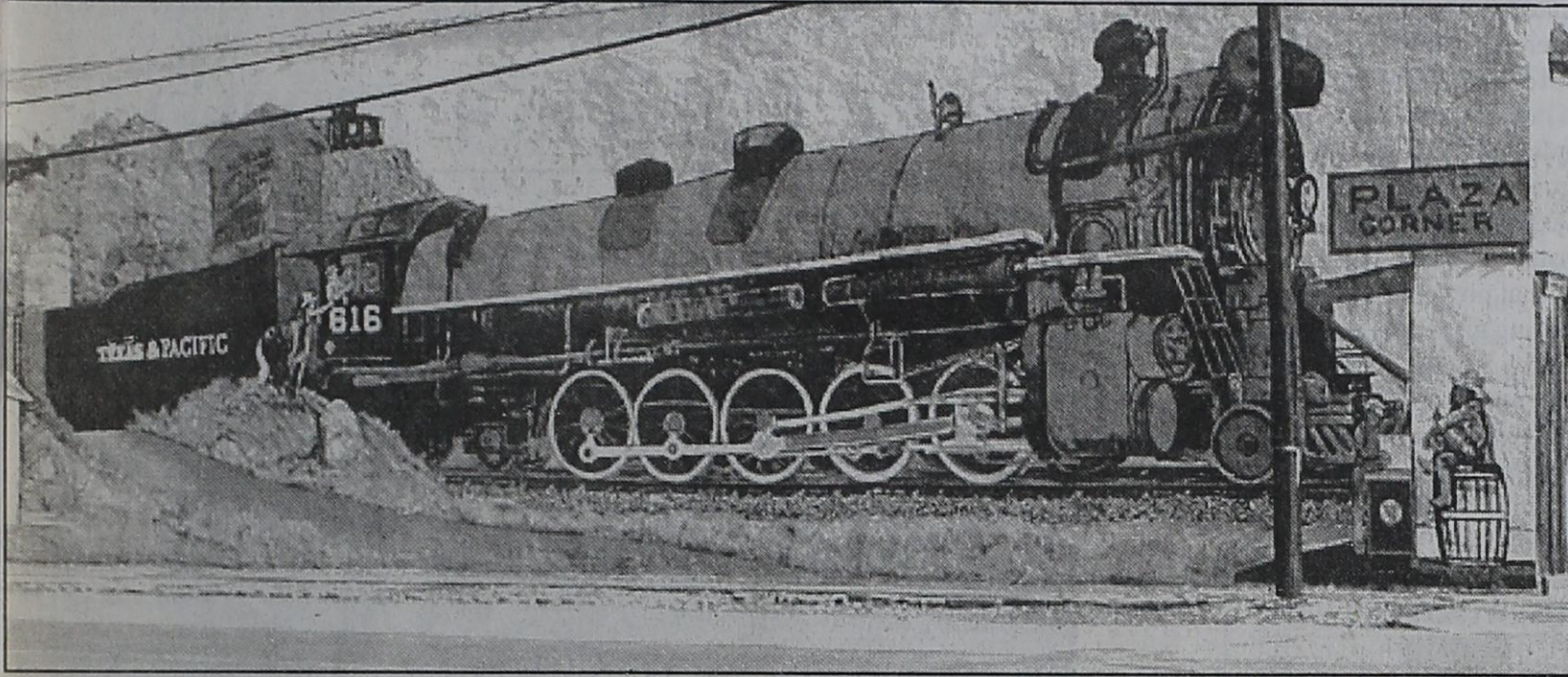
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This mural at Plaza Corner in downtown Baird depicts an early Texas & Pacific engine.

Baird Foundation Discusses T&P Project; Thanks Community

Baird Foundation Directors Betty L. Henson, President/CEO, and Nancy Newcomb Young met with TxDOT officials Bill Leach, Joe Clark and Cody Parkhill on Thursday, July 17.

Requirements regarding the process for advertising

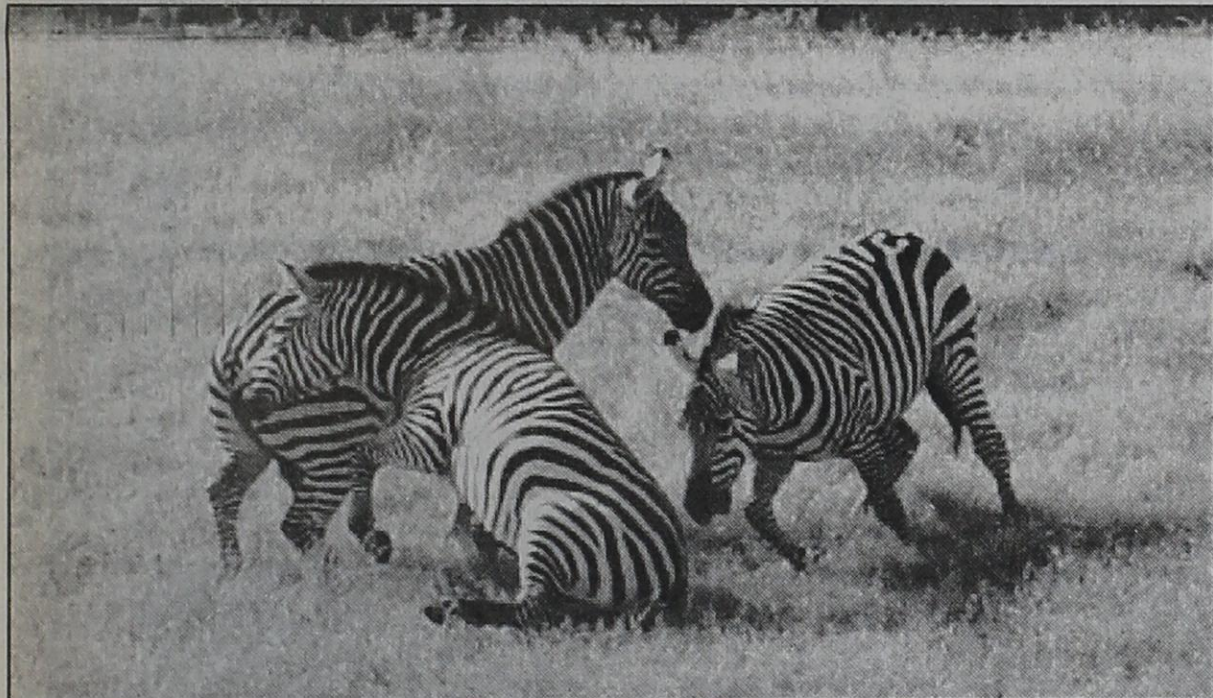
and selecting an architect for the local T & P Depot project were the topics of the meeting. A selection team for the decision-making process will be named.

The Baird Foundation thanks everyone who has supported the effort to do this

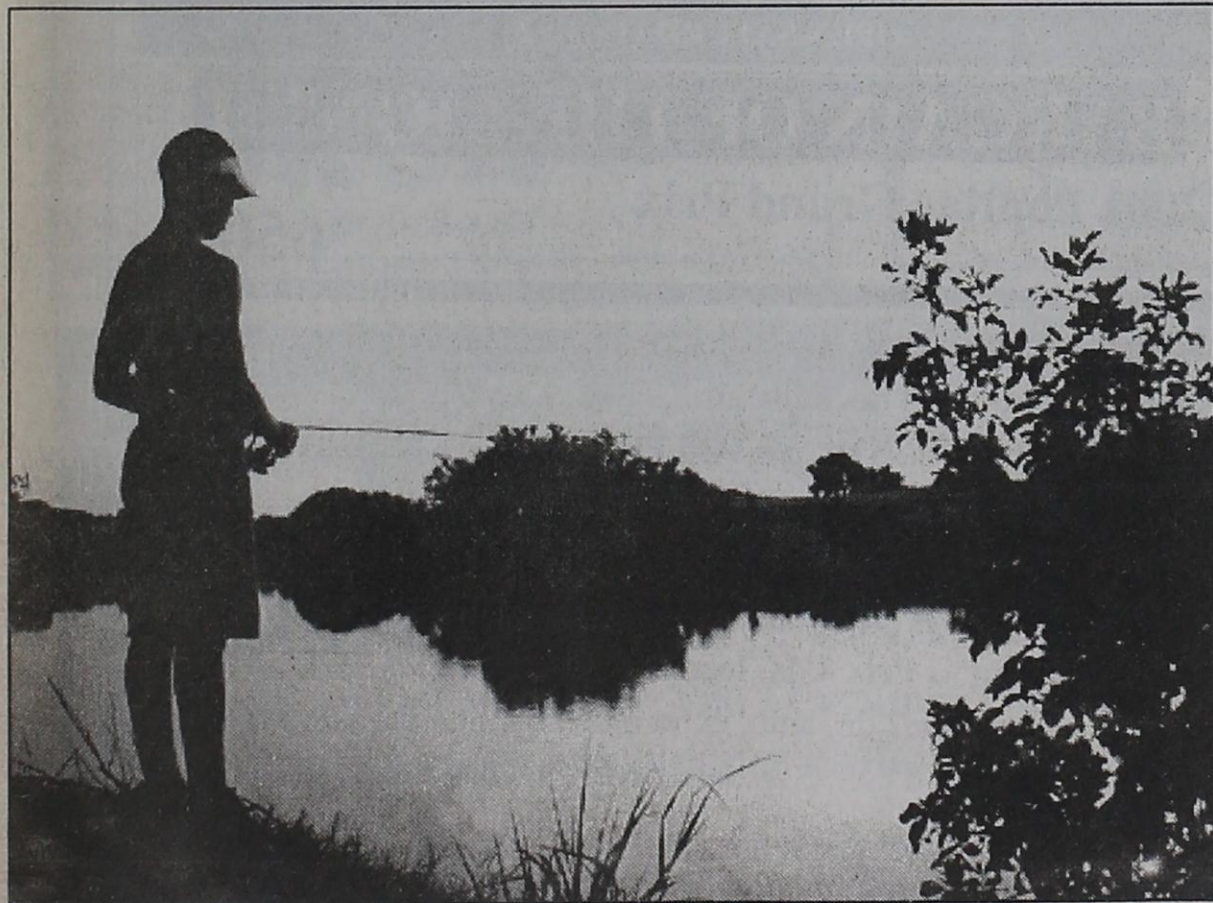
project for the community. Recent donations have been received from: Murdell Holbert, subscribers of Brownwood TV Cable, the estate of Curtis Sutphen, the Baird Chamber of Commerce, Laura's Boutique and miscellaneous cash dona-

tions. A donation in memory of Tom and Frances Barton was received from Ann Burns.

Tax deductible donations can be mailed to: Baird Foundation, P.O. Box 601, Baird, TX 79504.



Zebras frolicking at Fossil Rim.



Early Morning at Tres Rios

Where Dreams Are Made Everyday

By Walter Williams

Under the shelter of the giant Oak and Cottonwood trees, the troubles of the

world seemed far away. My good friend Richard had remarked while loading the last tent into his suburban, I

need this getaway, I am worrying too much. I heartily agreed. I didn't want to think about the problems

in Iraq, a new school year on the verge of kicking off, or any of the myriad of details that had enveloped my summer. I wanted to spend time with family and friends and enjoy nature's bounty and beauty. Tres Rios Campground just outside of Glenrose was the perfect place for this to happen.

Surrounded on three sides by the Brazos, Paluxy, and Spruce Creek, the camp is a perfect hideaway for a quick retreat or an entire vacation. The campground features full RV hookups, many located under the trees, as well as cabins. For those with a gusto for the outdoors and the camaraderie that only a campfire can give, the tent locations are ideal. Even during the heat of midday, the trees provide ample relief from the sun. Children can fish, go tubing, or enjoy the sheltered playground equipment. The very young will enjoy wading in the shallow, crystal clear waters of Spruce Creek. For those indisposed to swimming the brackish waters of the Brazos, a large recreational

pool is provided as well as volleyball and horseshoes. The amenities and accommodations make for a memorable experience. Nevertheless, the smell of the steaks on the grill, watching falling stars from the observation area, and listening to the cacophony of riverside sounds are the impressions that will remain long after the summer is gone.

To add to the adventure, take a morning or evening canoe trip down the Brazos

(Continued Inside)

Chamber Golf Tournament

Jack Corn, Cliff Burfield, Dr. Raul Calvo and Jay Calvo shot a 59 to take first place honors at the Baird Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament last Saturday at Shady Oaks.

Second place winners were Jack Pruet, Lee Harle, Larry Bradshaw and Russell Bradshaw with a 63; and Travis Higgins, Butch Smith, David Massie and Kathy Massie. third place with a score of 65.

Susan McCool, who chaired the tournament,

expressed thanks to all the golfers, hole sponsors and other contributors who made the Chamber fund raiser a successful event.

Tournament sponsors were T&B Mechanical, First National Bank of Baird, Harle Enterprises, Parker Funeral Home, Lawrence Bros., IGA, Baggage House Restaurant, Big Country Dodge, Bob and Susan McCool, Falk Pharmacy, Brownwood Cable TV, Burke & Burke and Classic Homes.

Deadlock Continues On Redistricting

by Viola Payne

Eleven Demos In Albuquerque

The Texas Senate remained in a redistricting deadlock over the first weekend in August, with eleven of the twelve Democrats in the State Senate absent and in Albuquerque.

The Democrats left Texas the previous Monday, after Gov. Rick Perry called another Special Legislative Session after the first one failed to pass a redistricting bill.

State Senator Troy Fraser, Dist. 24 (including both Callahan and Eastland Counties) is one of the few Republicans in the state who has attempted to stop the redistricting proposals, especially those relating to the 17th U.S. Congressional District.

The Texas House of Representatives voted for a

proposal that would have turned the 17th District into two jagged segments that would be called the 11th and 19th Districts. Lubbock would have been the major city in the 19th.

Fraser has particularly opposed the dividing of Erath County, where one part would go to the District with Lubbock, and another to the 11th District with Waco.

Congressman Charles Stenholm, Democrat, has served the 17th District for 25 years, and he has registered his disapproval of the redistricting. He says this opposition is not about what would happen to him, but what would happen to representation for the rural areas of West Texas.

The Texas Senators who fled to New Mexico say they'll stay gone for the full 30 days of the new **continued**

Student Registration

Baird High School

2003-2004

New Student Registration: August 4-5

Please bring the following to register:

- Copy of student's records (transcript)
- Immunization records
- Copy of student's birth certificate
- Copy of student's social security card
- Items to secure a parking permit
 - * Year, make, model, color of vehicle
 - * License number
 - * Student's current driver's license
 - * Proof of current insurance coverage
 - * \$1.00 fee

Returning Student Registration:

August 6: Seniors (9:00 - 12:00)

Juniors (1:00-4:00)

August 7: Sophomores (9:00-12:00)

Freshmen (1:00-4:00)

August 11: 8th graders (9:00-12:00)

7th graders (1:00-4:00)

A student who drives a vehicle to school will need to secure a parking permit for the vehicle. Please bring the following information to registration:

- Year, make model, color of vehicle
- License number
- Student's current driver's license
- Proof of current insurance coverage
- \$1.00 fee

Producer Field Day Is Set For Thursday

A Helicopter Herbicide Application demonstration worth 2 CEU hours is set for August 7th, 2003 at the James Snyder Ranch north of Baird. Any producers wishing to get more information on the use of helicopters in herbicide applications are invited to come watch this demonstration.

The program will get started with a welcome and introductions by Tony Baeza, Range Management Specialist - NRCS. Mick Savage and Jeff Nelson of Dow Agrosiences will follow with a herbicide produce overview. Prior to an actual demonstra-

tion, Bob Ewing with North Star Helicopters will then give a short presentation on Aerial Application. Following the demonstration, Walco International, Dow Agrosiences and North Star Helicopters will sponsor lunch where there will be a Question and Answer session. Dr. Charles Hart, Extension Range Specialist will be on hand to Wrap Up the presentation and make Final Remarks.

Producers wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by August 1st to the NRCS office in Albany at (325) 762-2552.

Tax Extension Deadline Aug. 15

Most taxpayers already have filed their tax year 2002 federal income tax returns. But for more than 8.5 million taxpayers, the deadline is August 15 if they opted for the automatic extension of time to file by completing Form 4868 by April 15.

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers with extensions to file their returns by August 15 to avoid the late filing penalty, which is 5 percent per month of the unpaid tax. Help may be available, however, for people who cannot file by August 15.

Taxpayers with special circumstances, such as a hardship, that prevent them from preparing and filing their tax forms by August 15 may request an additional two-month extension by completing Form 2688 that will give them until October 15 to file their income tax returns.

These taxpayers will be granted an extension of time to file even if they cannot send in payment of outstanding 2002 taxes with the extension request.

Taxpayers granted the additional time to file will not be penalized for late payment of tax if they pay the balance of their 2002 tax when they file the tax return by October 15 provided 90 percent of their total tax was paid by

April 15.

To request the additional time to file, taxpayers must file Form 2688 with the IRS by August 15. Form 2688 is available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov.

The IRS will advise filers in writing whether or not their requests are granted. Form 2688 can be filed electronically or mailed to the IRS.

Taxpayers may continue to take advantage of the Free

File program until October 15. Free File enables qualifying taxpayers to e-file for free. E-file is available until October 15. To e-file, taxpayers can use tax preparation software on their own computers or file electronically through an authorized e-file provider.

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95 Olds Achieva 4 cyl., cold air, Was \$2595.....	\$2150
94 Ford Explorer, 4.0 V6, cold air, Was \$3450.....	\$3150
95 Taurus, good cond., cold air, Was \$2695.....	\$2150

OTHER AUTOS - VANS - TRUCKS

98 Ford Contour, very good cond., V6, cold air, first class (red) only.....	\$3450
94 Taurus, cold air, good cond., (lt. blue).....	\$2150
94 Mercury Sable, 3.8 V6, good cond. (white).....	\$2150
92 Taurus Station Wgn., runs good, (maroon).....	\$1195
92 Mercury Station Wagon, runs good (white).....	\$2195
89 Mercury Grand Marquis, low miles, very clean (maroon).....	\$1450
88 Lincoln Town Car, cold air, nice car for only.....	\$1350
87 Buick LaSabre, runs good, Was \$995.....	\$795
87 Chevy Conversion Van, Hi dollar interior, runs good, 4 bucket seats, rear seat/bed.....	\$1450
84 Ford F350 diesel, steel flat bed, cold air, runs very good, dual rears.....	\$2450
90 Ford Aerostar Van, V6, 3 seats, clean.....	\$1595
84 Ford Crown Victoria, looks, runs good.....	\$595

SOME FINANCING AVAILABLE

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94 Ford F150 6 cyl., 5 sp., air, AM/FM.....	\$2750
96 Ford Aspire 5 sp., air.....	\$2750
96 Pontiac Grand Prix loaded.....	\$2750
97 Ford Crown Victoria LX fully loaded, 69,000 mi.....	\$5995
99 Pontiac Grand Prix 4 dr., loaded, 53K.....	\$5995
00 Chevy Cavalier 2 dr., auto, extra nice.....	\$4950
00 Ford F150 XL 6 cyl., 5 sp., air, AM/FM, CD, cruise, (red), 24K.....	\$7950
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00 Ford F150 XLT loaded, 68K.....	\$8500
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U. S. Government Cars

94 Plymouth Acclaim 4 dr., auto, air, AM/FM, 23K.....	\$2950
00 Ford Contour SE, 4 dr., loaded, (white), 67K.....	Reduced to \$4100
00 Ford Taurus SE, 4 dr., loaded, (red), 62K.....	\$6450

The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

WHEN JOHNNY CARSON ruled television late shows, his "Amazing Carnack" vignettes were classic. You may remember his making quick changes into the swami outfit, wearing a turban big enough to give bees. Sidekick Ed McMahon would ask Johnny to provide answers before questions were posed. Then, after Carnack spewed them forth, Ed reached into the "hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar" (the one from Funk and Wagnalls' front porch) to extract questions, and that's when the laughs started...

Picture it: Carson, his

hand against his forehead as he gleaned from the epicenter of mystic wisdom, might say, "sis, boom, bah." Then McMahon would ask, "Describe the sound of an exploding goat?" (Now you remember those vignettes, don't you? I told you I'm that much older!) If Carson were on the TV scene today, he might provide an answer like, "Texas A&M and American Airlines." The question might be, Name two entities whose board meetings always begin with discussions of budget cut-backs?"

OH MY GOODNESS!

The list includes the rest of

our schools, most of our airlines and life in general, starting with our home budgets. If misery loves company, let us all rush in; Payload has been struck.

It is noted that two recent painful recommendations for Texas A&M University cut-backs were dictated by budgetary woes. Within weeks, Aggie leaders were dealing with eliminating both their dairy herd and their journalism program. Wow! Is nothing sacred?

In the "what if?" department if a cow ever jumps over the moon, will there be Aggies there to write about it? Pity. If the J-school stayed intact, the news of that historic jump might read: "Everything I learned about jumping I learned at A&M," Bossy said to members of the press corps. "When they eliminated the herd, we cows realized the importance of diversification. Failing my audition for a Chick-Fil-A ad, I

was lucky that a bull friend named Ferdinand, (most of us called him "Ferdie") mentioned moon jumping. I thought if he can do it, so can I, and that's what I did....All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe to Texas A&M, Chick-Fil-A and Ferdie, but mostly to Texas A&M." Sadly, if economic slides continue, there may be as many cows jumping over the moon as there are planes flying under it...

DID ANYONE notice that remarks at longtime Dallas Cowboy Tex Schramm's funeral were as frank and colorful as he was? One eulogist mentioned that Schramm's idea of compromise was when everyone else came around to his way of thinking. All agreed, however, that he was passionate about life and the work ethic. If our school's coaches can somehow ignite this passion in our kids, we can look past some won-lost records....

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Finally, I must share this lawyer me. New York editor Judith Regan said, "Being the best divorce lawyer in New York is like being the best devil in hell..."

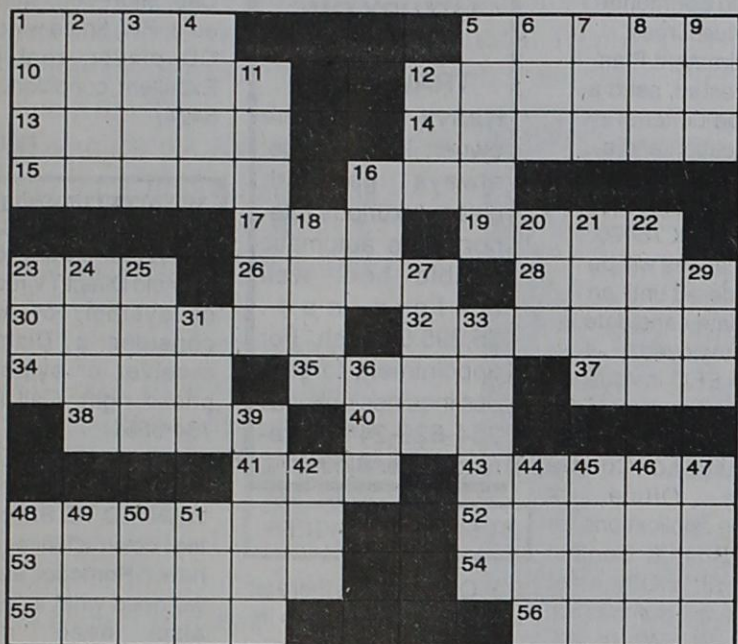
Dr. Don Newbury is a speaker/author/columist in Burleson, Texas, a few miles south of senility. His book of humor, When the Porch Light's On, has received

strong acclaim and is offered by mail. For more information on the book and speech bookings, he invites calls to 817-447-3872 or e-mail to newbury@speakerdoc.com. *Years ago, he hosted a syndicated radio sports show, ending each broadcast with, "If you can't play a sport, you can be one-and a good one." And he still believes it...

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—Maxwell Anderson

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ACROSS

1. Jo March's favorite sister
5. Old typewriter name
10. Went wrong
12. Computer keyboard key
13. Whitney, to Thelma Houston
14. Sports palaces
15. Hunts for
16. Lakers' league: abbr.
17. Hamster, e.g.
19. Within shouting distance
23. Vanity
26. One of Hawaii's 132 islands
28. Patella site
30. Dark times
32. Piggish
34. Perry's creator
35. Rudy Vallee's alma mater
37. Misery
38. Refuse
40. Annie song
41. Like a mateless glove
43. Devoured
48. False front
52. Chauffeur
53. Check writer
54. Marshmallow roaster's need
55. One who revolts
56. Put in the mail

DOWN

1. Johnson and Jonson
2. Ohio lake
3. Boxwood, e.g.
4. Dam's kin
5. Showed a film again
6. Cheer for a toreador
7. Coin of the Orient
8. _____ snail's pace (2 wds.)
9. Start of many French titles
11. Nero, e.g.
12. Brylcreem unit
16. Utmost degree
18. Suitable for beginners
20. Make do
21. Once again
22. Paint and wallpaper
23. Compass pt.
24. Encircle
25. Stare lasciviously
27. The _____ American
29. Feature of a needle
31. Bidly
33. Emulate Jack Nicholson's hairline
36. Penn _____ Teller
39. Emulate Jimmie Rodgers
42. Bonn article
44. Hugging equipment
45. Hamlet's phrase (2 wds.)
46. Regular
47. "Un-hip" one
48. TED's opponent
49. Diamonds _____ Forever
50. Bandleader Calloway
51. Dazzle

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Big Country Rifle Team Scores Well At Wolters

Despite the tremendous heat that took its toll on everyone the Big Country Service Rifle Team had a good turnout for the 300, 500 and 600 yard mid-range prone match held at Fort Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas on July 13, 2003.

Eight members attended with six of the members competing in the iron sight category. Dan Holovic of Abilene took first place with a score of 566-15X out of a possible 600 points. Wallace McDaniel of Clyde placed second with a 562-7X. David Guthery of Carbon shot a 526-9X. Jimmy Guthery of Gorman scored 491-2X and Victor Coats of Big Spring finished with a 436-5X. Robert Boyd of Baird fired two of the three stages for a 369-6X.

“President’s 100 Match”, the “National Trophy Individual field Games” and the CMP “Garand Games” from August 5th through 9th in Ohio.

Following the match, the team enjoyed supper at Strawn, Texas. Full advantage was taken of the air-conditioning and large glasses of iced tea!

Coach James Rackley handed out new team shirts to members and discussed final plans for the team’s yearly trip to the National High-Power Rifle Championship Matches held each year at Camp Perry, Ohio. Several members of the team will compete in the

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Writ of Mandamus Conditionally Granted
In re Western Star Trucks US, Inc.; Freightliner, LLC; and Western Star Truck Sales, Inc., Orig. Proc. (Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice McCall, and Justice McCloud).
Motion Submitted & Granted in Part and Denied in Part
In re Western Star Trucks US, Inc; Freightliner, LLC; and Western Star Truck Sales, Inc., Orig. Pro. Relator’s motion to strike parts of Freeman & Sons Trucking, Inc.’s mandamus record, or, alternatively, place confidential documents under seal. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice McCall, and Justice McCloud).

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By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Jeremiah 33:3 “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

If ever there has been a need for prayer, it is now! Our nation is at a time of decision: the economy is bad, disputes are seen on every corner, people need help with medical bills, some people are unemployed, and many people need spiritual guidance and hope.

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Guest Slot

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TEACHERS

In this article I would like to make a few comments about teachers.

For 30 years I was an elementary school teacher before I retired in 1992. I enjoyed teaching and sharing myself and especially loving my students. I made a place for myself and enjoyed being in the classroom.

After retirement, I liked staying at home and doing various things which I had wanted to do for many years. After my husband of 35 + years died, I went back to work for a few years for the Ector County Independent School District. I was hired to teach the low second graders. I taught in the Blanton Elementary School.

In 2000-2001, one student, Jon, told me I had graded his math paper incorrectly. I assured Jon that I would be happy to correct my mistake. Jon gave me his paper which I had "wrongly graded" and the problem he was concerned about was: 8-7=and Jon had put 2 for the answer. I told Jon that he really did miss the problem. Then I have Jon 8 sticks (and had him count them) and asked him to place the sticks on the table. I asked Jon to pick up 7 of the sticks, which he did. Then I asked Jon how many were left on the table.

Jon said: "I don't know what you did, but 8-7=2."

Then Jon said, "Weren't you hired this year?" and when I said, "Yes" Jon said: "Well, you probably just don't know."

I was telling this story to Kelly Carlisle who teaches reading recovery classes. Kelly said that she had been working with a first grade boy and helping him learn to read. One day Kelly took the first grader back to his room and the first grade teacher asked him to copy what she had put on the chalkboard. The first grader finally had it copied and took his paper to his teacher. The teacher said, "I can't read this!" and the boy said: "You should go to Mrs. Carlisle. She will teach you how to read."

Yes, students have changed over the years, but basically these students need someone they know who really cares about them and wants the best conditions for learning.

There was a time when school began in the fall after Labor Day and not in the middle of summer. Teaching, done correctly, is a hard job. There is always a lot of work involved and very little money.

Teachers should be told they are important. They should be held up to God and prayed for and should be openly appreciated. Each teacher should be dedicated enough to pray for the protection of God's angels over the lives of their students. I firmly believe that a teacher should pray for each student each day. I also believe that a good teacher knows that it is just as important to educate hearts as well as to educate minds.

A successful teacher when he/she has a different student placed in their classroom (and it always happens) gets the difficult student to help solve a problem. The teacher shows the student the he or she is needed by asking for their help. By asking for their help, they realize they are needed. When trust is established and once a difficult student knows that you need and trust them, they are more likely to accept your help. This same tactic works in the neighborhood as well as the classroom.

The most important thing you can give to your students is a good example. A student may not like everything about you but they know whether or not you are sincere and fair in what you do.

There are abundant opportunities to learn and learning


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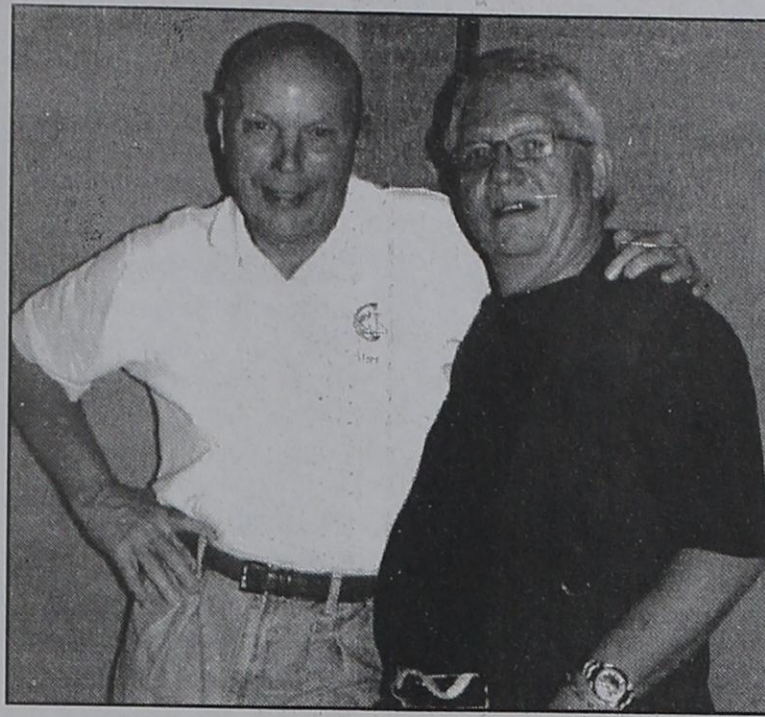
Meeting With Astronauts

Perhaps by now you are used to seeing my picture with leading congressmen and government officials of various countries, America's rich and famous, and people of various fame and notoriety. That is one of the joys of a write/photographer. However, Story Musgrave, one of America's great minds gave new meaning to awesome.

Dr. Musgrave holds degrees in mathematics, business administration, computer programming, chemistry, medicine, physiology, biophysics, and literature. He went on to become a great astronaut. I had the

honor of lunch with him, and interviewed him at Kennedy Space Center. He has flown 17,700 hours in 160 different types of aircraft, is an accomplishment parachutist, and has some over 500 free falls. From medical doctor, back to school to become an astronaut is, "one big step for mankind." Dr. Musgrave was selected as a scientist-astronaut by NASA in 1967. He was one of the designers of the Skylab and has spent a total of 1,281 hours in space, made 278 earth orbits, traveled over 7 million miles in 17 days!

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Dreams

River. Rhodes Canoe Rental located on Hwy 67 will shuttle the guest from the Tres Rios Camp upstream for a 6.8, or 15-mile trip. Disembark when you arrive back at the camp. The nature lover is sure to see a variety of wildlife, especially cranes spooning for an easy meal in the shallows. Summertime foliage is abundant but watch closely for the remaining wildflowers. The serpentine river, the small unexpected cataracts, and the limestone rock sculptures shortly before arrival back at the camp will leave you with the feeling of being in harmony with the river. Mr and Mrs Rhodes are a couple of local colorful characters you are sure to enjoy meeting. Give them a call (254) 897-4214. After the canoe workout, find time to stop in at The Dining Hall at the Tres Rios campground. An old converted gymnasium, the name doesn't sound too intriguing, but the western interior and refined cuisine makes up for the name. The Apricot Chicken Breast is moist and ineffably tender. The Spinach and Mushroom Enchiladas are cooked and flavored to perfection and served hot with lots of iced tea.

Reserve Friday or Saturday evening for the presentation of The Promise. This epic musical drama based on the life of Jesus but tied to local history and culture is both touching and spiritual. The amphitheatre is an architectural delight. The sound effects, well-trained actors and the artistic detail in costumes and props combined with a cool mountain top breeze insure an enjoyable experience. See them on the web at <http://www.thepromiseglenrose.com>

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guest to see indigenous and exotic animals in idyllic settings. My family and I were stunned when the earth began to shake and an entire ridge came alive with dozens of Wildebeest and Zebras thundering across the landscape. Most of the 1100 animals roam free in the African-like hills and savannahs. The overnight guest can stay in air-conditioned Safari tents surrounded by the park. A major watering hole for the animals will prove to be a boon for the photographer in the group. Breakfast is served in your tent, but make reservations at least a couple weeks in advance for the Safari experience at (254) 897-2960. The guest can also take an open-air tour through the park with a trained naturalist. Watch out for the curious Ostrich and Oryx; they like to get close. This guided tour will allow the guest to view protected wolves and black rhinos that are not open to the general public.

Photographs are allowed in all areas discussed in the article. Summer sunlight can make quality shots difficult. Take your best shots in the morning and evening. Use flash set on low during mid-day to take out shadows if shooting people. Keep the camera in a waterproof bag on the canoe trip. Use a plastic trash bag if necessary but let the camera air out every 30 minutes or so to minimize humidity. Try to frame the shots with natural foliage and let the action move into the photo. Flash is not allowed at The Promise. Use a telephoto lens and take most of your shots before dark. After dark is more difficult but stage lights will still permit respectable photographs. The Tres Rios motto is where dreams are

made everyday! After spending a few days in the campground, I agree. It is easy to have fun in a fun place. Give Regina a call at (254) 897-4253 or on the web at <http://www.tresrioscamping.com>.

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Redistricting

legislative session if necessary to block the vote on congressional redistricting.

But they have also said repeatedly that they will end their walkout if Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decides to reinstate the "two-thirds rule", which is traditional.

The lieutenant governor, who presides over the Senate, isn't giving any indication that he will go for that request.

He is arranging the order of bills in this new special session so that the two-thirds rule is not needed to take up congressional redistricting.

Dewhurst says the state constitution allows Senate officials to "compel the

attendance" of absent Senators. But he apparently hasn't decided what he is going to do about that.

Reportedly, the Democrats also say they will return to Texas if Gov. Rick Perry removes redistricting from the current special session.

Gov. Perry says he is not going to do that.

In the meanwhile, town leaders, newspapers, and private citizens across much of west Texas have voiced opposition to redistricting and the type of maps they

have seen. The current districts were drawn up by the courts in 2001 after legislators failed to agree on redistricting plans of political leaders.

No one really knows what will happen in the current deadlock.

Annual 4-H Awards Banquet

The 2003 Callahan County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria which is located off 1-20 and

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project each 4-H member completed.

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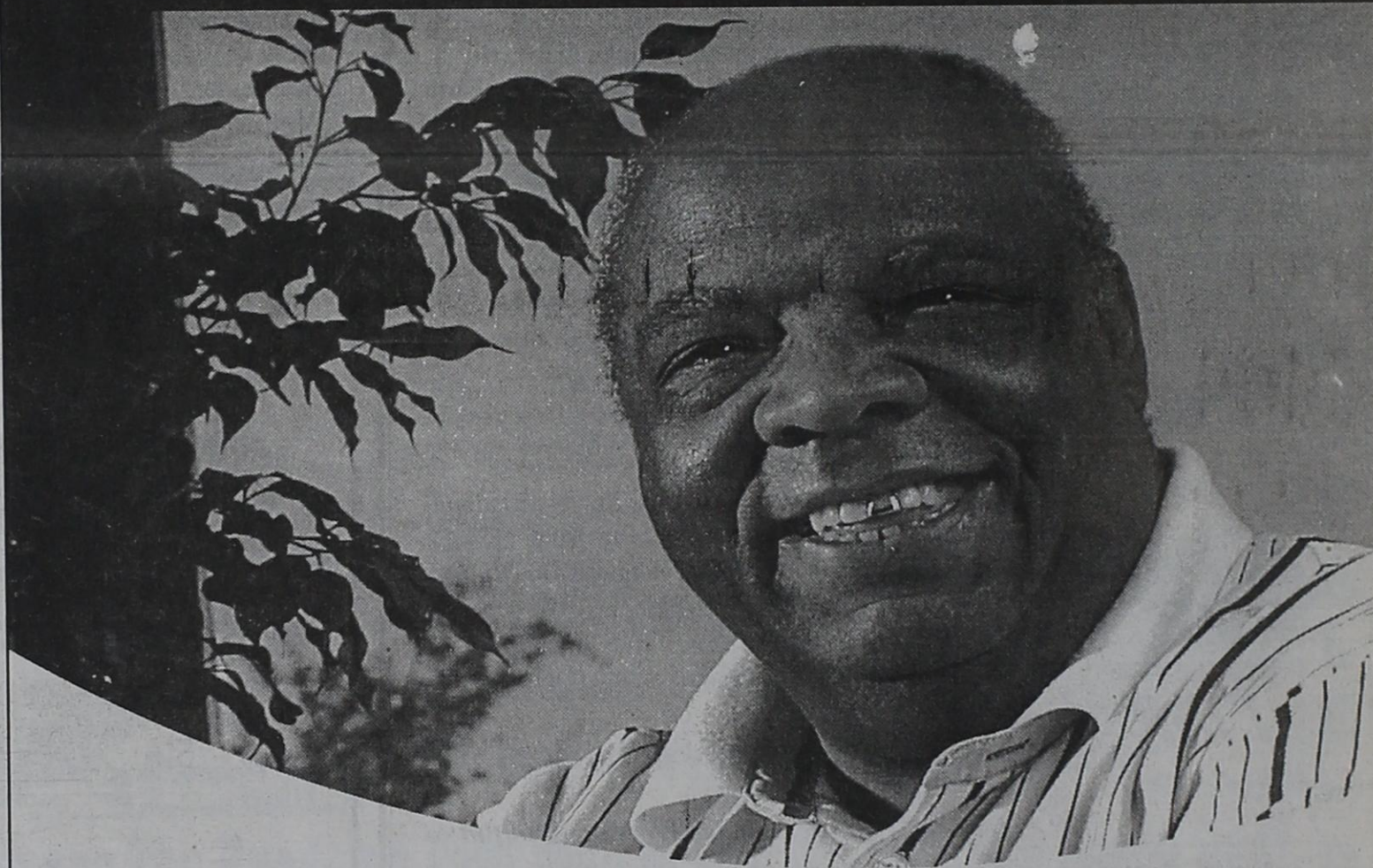
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