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City Sales & Use Tax Comparison For April 1998 Collected in February 1998

CITY	CURRENT RATE	NET PYMT THIS PERIOD	COMPAR. PYMT PRIOR YEAR	% CHANGE	1998 PYMT TO DATE	1997 PYMT TO DATE	% CHANGE
CALLAHAN CO							
Baird	1.500%	\$ 3,321.34	\$ 2,950.85	12.55%	\$23,630.92	\$ 21,981.22	7.50%
Clyde	1.500%	9,969.40	7,928.95	25.73%	45,967.57	41,202.41	11.56%
Cross Plains	1.500%	4,758.05	4,244.85	12.08%	26,696.41	26,083.89	2.34%
Puñam	1.000%	859.15	611.65	40.46%	3,393.02	2,896.67	17.13%
County Total		\$18,907.94	\$15,736.30	20.15%	\$99,687.92	\$92,164.19	8.16%
EASTLAND CO: Carbon, Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Ranger, Rising Star							
County Total		\$78,061.32	\$69,925.44	11.63%	\$393,413.961	\$366,696.73	7.28%
COLEMAN CO: Coleman, Santa Anna							
County Total		\$36,712.13	\$36,369.34	0.94%	\$187,356.42	\$177,974.22	5.27%
COMANCHE CO: Comanche, De Leon, Gustine							
County Total		\$39,883.17	\$32,688.59	22.00%	\$191,127.69	\$175,502.14	8.90%
PALO PINTO CO: Gordon, Graford, Mineral Wells, Mingus, Strawn							
County Total		\$142,549.12	\$130,123.48	9.54%	\$701,830.51	\$675,915.95	3.83%
STEPHENS CO: Breckenridge							
County Total		\$46,609.22	\$47,376.05	-1.61%	\$244,795.50	\$236,590.73	3.46%

Returns 10.7 Percent Ahead For The Year

Sharp Delivers April Sales Tax Rebates Totaling \$158.7 Million To Texas Cities And Counties

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$158.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,089 Texas cities and 118 counties, an 11.4 percent increase over the \$142.5 million allocated to cities and counties in April 1997.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

"April sales tax rebates reflect again this month that the Texas economy is booming and consumers remain

confident that the healthy climb will continue," Sharp said. "Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 10.7 percent over the first four months of 1997."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$145.5 million to Texas cities, 11.8 percent higher than last April's payments of \$130 million. Rebates of \$13.2 million to Texas counties were 6.6 percent higher than allocations of \$12.4 million in April 1997. Another \$4.2 million went to 31 special purpose districts around the state.

BENEFIT FOR FIRE DEPT. SATURDAY NIGHT

The Baird Fire Department has a Benefit "ALL YOU CAN EAT" Brisket Dinner scheduled for this Saturday, April 25, starting at 5 p.m.

The benefit dinner will be held at the new fire station at Market and 3rd Streets in downtown Baird.

Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults if purchased in advance. At the door, adult tickets will be \$6.00.

Tickets for children under 12 are \$4.00 in advance; at \$5.00 at the door.

As a benefit, any and all donations, large and small, will be accepted and appreciated.

Thirty briskets are being prepared for the evening so there should be food aplenty for everyone who attends.

Tickets are available from any Baird Volunteer Fireman and at Konczak Pawn and Loan, Repair and Service, and Barton Weldin--all Baird businesses.

The monies raised will be used to purchase needed fire fighting equipment.

Pre-Registration for Pre-Schoolers Announced for May 8th

Elementary Principal, Larry Riney, announced today that pre-registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be Friday, May 8, 1998, in the Baird School Cafetorium from 8:30 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, the child must be four years old on or before September 1, 1998, plus bring shot records, birth certificate and social security card.

Depending on the enrollment in pre-kindergarten, we will probably have again one morning and one afternoon class.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be five years

old on or before September 1, 1998. The parent must provide shot records, birth certificate and social security card. IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN THE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE FALL KINDERGARTEN.

*Effective August 1, 1998: All children 5 years of age or older who have born on or after September 2, 1993, must have three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine. The kindergarten class of school year 1998-1999 will be affected as well as Pre-K students as they reach 5 years of age in school year 1998-99.

If there are any questions concerning registration, please call 854-1315.

City Council O.K.'s Street Closing; Makes Plans to Look At Water Rates

The Baird City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22 at City Hall. In attendance were Councilpersons Terry Hunter, Rudy Rodriguez, and Brenda a Mitchell. Also in attendance were Mayor Jon Hardwick and City Secretary Nancy Turnbow.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Items on the agenda included:

The Baird Development Corp. Board, who asked to postpone their presentation until the May meeting.

Next, Don Rockhill spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce concerning the June 6th Trade Day and requested the Councils permission to close off Market Street to traffic on that day. The street would be closed off from the Old Depot to the Court House from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three block of Market. The first block would be closed off additionally to 1 a.m. for the planned Street Dance.

Traffic, barricades, restrooms, and the planned petting zoo were discussed in detail and the Board moved to approve the Chamber's request.

Next, the Council looked at the bids which had been received for the leasing of the land around T & P Lake. Only one bid was received and that was from Chris Vestal and that was with a bid of \$555 for one year with a three year option. He proposed to use the land to run cattle on.

Mr. Vestal was present to discuss specific details about the lease, and a discussion ensued as to the repairs done to the cattle guard at the main gate, security of the property, and problems occurring by people entering the property by avenues other than the main gate.

The upkeep of the fence around the property was discussed.

His bid was taken under consideration, although no action was taken on it.

Next, a request was considered from

Eflyn McGowan for the city to close off the south 10 feet of 10th Street which was adjoining the McGowan property on Cherry St. as the much of the street was actually surveyed to be on their property and took in part of their front yard.

The Council agreed to close the requested amount of land.

The Board then looked at the recommendations of the Economic Development Committees as to the economic development loan applications of Shirley Photides and Dan Bryson, who were both present for the meeting.

The Committee had recommended that Ms. Photides be approved for her loan request and the Board did so.

The Committee recommended that they felt that Mr. Bryson's application needed to be accompanied with a greater evidence of collateral or a suggested down payment. Mr. Bryson stated that was agreeable to the recommendation and was presently waiting for the sale of another piece of property in Clyde which would enable him to make the sug-

gested down payment. The Board then moved to table all action on Mr. Bryson's application and advised him that they welcomed taking up his application again when he was ready to meet the suggestions made by the Committee.

This was followed by the Council considering Mr. Doug Hayden's request that the city share in one-half of the expense of replacing the sidewalk in front of his new antique business that is being presently worked on in the 1st hundred block of Market Street.

Mr. Hayden proposed putting down a brick front to his store and presented the Council with a total estimate of \$760 and asked that the city pay one-half (\$380) of that amount as they had done the same to help other businesses in the downtown area. This was approved by the Council.

At the suggestion of Councilman a n Rodriguez, a discussion then was taken up over the city's water rates in regard to the coming on line of the Abilene water line and

how it was going to affect the city's future payment obligations in connection to the new water source.

Much discussion followed with Water Department worker Russell Robertson providing a good amount of data.

Finally, it was suggested and agreed upon that Mr. Jennings and the City Attorney would be invited to the next Council meeting to provide specific figures as to future obligations.

A resolution in regards to the City's continued participation with the General Service Commission was presented and approved by the Board.

The Board then approved the advertising for and the taking of applications for the position of manager for the city swimming pool. These will be run for several weeks and the applications reviewed at the next board meeting.

The Council then took up the Texas National Resource Conservation Commissions request

(Continued Inside)



HEALTH FAIR SPONSORS: The members of the Wednesday Club gather at last Saturday's Health Fair which was held at the Community Center. Members are (left to right) Rita R. Darraugh, Ruth Fisher, Jessie Odom, Laverne Crawford, Margie Warren, Beaulah Springate, Joyce McCauley (President), Faye Houston, Helen Lacy

Cross Plains School Arson Suspect Indicted

Cory Lee Switzer, 18, of Cross Plains, was indicted by Callahan County's 42nd District Court grand jury last Friday for the December 7th arson at Cross Plains High School.

According to Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright, the investigation into the fire continues.

On Dec. 7th, arsonist set fire at 16 locations in the school and caused damage of an estimated \$1.5 million.

If convicted, Switzer

could face up to 20 years in prison and could be fined up to \$10,000 as well.

Switzer, a 1997 Cross Plains High School graduate, is one of three former Cross Plains athletes that are accused of the setting of the fire.

The other two are juveniles, and are both 16 years old.

The two juveniles have been ordered to a maximum security juvenile facility for stays up to five years.

In addition, two adults were connected

to the arson and fined by way of their having provided alcohol to the minors on the night of Dec. 6. It was at 4 a.m. on Dec. 7th that the fires were set.

According to law officers, a drinking party at the Switzer ranch may have contributed to the youths actions in setting the fires.

The two adults were Diedra Switzer, 37, and Jason Jay Higgins, 21. Both plead guilty and were fined in Eastland County.

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Personals

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Charlie Uselton, Interim Superintendent Baird ISD P.O. Box 1147, Baird, TX 79504 915-854-1400.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following preferred shareholders of Weatherford Bancshares, Inc. should present their present shares and executed stock power(s) to Mark Riebe, Trust Officer, First National Bank of Weatherford, 220 Palo Pinto Street, Weatherford, Texas 76086, on or before May 3, 1998, for redemption: Louise McFarland Trustee for Teresa Johnson- 100 Shares, George E. Darden or Lois Darden- 34 shares, Donice Way- 1 share, Robert D. Jenkins 16 shares, Walter Fant Worthington- 1,016 shares.

City Council From Page One

that the City purchase its required permit for discharging of backwash water from the Water Plant into the run off water from the plant.

The City had been previously found to be in violation with this requirement and City Secretary, Nancy Turnbow, stated that State officials were "strongly urging" the City to get the permit.

The permit was estimated to cost around \$5,000 and was a one time purchase.

Charges for violation from not having such a permit were noted to cost a lot more than the one time purchased permit. The Council moved and approved to purchase the permit.

A number of recently made improvements to the Water Plant were also cited during the discussion and these were commended and other work that is continuing was also noted.

The Board officially approved the date of May 2nd for the City Council election for Mayor and two city council seats. Early voting was okay for April 15 through 28 with provisions also being approved for mail in ballots.

May 5th was then set

Lawn and Garden Seminar Slated for April 30th

A seminar designed for homeowners or anyone interested in the subject of Lawn and Garden Management is planned for Thursday, April 30, at the Clyde Lions Club Building, located at 317 South 1st in Clyde.

The seminar will start at 6:00 pm and cost

of the clinic is \$2.00.

Guest Speaker will be Dr. Nancy Roe, Entomologist

Horticulturist from Stephenville. She will discuss Earth Kind gardening topics including soil preparation, compost use, variety selection, irrigation, mulches and she will also discuss conventional gardening strategies and organic alternatives.

CRIMINAL DOCK-ET

Chris Sansone, Entomologist, will be on hand to discuss vegetable insects and fire ant management for homeowners.

The Lawn and Garden Seminar is a presentation of the Callahan County Ag and Natural Resources Committee and is sponsored by People State Bank of Clyde and Clyde Farm and Ranch.

After a brief discussion as to the use of the main police car, the statement was approved and it was moved and approved for all bills to be paid.

Before closing, Ms. Turnbow read a "Thank You" card from the Wednesday Study Club to the Council for their help in the organizing of the recent Health Fair.

The Council was pleased to receive the card and commended the Club for their fine service to the community.

At this point, it was moved and approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Booster Club's Thank You

The Baird Athletic Booster Club would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the concession stand at the Junior High District Track Meet in Baird on Saturday, April 18th.

Whether you flipped a hamburger, helped set up or worked a shift, your hard work is appreciated.

A special "Thank you" goes to Felix Manion for the use of his grill and to Shady Oaks Golf Course for the use of the golf cart.

Thanks for your support, Tereva Hunter, Booster Club Secretary

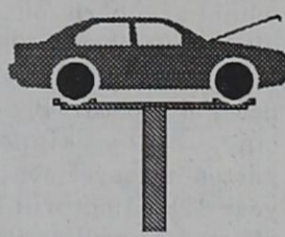


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Courthouse News

County Court House Judge Bill Johnson Presiding

CRIMINAL DOCK-ET

Marshall Thomas Laroux - DWI James Victor Irvin - Speeding

Linda M. Hickey - Speeding Jimmy D. Dixon - Speeding

CRIMINAL MINUTES COUNTY COURT BOOK 4

Marshall Thomas Laroux - Plea of guilty for DWI / sentenced for DWI

Alicia Rodriguez - Probation for Theft of Property by Check (TPC) / end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication

Janette S. Bruton - LARC (TPC) Robert Eugene Davis - Disruption of Public Peace

Jay Dillon Odum - Resisting Officer Billy Mac Chancey - Marijuana possession

Roy Isbell - LARC (TPC) Robert E. Taylor - DWI

Paul Barron Perez - motion to revoke community supervision Alan McCray - order amending conditions community supervision

Jalayne Williams - motion to revoke community supervision Melanie Shackelford - order deferring judgment and granting probation for TPC

Shannon L. Hood - motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant Daisy Andrews - motion to dismiss charge of disregarding police officer

Charla Wauson - motion to dismiss TPC

MARRIAGE LICENSES James Edward Holland of Abernathy, Tx. to Meredith Marian Edwards of Lubbock, Tx.

42ND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JOHN WEEKS PRESIDING

CIVIL FILE DOCKET, BOOK #14

To Persons Unknown: Notice of seizure and intended forfeiture of \$26,230 in U.S. currency.

People State Bank of Clyde vs. Elizabeth Ashley and Sarah E. Ruffin - unpaid account

CIVIL MINUTES BOOK 34

First National Bank of Baird vs. Ronnie and Kelly Pinkerton - order of non-suit

William Chadwell Jones vs. Julie Anne Jones; and in the interest of Ashleigh Paige Jones, a minor child - order on motion of judgment nunc pro tunc in a qualified domestic relations order

Sandra Elaine Wheeler vs. Charles Andrew Wheeler - qualified domestic relations order

Sandra Elaine Wheeler vs. Charles Andrew Wheeler - divorce

Pamelia Ann Harris vs. Tommie Don Harris - order granting plaintiff's motion for non-suit

St. of Tx vs. 1988 Chevrolet Pickup, Vin. #1GCD014K9JZ171479 and approximately 83 lbs of marijuana - order of forfeiture

Regina Lynn Hopkins vs. Randy Lynn Hopkins - divorce

Assignment of the Presiding Judge - The Honorable Jesse Aaron Holloway for April 9 and 10, 1998

Letter to District Clerk from First National Bank of Baird - verifying that all funds at the bank are FDIC protected

In the interest of Casey Lane, Cody Lane, children - child support review order

CRIMINAL DOCK-ET DISTRICT COURT BOOK 7

St. of Texas vs, the following: Ubaldo Carrillo - possession of marijuana

Billy Ray Collins, Jr. - Theft Kenneth Alan Smith - DWI

Vickie Mapes Anderson - DWI Regan Bryant - Forgery

Virgil L. Strickland, Jr. - Possession of a Controlled Substance

Jerry Gene Hickerson - Possession of Controlled Substance

Celia Ann Bryan Norton - Count I: interference with child custody; Count II - interference with child custody

Cory Lee Switzer - arson

CRIMINAL MINUTES DISTRICT COURT BOOK M

Hervey Mesta, Jr. - Motion to dismiss State's motion to revoke community supervision

Marshall Thomas Laroux - motion to dismiss DWI

D.P.S. Report

04-12-98 TO 04-18-98

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Livestock Team-- Members of the Tarleton State University livestock judging team for 1997-98 include (front, left to right) Shana Wise of Slaton, coach Johnny Treichel of Waller, Christie Kriewald of Hondo and Chad Dannheim of Roby, and (back, l-r) Saamuel Lucius of Louisiana, Kyle Averhoff of Hico, Jody Gerngross of Baird, and Brandon Evans of Wylie.

JODY GERNGROSS PART OF OUTSTANDING AG JUDGING TEAM

A group of students from Tarleton State University did a lot of traveling over the past school year and have a truck load of ribbons, medals and trophies to show for their efforts. Representing the College of Agriculture and Technology, the students are members of Tarleton's livestock judging team, and they competed across Texas and into Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

"We feel that we had a very successful year," said team coach Johnny Treichel, a graduate student from Waller. "The students gained from the experience and we enjoyed representing Tarleton."

Members of the 1997-98 livestock judging team included Kyle Averhoff of Hico, Chad Dannheim of Roby, Brandon Evans of Wylie, Jody Gerngross of Baird, Christie Kriewald of Hondo, Samuel Lucius of Florien, Louisiana, and Shana Wise of

Slaton. The schedule of competitions included the Washington County Fair in Brenham, Louisiana State Fair, Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show in Fort Worth and Houston Livestock Show. In addition to invitations held in Denver, Colorado and Louisville, Kentucky, the team also competed in contests hosted by Texas Tech, Panhandle State and West Texas A&M.

In Denver, the team placed 11th overall with Shana Wise placing third high individual in the swine judging.

At the Ft. Worth stock show, the team was fifth overall after placing fourth in sheep, fourth in swine and fifth in both swine and beef.

Averhoff placed as the fourth high individual in the overall standings.

Lucius was ninth high individual overall and fourth in sheep and Kriewald was fourth high individual

Elementary Students Against Child Abuse

(Submitted by Roma Howard for the Callahan County Child Protective Services Board)

To draw attention to the fact that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, the board has been busy.

We distributed blue ribbons to all Callahan Co. school children in Grades Pre-K through Grades 6 along with a "You are Special" pencil or a bookmark.

Grocery sacks were given to children in grades 2, 3, and 4. There were asked to choose one of 5 slogans and illustrate it. The slogans were: "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child", "You can Make a Difference in a Kid's Life", "Never Shake a Baby" (It can cause blindness, permanent brain damage, even death.), "A Child Should be Seen and Not Hurt", and "Break the Silence about Child Abuse."

These sack were then taken to stores in the County to be used at random for sacking groceries. Perhaps you will be one of the fortunate ones to get one of them.

May I also take the opportunity to thank each juror who donated his/her jury check to help in our work. (Some donated more than one!) We are grateful.

The present members of the Board are Joe Bentley from Eula, Pat Stevens from Cross Plains, Alton Payne, Shirley Photides, Tereva Hunter and Sue Sweeney from Baird, and Garlon Sampson, Judy Lewallen, and Roma Howard from Clyde.

Our caseworker is Jeanette Potter from Baird

BEARS' BASEBALL LOOKIN' GOOD!

*BAIRD 14 - MILES 4

by Sarah Hatfield

The Baird High School Baseball team claimed another victory, Tuesday, April 7, here at the Bear's Baseball Stadium. Coach Ryan Lewis' Bears defeated Miles 14-4.

Baird and Miles allowed a couple of innings go by before either made a mark. Then in the third, Robert Gunn started the Bears off with a "bang" of a home run.

John Horner, who was on with a single, advanced on a sacrifice from Shannon Campbell and scored on a sacrifice from Britt Johnson. Jim Jaggars, who had gotten on with a walk, scored on a single hit by David McClain.

Jim Scott's single allowed McClain to score and Scott was left on base as Shane Devenport's fly was caught in right field.

In the top of the 4th, Miles came back with four runs from their side, but as soon as Baird took the bat, they were not far from their victory.

The Bears made ten runs in the 4th inning. Jeremy Riney started the campaign with a single. Next up was Robert Gunn who smacked the ball way across the fence for another exciting home run, bringing in Riney.

John Horner, who got on with an error, and Shannon Campbell with base on balls, advanced on a single by Jim Jaggars and then both scored on Britt Johnson's single.

Then, Jaggars scored on David McClain's base hit. Outs one and two came together when Jim Scott hit a fly to center field and Shane Davenport sacrificed his advance to first so Johnson could score.

McClain came in home on an error as Riney took his place on first base. Robert Gunn was hit with a pitch and sent to first this time. Maybe, they didn't want anymore "hit over the fence" from him?

John Horner knocked in Riney with

a single. Then, Campbell hit a double to allow Gunn and Horner both to score. What fun, but it couldn't last forever!

The Bears collected their third out and took to the field when Jaggars was thrown out at first. By the bottom of the 4th, the score stood Baird 14 - Miles 0.

Miles had one chance left to hang on in the top of the 5th, but Baird refused to allow this to happen. By the time their fourth batter had stepped up to the plate, their third out was made on strikes and the game was over, called by the "ten run rule."

The Bears handled the game nicely with 14 runs on 12 hits and no errors. Miles had 4 runs on 5 hits with 3 errors.

The winning pitchers were Jim Scott and Jim Jaggars. The losing pitchers was Groat from Miles.

BEAR STATS: Campbell: 1 R, 1H, 2RBI; Jaggars: 2R, 1H; Johnson: 1 R, 1H, 3RBI; McClain: 2R, 2H, 2RBI; Scott: 2H, 2RBI; Devenport, 1RBI; Riney: 2 R, 1H; Gunn: 3 R, 2H, 3RBI, 2HR; J. Horner: 3 R, 2H, 1RBI.

BEARS HAVE BIG WIN, BIG FUN

*BAIRD 9 - CROSS PLAINS 2

The Baird Bears coached by Ryan Lewis took great pleasure in the big defeat they handed the Buffaloes at Cross Plains Friday, April 10. Baird outplayed Cross Plains 9-2.

After a scoreless 1st inning, Jeremy Riney

scored in the 2nd to put the Bears on the scoreboard. Baird was successful in holding the Buffaloes to 3 up and 3 down.

The 3rd inning was when the fun really began!

After Britt Johnson was put out at first, David McClain, Jim Scott, and Shane Davenport all hit singles. With the bases loaded, the tension began to rise. Riney was put out at first on a sacrifice for McClain to score.

Now with two on base, guess who was next up to bat? Yep, you guessed it, Robert Gunn. And yes, he carried through with a vibrant home run, scoring Scott, Davenport, and himself.

Luke Horner took 1st base with a walk and was there just waiting when Shannon Campbell stepped up to the plate, looked his good friend, Jared Richards, the Cross Plains pitcher, in the eye and hit a spectacular home run off Richard's second pitch.

This, of course, brought in Luke Horner. When Johnson struck out, Jaggars was left on first where he arrived due to having gotten walked.

The score was 7-0 in favor of Baird. The Bears were really talking, and the fans were very excited.

Cross Plains held Baird to three up and three down in the 4th, while Baird gave Cross Plains the same treatment.

In the 5th, Baird's Riney and Gunn advanced on a sacrifice by Campbell and scored

thanks to Jaggars, although he was put out at home.

The Buffs were held to 4 up and 3 down. The Bears' score climbed to 9, holding Cross Plains to 0.

Baird hardly got it out of neutral during the 6th inning at the plate, but were able to turn three on Cross Plains quickly.

The Bears let Cross Plains have the bat after three strikeouts in the 7th inning. Then, the Buffs got busy and scratched two more, but when Scott struck the last Buff out, the game was over, and Baird had won 9-2.

Baird scored 9 runs on 12 hits with 2 errors. Cross Plains had 2 runs on 7 hits with 2 errors.

The winning pitchers were Jaggars and Scott. The losing pitchers were Edington and Richards.

BEAR STATS: Campbell: 1 R, 3 H, 3RBI, 1HR; Jaggars: 1 H, 2 RBI; Johnson: 1 H; McClain: 1 R, 1 H; Scott: 1 R, 2 H; Devenport: 1 R, 2H; Riney: 2 R, 1H; Gunn: 2 R, 1H, 1HR; L. Horner: 1R.

Athletic Boosters To Hold Meeting April 27th

The Baird Athletic Booster Club will be meeting on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Building. Final plans for the All-Sports Banquet will be discussed at that time.

All interested parents and individuals are invited to attend.

If you have any questions about the meeting or the upcoming plans, call Tereva Hunter at 854-1433.

Tire Facts & Fallacies

(NAPS)—Getting correct information about retreads can help keep many trucking fleet managers from spinning their wheels when buying tires.

Fallacy: Those stray pieces of rubber found on the highway are the result of faulty retreads.

Fact: Those pieces of rubber generally come from both new tires and retreads that have overheated and burst apart. This is primarily due to improper care, and the driver's failure to maintain adequate air pressure. Both overinflating and underinflating tires can cause them

The Truth About Retreads

to overheat and fail. **Fallacy:** Retreads are more expensive than new tires.

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Fallacy: Using retreads doesn't help the environment.

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Fallacy: Retreads make up only a small percentage of the tire market.

Callahan County Star

New Directors Elected for Taylor Electric Cooperative

On April 16th, Taylor Electric Cooperative held its 59th annual meeting at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene with 1,150 people from the eight counties that it represents in attendance.

Three incumbent directors were re-elected to their offices. Sybil Norris of Oplin was re-elected for Zone II.

Zone II is made up of Callahan, Eastland, Jones, and Shackelford counties.

Buster Horton of Merkel was re-elected for Zone I which represents Taylor county.

Zone III, which is comprised of Coke, Fisher, and Nolan counties, had R.C. "Sonny" Watts, Jr. of Hylton re-elected to the directors board.

1997 was a good year

for the cooperative according to Tommie Cutler, general manager of Taylor Electric.

Margins for the year for the cooperative for 1997 were \$777,097. The companies lenders require that a "times interest earned ratio" be maintained of at least 1.5. In 1997, the cooperative had a "TIER" of 1.97.

The co-op must also keep an equity of at least 30 percent. Taylor Electric's equity percentage for last year was 39.77.

Kilowatt hour sales also increased in 1997, passing 1996'd demand by 1.5 percent.

Expenditures to the cooperative's wholesale power supplies also increased in 1997 over 1996. In 1997, \$7.9 million was paid out; \$7.7 million in 1996.

Clay Smith Business Award Winner

Clay Smith, son of Carol Smith of Baird, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Business Education. Clay who attends Baird High School was nominated for this national award by Connie Mantooh, a teacher at the school.

Clay will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Maternal grandparents are Carl D. and Faye Keith of Baird, and paternal grandparents are Wayne and Nelda Smith of Abilene. His paternal great grandparents are Harold and Flora Farmer of Clyde.

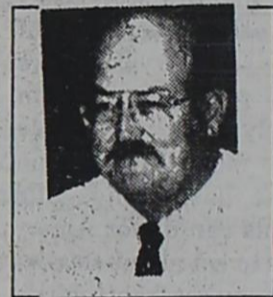
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is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selected USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director

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ARE WE LIVING IN A MORAL STONE AGE?

By Christina Hoff Sommers

(Reprinted from *Imprimis* Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242)

Philosopher Christina Sommers charges that today's young people are suffering from "cognitive moral confusion." They not only have trouble distinguishing right from wrong—they question whether such standards even exist. The threat this moral relativism poses to society is greater than any external danger.

We hear a lot today about how Johnny can't read, how he can't write, and the trouble he is having finding France on a map. It is also true that Johnny is having difficulty distinguishing right from wrong. Along with illiteracy and innumeracy, we must add deep moral confusion to the list of educational problems. Increasingly, today's young people know little or nothing about the Western moral tradition.

This was recently demonstrated by *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno. Leno frequently does "man-on-the-street" interviews, and one night he collared some young people to ask them questions about the Bible. "Can you name one of the Ten Commandments?" he asked two college-age women. One replied, "Freedom of speech?" Mr. Leno said to the other, "Complete this sentence: Let he who is without sin..." Her response was, "have a good time?" Mr. Leno then turned to a young man and asked, "Who, according to the Bible, was eaten by a whale?" The confident answer was, "Pinocchio."

As with many humorous anecdotes, the underlying reality is not funny at all. These young people are morally confused. They are the students I and other teachers of ethics see every day. Like most professors, I am acutely aware of the "hole in the moral ozone." One of the best things our schools can do for America is to set about repairing it—by confronting the moral nihilism that is now the norm for so many students.

I believe that schools at all levels can do a lot to improve the moral climate of our society. They can help restore civility and community if they commit themselves and if they have the courage to act.

The Loss of Truth

It was not always thus. When Thomas Jefferson wrote that all men have the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," he did not say, "At least that is my opinion." He declared it as an objective truth. When Elizabeth Cady Stanton amended the Declaration of Independence by changing the phrase "all men" to "all men and women," she was not merely giving an opinion; she was insisting that females are endowed with the same rights and entitlements as males.

Let me be concrete and specific: Men and women died courageously fighting the Nazis. They included American soldiers, Allied soldiers, and resistance fighters. Because brave people took risks to do what was right and necessary, Hitler was

eventually defeated. Today, with the assault on objective truth, many college students find themselves unable to say why the United States was on the right side in that war. Some even doubt that America was in the right. To add insult to injury, they are not even sure that the salient events of the Second World War ever took place. They simply lack confidence in the objectivity of history.

The Great Relearning

The problem is not that young people are ignorant, distrustful, cruel, or treacherous. And it is not that they are moral skeptics. They just talk that way. To put it bluntly, they are conceptually clueless. The problem I am speaking about is *cognitive*. Our students are suffering from "cognitive moral confusion."

What is to be done? How can we improve their knowledge and understanding of moral history? How can we restore their confidence in the great moral ideals? How can we help them become morally articulate, morally literate, and morally self-confident?

In the late 1960s, a group of hippies living in the Haight-Ashbury District of San Francisco decided that hygiene was a middle class hang-up that they could best do without. So, they decided to live without it. For example, baths and showers, while not actually banned, were frowned upon. The essayist and novelist Tom Wolfe was intrigued by these hippies who, he said, "sought nothing less than to sweep aside all codes and restraints of the past and start out from zero."

Before long, the hippies' aversion to modern hygiene had consequences that were as unpleasant as they were unforeseen. Wolfe describes them: "At the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic there were doctors who were treating diseases no living doctor has ever encountered before, diseases that had disappeared so long ago they had never even picked up Latin names, such as the manage, the grunge, the itch, the twitch, the thrush, the scroff, th rot." The itching and the manginess eventually began to vex the hippies, leading them to seek help from the local free clinics. Step by step, they had to rediscover for themselves the rudiments of modern hygiene. Wolfe refers to this as the "Great Relearning."

The Great Relearning is what has to happen whenever earnest reformers extirpate too much. When, "starting from zero," they jettison basic social practices and institutions, abandon common routines, defy common sense, reason, conventional wisdom—and, sometimes, sanity itself.

We saw this with the most politically extreme experiments of our century: Marxism, Maoism, and facism. Each movement had its share of zealots and social engineers who believed in "starting from zero." They had faith in a new order and ruthlessly cast aside traditional arrangements. Among the unforeseen consequences were mass suffering and genocide. Russians and Eastern Europeans are just beginning their own "Great Relearning." They now realize, to their dismay, that starting from zero is a calamity and that structural damage wrought by the political zealots has handicapped their societies for decades to come. They are also learning that it is far easier to tear apart a social fabric than it is to piece it together again.

America, too, has had its share of revolutionary developments—not so much political as moral. We are living through a great experiment in "moral deregulation," an

experiment whose first principle seems to be: "Conventional morality is oppressive." What is right is what works for us. We question everything. We casually, even gleefully, throw out old-fashioned customs and practices. Oscar Wilde once said, "I can resist everything except temptation." Many in the Sixties generation made succumbing to temptation and license their philosophy of life.

We now jokingly call looters "non-traditional shoppers." Killers are described as "morally challenged"—again jokingly, but the truth behind the jokes is that moral deregulation is the order of the day. We poke fun at our own society for its lack of moral clarity. In our own way, we are as down and out as those poor hippies knocking at the door of the free clinic.

We need our own Great Relearning. Here, I am going to propose a few ideas on how we might carry out this relearning. I am going to propose something that could be called "moral conservatism." It is based on this premise: We are born into a moral environment just as we are born into a natural environment. Just as there are basic environmental necessities, like clean air, safe food, fresh water, there are basic moral necessities. What is a society

without civility, honesty, consideration, self-discipline? Without a population educated to be civil, considerate, and respectful of one another, what will we end up with? Not much. For as long as philosophers and theologians have written about ethics, they have stressed the moral basics. We live in a moral environment. We must respect and protect it. We must acquaint our children with it. We must make them aware it is precious and fragile.

I have suggestions for specific reforms. They are far from revolutionary, and indeed some are pretty obvious. They are "common sense," but unfortunately, we live in an age when common sense is becoming increasingly hard to come by.

We must encourage and honor institutions like Hillsdale College, St. Johns College, and Providence College, to name a few, that accept the responsibility of providing a classical moral education for their students. The last few decades of the twentieth century have seen a steady erosion of knowledge and a steady increase in moral relativism. This is partly due to the diffidence of many teachers who are confused by all the talk about pluralism. Such teachers actually believe that it is wrong to "indoctrinate" our children in our own culture and moral tradition.

Of course, there are pressing moral issues around which there is no consensus; as a modern pluralistic society we are arguing about all sorts of things. This is understandable. Moral dilemmas arise in every generation. But, long ago, we achieved consensus on many basic moral questions. Cheating, cowardice, and cruelty are wrong. As one pundit put it, "The Ten Commandments are

not the Ten Highly Tentative Suggestions."

While it is true that we must debate controversial issues, we must not forget there exists a core of non-controversial ethical issues that were settled a long time ago. We must make students aware that there is a standard of ethical ideals that all civilizations worthy of the name have discovered. We must encourage them to read the Bible, Aristotle's *Ethics*, Shakespeare's *King Lear*, the Koran, and the *Analects* of Confucius. When they read almost any great work, they will encounter these basic moral values: integrity, respect for human life, self-control, honesty, courage, and self-sacrifice. All the world's major religions proffer some version of the Golden Rule, if only in its negative form: Do not do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We must teach the literacy classics. We must bring the great books and the great ideas back into the core of the curriculum. We must transmit the best of our political and cultural heritage.

American children have a right to their moral heritage. They should know the Bible. They should be familiar with the moral truths in the tragedies of Shakespeare, in the political ideas of Jefferson, Madison, and Lincoln. They should be exposed to the exquisite moral sensibility in the novels of Jane Austen, George Eliot, and Mark Twain, to mention some of my favorites. These great works are their birthright.

This is not to say that a good literary, artistic, and philosophical education suffices to create ethical human beings; nor is it to suggest that teaching the classics is all we need to do to repair the moral

ozone. What we know is that we cannot, in good conscience, allow our children to remain morally illiterate. All healthy societies pass along their moral and cultural traditions to their children.

And so I come to another basic reform: Teachers, professors, and other social critics should be encouraged to moderate their attacks on our culture and its institutions. They should be encouraged to treat great literary works as literature and not as reactionary political tracts. In many classrooms today, students only learn to "uncover" the allegedly racist, sexist, and elitist elements in the great books.

Meanwhile, pundits, social critics, radical feminists, and other intellectuals on the cultural left never seem to tire of running down our society and its institutions and traditions. We are a society overrun by determined advocacy groups that overstate the weakness of our society and show very little appreciation for its merits and strengths. I would urge those professors and teachers who use their classrooms to disparage America to consider the possibility that they are doing more harm than good. Their goal may be to create sensitive, criti-

cal citizens, but what they are actually doing is producing confusion and cynicism. Their goal may be to improve students' awareness of the plight of exploited peoples; but what they are actually doing is producing kids who are capable of doubting that the Holocaust took place and kids who are incapable of articulating moral objections to human sacrifice.

In my opinion, we are today not unlike those confused, hippies of the late 1960s who finally showed up at the doors of the free clinics in Haight-Ashbury to get their dose of traditional medicine. I hope we have the good sense to follow their example. We need to take an active stand against the divisive unlearning that is corrupting the integrity of our society.

This we can do. And when we engage in the Great Relearning that is so badly needed today, we will find that the lives of our morally enlightened children will be saner, safer, more dignified, and more humane.

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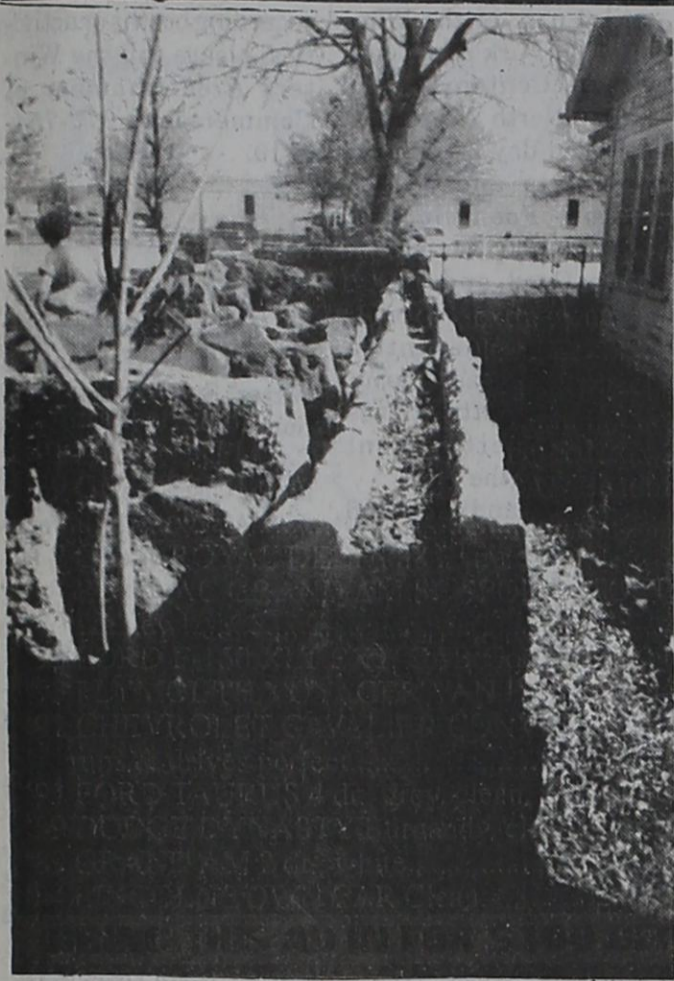
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IN & ABOUT BAIRD



Where the Gold fish use to play....

The Ebert Boarding House

The other day while this writer was out stumbling about our town, I came across a place that immediately caught my eye. And here is what I found:

Once it was known as the "Show Place of Callahan County". Where was this place you may ask? Why, it was Ebert's Boarding House, of course!

Never heard of it, heard of it you say? Well, today, its not really there as a public attraction.

Today, the boarding house is all closed down, and the property is a private dwelling--nothing left to really invite a visit from the public, but once upon a time----The Ebert Boarding House was quite a place!

Built in the 1930's, the boarding house was originally made up of 9 apartments, and according to present owner Barbara Smith,

those rooms have had a colorful past.

Originally, many of the rooms were occupied by single teachers of the Baird I.S.D. with the rooms at convenient walking distance from the school.

As the years rolled by, and World War II began, the demand for housing in the Abilene area was at an all time high--especially thanks to the building of Camp Barkley--and this resulted in many Army officers and their wives coming to live at Ebert's Boarding house during their passage through West Texas during their military training.

Over the years, the boarding house passed through several hands of ownership, with Mrs. Smith's father coming to own the property before it has finally been passed down to her.

In the fifties, even our present-day Mayor,

Jon Hardwick lived in one of the apartments, of which he has some fond memories.

It appears that Mr. H. N. Ebert, the original owner was quite a builder and projects man. Doing much of the work himself, and apparently getting a hand from the WPA and its workers during the Depression Years of the 1930's, Mr. Ebert saw to the rock/cement construction of a number of unique items around his boarding house.

A rocked terrace flower bed adorned the rear of his buildings, a rock wall with arches constructed out of area stone and petrified wood was built as a border all around the property and much of it survives to this day.

At the heart of the complex, Mr. Ebert had a "Wishing Well" built which had a water fountain and housed gold fish.

Next to the fountain, several outdoor "picnic" booths were constructed out of the same kind of rocks and mortar used on the surrounding wall.

And what made these really unique was the fact that the top of the booth seats and the wall that ran down the length of all of them was topped with a water channel which housed more gold fish for the people lounging outside to enjoy.

What a sight that must have been! Young men and young women sitting around in the cool of the evening, surrounded by the gurgling sound of water, lit by the soft glows of the sunset or by strings of electric lights or just by moonlight. Listening to the crickets and talk of the war and of plans being made for the future, of sharing good and bad times and news.

The gold fish, of course, are all long gone, and so is such

BARNUMING BAIRD

BY JUDGE BILL JOHNSON

The only thing constant in County Government is change and Callahan County is continually changing mostly because of Federal and State mandates, passed by other forms of government and handed down to county government to enforce. Some of these changes are good and some not so good.

One of the unfunded mandates that this county has is the Indigent Health Care Program. We are required by law to set aside ten percent of the general fund tax roll to furnish health care for indigent county residents.

For fiscal year 1998-99 this figure is around \$71,000. Some of the applicants for this program are certainly deserving and the county is pleased to be able to help, but there are applicants that are capable of working and taking care of their own health costs. There is abuse of this program by clients and providers that cost taxpayers of this county money. We strive continually to monitor this program to insure the proper administration of these funds.

This county is growing and that is good.

artistry and imagination, it seems.

Yes, its been a long time since the Ebert Boarding House was a hive of activity, with young people and young families starting out, learning about their world, and themselves, being satisfied and impressed with such oddities as outdoor booths crowned with troughs of gold fish, but what a wonderful time it must have been.

When people had time for other people, when the pace of life was a lot slower, when the cool of the evening was appreciated because there was NO air conditioning, when the ingenuity and vision of a single man on his own property was a thing to be pursued, encouraged, appreciated, and admired.

"The show place of Callahan County!"

I bet it was.

Thanks Mr. Ebert for your vision and for your legacy.

With growth comes added responsibilities and problems, again some good and some not so good.

With the growth of the county comes new people which are new taxpayers to help share the tax burden that is necessary to provide the services the county must provide. New houses and new business are being built throughout the area which are welcome.

With the expansion of the Eula water line and with the Callahan County Water District line nearing completion, many residents are expecting a surge in population to Callahan County and one of the most asked questions I get in this office is "When is the county going to implement subdivision restrictions?"

Well, that is a tough question without a clear answer. The sewer systems are already regulated by the the State of Texas through the TNRC. The county already has road specifications of roads being built in order for the precincts to maintain the roads.

For those points, it gets a little more complicated. Under Texas law, county governments do not have the clear authority to set minimum lot sizes or require developers to provide running water or some of the other things in a subdivision.

Counties were never

Celeta Moore Chamber of Commerce Inducted Into Phi Eta Sigma

On April 8, 1998, the Tarleton State University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, National Freshman Honor Society, held its induction ceremony.

Celeta Moore, a 1997 graduate of Baird High School, was inducted into the Society at that time.

Membership in Phi Eta Sigma is awarded to students who earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 during their freshman year. Only eight percent of college freshman in the nation earn this distinction.

Celeta is the daughter of Kay Faircloth of Baird

designed to wield broad regulatory power, we don't have the tools or the personnel. Also there is the nagging question "do we want more government regulations?"

When a lot of us were young and growing up in this county, a trip to another town was a chore, but good cars with air conditioning and good roads have changed that and the communities have become more neighborly. Recently, several meetings have been held in which the cities are making plans for a countywide economic development tax to promote the growth of this area. A change by the Texas Legislature is necessary for this to occur, but all cities are confident and the cooperation is gratifying.

Callahan County has lots of good things to offer: golf courses, ample water supply, transportation, good location and low county taxes are assets that are desirable to individuals and industry.

This County is financially sound (some of the neighboring counties cannot boast that claim), all offices have been computerized and the precincts are operating with good equipment as well as an updated Sheriff's Office and a jail that is certified.

All in all, Callahan County is in good shape and it is due to conservative management and leadership.

Important School Dates

April 25 - Junior High District Tennis Meet at Brock

April 25 - Junior / Senior Prom

April is National Poetry Month, Mathematics Education Month, Keep America Beautiful Month

Cancer Society Crusade Planned May 1 - 15

Irma Crow is the 1998 Baird Chairman for the American Cancer Society Crusade. The Crusade will begin May 1 and continue through May 15.

Volunteers will be visiting with the residents of Baird and distributing educational materials pertaining to cancer.

You are urged to welcome them and give generously.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer.

MOMENTS WITH MOORE

By Michael Moore, Editor

Last week, I'm sure all of our readers noticed that our drawing contest that The Star is co-sponsoring with the Baird Dairy Queen.

We wanted to do something to celebrate our Texas spring wild-flowers and to give the kids in our community a chance to have some fun for being creative.

The rules are simple: color or decorate one our "boots" and take it to the Baird Dairy Queen and drop it off. In return, the "artist" will receive a free children's ice cream cone and their art work will be proudly display for all to see at the Dairy Queen for the remainder of the month.

At the end of the month, we will hold a drawing from all the entries and award "1st", "2nd", and "3rd" place winners.

All course, all the kids entering are winners!

Entry forms were passed out at Baird Elementary, but in case your young one did not get an entry form, the are available at the Dairy Queen, and at The Star office.

And of course, the entry form in the paper is just fine to cut out and use, too.

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I've still had no takers on what we should call ourselves in Baird. Am I the only one concerned about this or is everybody here just satisfied with saying, "Oh, I from Baird" instead of "Oh, I'm a Bairdnite (or whatever)?"

Bronte Announces Garage Sale

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce has announced that a City-Wide Garage Sale is slated for that community on Saturday, May 2nd.

The event will tentively run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Maps of the garage sale sites will be distributed on sales day at the bank parking lot.

Special thanks to Jon Hardwick and Judge Johnson for kicking off our "Barnuming Baird" column.

If any of our readers would be interested in writing a piece that highlights our heritage and our future, let us know and we certainly would be glad to work with you on getting it in a future edition.

Special "Thanks" to the Wednesday Study Club for all their work in organizing and putting on this year's Health Fair. This is a great service to our community and these ladies are to be congratulated for their efforts and concern of their fellow citizens.

Thanks, ladies!

This time of the year is certainly a busy one, especially around the school house and with our youngsters' activities. Proms, banquets, organizational meetings, are all happening one after the other.

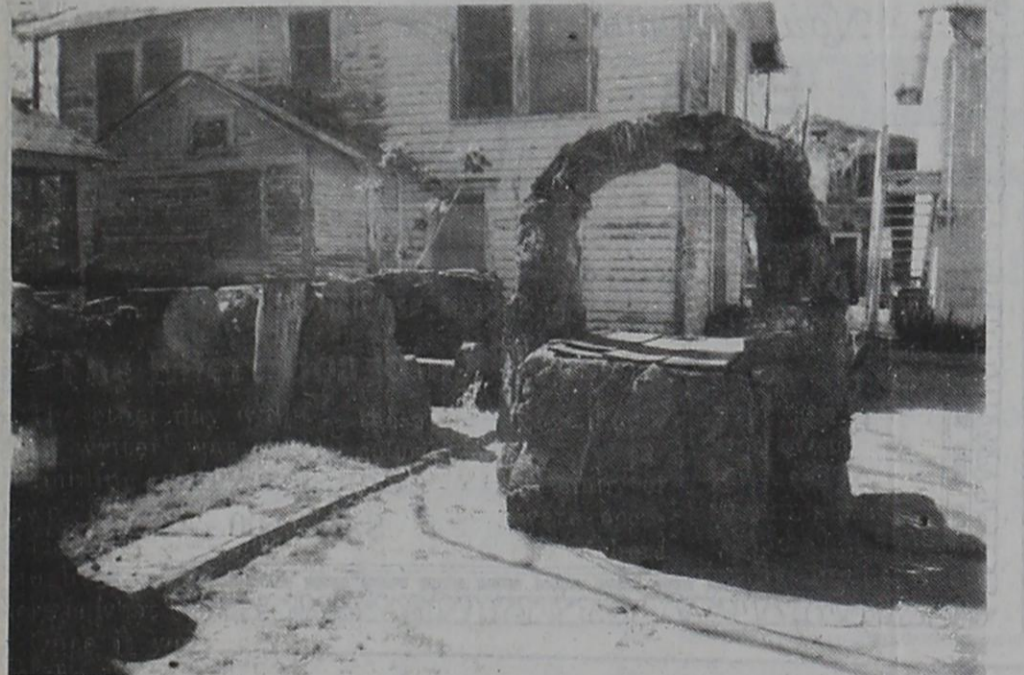
If you have an upcoming event, or would like to report on work already having been done, let us know: The Star wants to be YOUR newspaper!

Congrats to the Baird H.S. Boys and Girls Track Teams for their taking of District Track Titles.

Congrats to the Cast and Crew of the Baird H.S. UIL One Act play entry, too, for their success in going all the way to Area in that competition.

The same goes for all our UIL Academic, Math, and Science competitors. And for those going one to regional, Break a Leg! And to all the Elementary, Jr. High and High Schoolers who worked hard and made the 5th Six Weeks Honor Rolls. Congratulations to all of you, too!

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Annual Winters Mayfest May 2

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given the annual Membership Meeting of Westbound Water Supply Corporation will be held at the Corral Room, Laguna Hotel, Cisco, Texas, Monday, April 27, 1998, at 8 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

- Approval of 1997 annual Meeting Minutes
- 1997 Audit Report
- Approval of Proposed 1998 Budget
- Amendment of Bylaws
- Concurrence Quorum
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election of Two Places on Board of Directors
- Door Prize Drawings
- Adjournment
- All members are urged to attend.

(Per Curiam Order)
Motion Submitted & Granted in Part
 Maria Elena Delmar v. State of Texas, Dallas. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.
Motion Submitted & Overruled
 Ex parte Michael Scott, Taylor. Appellant's second pro se motion to transfer record.

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State of Texas, Smith. Appellant's motion for permission to file late brief.

Lee Johnson v. State of Texas, Anderson. Appellant's pro se request of extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

April Gail Glatt v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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

Randy Lynn Wilson v. State of Texas, Stephens. State's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Jude Pardo, Jr. v. State of Texas, Jones. State's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

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In re: Rexford K. Anderson, Jr., M.D. et al., Orig. Proc. Realtor's motion for temporary relief.

James A. "Andy" Collins, former executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, pleaded not guilty to charges that he accepted \$20,000 in kickback money to approve a \$33 million contract for a soy-based meat substitute fed to prisoners.

Collins entered his plea last week in Houston to federal bribery, money laundering, fraud and conspiracy charges.

Collins and Yank Barry, president of Montreal-based VitaPro Foods Inc. were indicted March 30.

Collins resigned Dec. 31, 1995 from his \$120,000-a-year job as chief of the Texas prison system.

If convicted of all six counts against him, he could be sentenced to 70 years in prison and fined \$2 million.

SA Planning GOP Bid
 San Antonio is moving ahead with efforts to attract the Republican National Convention in 2000 by preparing a \$17.4 million bid to persuade GOP officials to select the Alamo city.

More than half the money — a total of \$10.4 million — would be raised privately by a host committee headed by former U.S. Rep. Tom Loeffler and financier B.J. "Red" McCombs.

To bid on the convention, the city must agree to reserve both the Alamodome and the San Antonio Convention Center for 68 days. No other events could be held at either site during that period.

The convention will be held July 29 to Aug. 4, 2000.

they cover and the rates they charge in each of the state's ZIP codes are not open to the public.

The case was brought by Birny Birnbaum, an advocate for low-income consumers.

Birnbaum contended the information — which is filed quarterly with the Texas Department of Insurance — could show that insurance companies are illegally denying policies in areas where large numbers of minorities and low-income Texans reside.

Attorneys for State Farm successfully argued that the information is confidential under state law, and that releasing it would aid competitors.

Low Turnout Explained
 Secretary of State Al Gonzales had this to say about the 3 percent turnout in Texas' runoff elections last week: "We have too many election dates."

For instance, Gonzales told *The Dallas Morning News*, 103 elections have been conducted in Dallas County in the past decade — an average of more than 10 elections per year.

He said that spreading out those voting opportunities over too many dates is costly to taxpayers and causes voter fatigue and confusion.

In the runoff, only 342,960 Texans — a mere 3 percent of Texas 11 million registered voters — went to the polls.

Ex-Prison Chief Enters Plea

the case may be a catalyst that results in a positive change for the nation.

"This is, no doubt, not just a major Texas issue — it's a major national issue," UT System Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Ray Farabee was quoted in the *American Statesman*. "Sooner or later, it will need to be determined not just for Texas but for the rest of the states."

UT urged Attorney General Dan Morales to appeal. Morales, who represents the state of Texas in lawsuits, is expected to decide whether to go forward with an appeal this week. In deciding, he must consider the cost to the state for attorneys' fees and potential damages if Texas loses.

Proceeding is worth the risk, UT Systems Regent Patrick Oxford, a Houston lawyer, said. "I don't think it's risky at all to appeal. Under no circumstances can we be worse off than we are now."

Larry Faulkner, UT's new president, said that if the appeal goes forward, it could benefit the university.

Insurers' Data Still Closed
 Auto insurers in Texas don't have to release information that could identify the practice known as "redlining."

In a case heard in Austin last week, State District Judge Paul Davis sided with auto insurers, deciding that the number of vehicles

11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas on April 16, 1998:

Affirmed

James Russell Paugh a/k/a Jim Paugh v. State of Texas, Harris. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Justice Dickenson, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud)

Shannon Don Tucker v. State of Texas, Harris. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot,

Justice Dickenson, and Justice McCloud)

Myron Jermaine Stepney v. State of Texas, Galveston. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

Coy Wayne Wells v. State of Texas, Wood. (Opinion by Justice Dickenson) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Justice Dickenson, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud)

Cynthia Ann Seals v. State of Texas, Taylor.

(Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

Appeal Dismissed
 Jim Russell Paugh a/k/a James Paugh v. State of Texas, Harris. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Justice Dickenson, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud)

Motions Submitted & Granted

Larry Douglas Cecil, Jr. v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Kenneth Alan Cross v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's pro se motion for stay of mandate.

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Tracy Paul Williams v.

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AUSTIN — University of Texas System officials see the decline in minority enrollment and they want to reverse the trend.

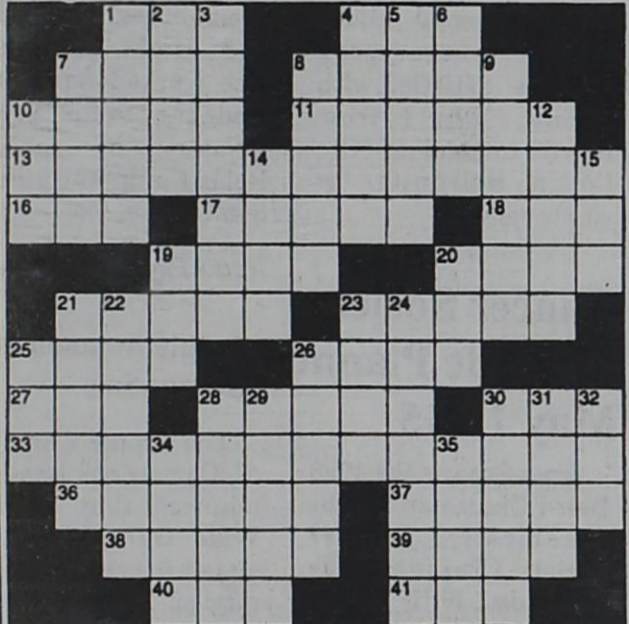
Last week, the *Austin American Statesman* reported that UT officials and legal experts said they want to take steps to revive the case that made it illegal for the university to have a race-based admissions policy. The Hopwood case was brought by four white students who claimed they were denied admission to the UT School of Law in 1992 because of race.

UT officials recognize it likely will require another hearing in the U.S. Supreme Court, even though in 1996 the high court let stand a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that banned affirmative action. They also recognize that reviving

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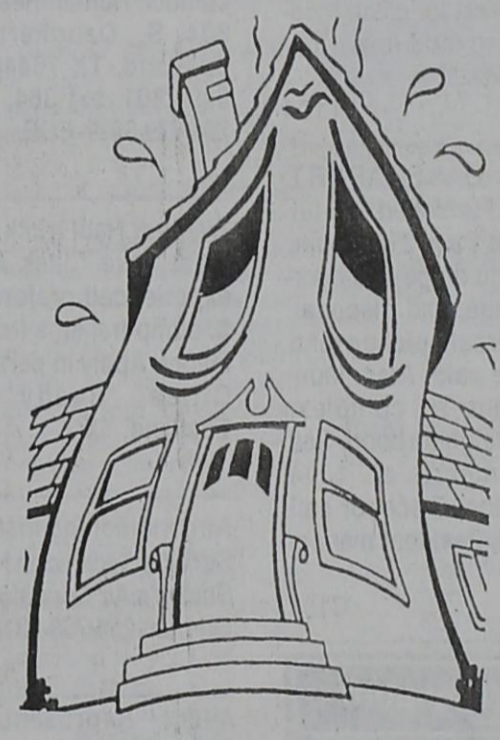
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"What If?":
Play the game "What if?" to explore and discuss possible options with children before a particular incident may occur. For example, ask your daughter what she would do if she got lost at the mall, what your son would do if he found a bag of candy at the park or what your daughter would do if she forgot lunch money at home. Challenge your child to create "what if?" questions for you to answer!

Spring Cleaning:
Have your child think of as many things as he can that can be used to clean. For example, a vacuum, a broom, a bucket, a rake. A brush cleans lint from our clothes, dental floss helps to clean teeth, a filter helps clean water in a pool or aquarium.

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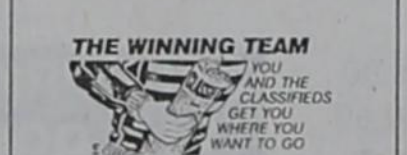
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The Chopping Block by Philomena Corradeno



You could serve pasta every day for an entire year and probably never duplicate a dish. And never be bored — there are so many shapes, from more than 300 to 600.

In a survey of more than 1,000 adults conducted by Princeton Survey Research for the National Pasta Association, more than half the respondents said they are buying a variety of pasta shapes; 70 percent said they eat pasta at least once a week and almost one-third eat it three or more times a week.

Besides the great choice of shapes that make pasta appealing, there are also many ways to dress it. You might prepare a simple sauce of canned or chopped fresh tomatoes dropped into a few tablespoons of hot olive oil flavored with a hint of garlic or diced onions and simmered for 30 minutes or so. Or dress it with garlic slowly softened in fragrant olive oil with zesty red pepper flakes. Or toss it with a more complex meat or fish sauce. Pasta teams well with any meat, fish, eggs, vegetables or dairy. Let it be the center of the plate with other foods in minor roles.

Let me give you a few ideas and let your creativity run with them.

SKILLET BEANS AND PASTA TOSS
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt-free herb and spice seasoning
1/4 teaspoon rosemary, crushed
2 teaspoons olive oil (16-ounce) can Del Monte Blue Lake cut green beans (no salt added or 50% less salt)
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can Original Style Stewed Tomatoes (no salt added)
1/2 cup uncooked penne or other tube pasta
In skillet, cook garlic

with herb and spice seasoning and rosemary in oil, 1 minute. Drain beans, reserving liquid; pour liquid into skillet. Add tomatoes; bring to boil. Cook, uncovered over medium heat, 10 minutes. Stir in penne. Reduce heat; cover and cook about 18 minutes, adding beans during last 5 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

HAM SKILLET PASTA
1 (14 1/2-ounce) Italian Style stewed tomatoes
1 1/2 cups diced cooked ham
1 clove garlic, minced
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 medium carrots, sliced
4 ounces mostaccioli or other tube pasta
1 (10-ounce) package frozen broccoli, thawed
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Drain tomatoes reserving juice. Pour juice into measuring cup; add water to measure 1 3/4 cups. Brown ham with garlic and red pepper flakes. Add reserved tomato juice mixture, tomatoes, carrots and pasta; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook over low heat 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in broccoli and Parmesan. Cover and cook 3 minutes or until

pasta is just tender. Garnish with chopped parsley and additional grated Parmesan, if desired. Use leftovers within 2 days. Makes 4 servings.

SOUTHWEST BAKED PASTA AND CHEESE
8 ounces bowtie pasta
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can cut, peeled tomatoes
1 (10 3/4-ounce) can cheddar cheese soup
1 (7-ounce) can diced green chiles
1/4 cup 2% milk
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
1/4 cup sliced scallions
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 cup crushed tortilla chips

Heat oven to 375F. Cook pasta as package directs. Drain and set aside. Meanwhile, in large bowl, mix together tomatoes, cheese soup, chiles, 1/2 cup of the shredded cheddar cheese, milk, scallions, and chili powder. Add pasta to bowl. Mix thoroughly. Transfer to 2-quart shallow baking dish; level top. Sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese. Bake in center of oven about 20 minutes, until bubbly. Sprinkle top with tortilla chips. Bake 5 to 10 minutes longer, until lightly browned. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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Books by Ralph Hollenbeck

THE PARADOXES OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY, by Thomas E. Cronin and Michael Genovese (Oxford U. Press: \$35.00). Our century has been, far more than at any time, the era of the presidency. Earlier, though the Constitution placed overlapping power in the judicial, legislative, and executive branches, Congress seemingly dominated. Political scientists Cronin and Genovese note the constitutional restrictions and rightly state that "No one influential figure controls the levers of power... This lessens the likelihood of tyranny." True, but increasing media intrusiveness focuses more on the individual in the Oval office and imbues him with an aura of power. With the support of a partisan Congress (a la F.D. Roosevelt) or vast personal appeal (Kennedy) the presidency can assume an imperiousness not granted constitutionally or even publicly desired. The authors list nine paradoxes that exist, yet confuse, in how we judge our leaders. We want, for example, a strong president, yet we fear centralized rule. We want a unique leader, but one with the common touch. It is not easy to settle such inconsistencies, but the office has survived with no lack of contenders. However, this provocative text makes one wonder how and why... Our present paradox questions public attitude toward presidential morality. If one accepts Nigel Cawthorne's premise in SEX LIVES OF THE PRESIDENTS (St. Martin's: \$5.99 paper), our Chief Executives were guilty of hairy panky — some more so than others. Yet imagination is stretched: a close friendship as homosexuality (Buchanan); a wartime "affair" though impotent (Eisenhower). The book is more risible than reasonable — but definitely timely.

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Veterans Post by Freddy Groves

We all like the idea of Congress saving money. But let's not let the equivalent of Congressional parsimony threaten the quality of health care our veterans deserve.

Kenneth C. Huber, national president of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) testified before Congress recently and cautioned against a "...budget-driven health-care system where cost is the rule, (where) 'we can do it cheaper' doesn't always mean 'we can do it better.'" Huber's fight to retain the

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For people who participate in retirement plans, age 70^{1/2} has long been an important milestone. But recently, the rules in this area have changed. Here's a quick review of the current situation.

As a general rule, you still must take your first retirement plan payout when you reach age 70^{1/2}. Actually, the law gives you some leeway, and you have until April 1 of the year following the one in which you turn 70^{1/2} to take your first distribution.

To illustrate, suppose you were born January 2, 1928. You will turn 70^{1/2} on July 2, 1998, so you have until April 1, 1999, to take your first distribution.

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- If you have relatively large balances in your retirement plans, you'll be pleased to know that the penalty tax on "excess accumulations" has been eliminated. But that doesn't mean planning for retirement distributions has become easy. For example, if you are required to take your first payout after turning age 70^{1/2}, you don't necessarily want to wait until April 1 of the following year. Postponing your first distribution means you'll then have to take two distributions in the same year, and that could push you into a higher tax bracket. Even if you aren't required to take distributions at age 70^{1/2} because you are still working, it could make good tax sense to start your payouts sooner rather than later.
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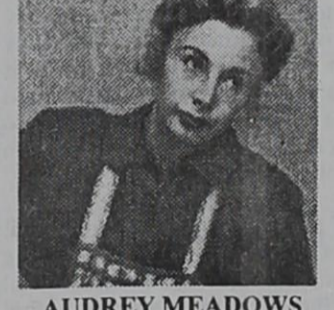
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 2. Who defeated the New York Yankees in the 1955 World Series on October 4th, 1955?
 3. Where was the world's most powerful warship launched from on October 7th and what was the name of the ship?
 4. Name the person who became the head of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization on December 5th, 1955.
 5. Name the most famous worldwide wedding of 1956.
 6. Who was elected president of Egypt on June 23rd, 1956?
 7. Who won the November 6th, 1956 presidency by a landslide?
 8. Can you name the boxer who became the



youngest man to win the heavyweight championship in November of 1956?
Trivia Test Answers
 1. "I'm not losing a daughter, I'm gaining a ton"; 2. Brooklyn Dodgers;

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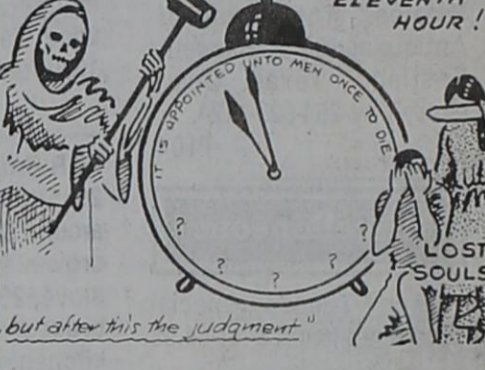
3. The USS *Saratoga* was launched from Brooklyn, New York; 4. George Meany; 5. Grace Kelly wed Prince Rainier III of Monaco on April 19th, 1956; 6. Nasser; 7. Dwight Eisenhower; 8. Floyd Patterson

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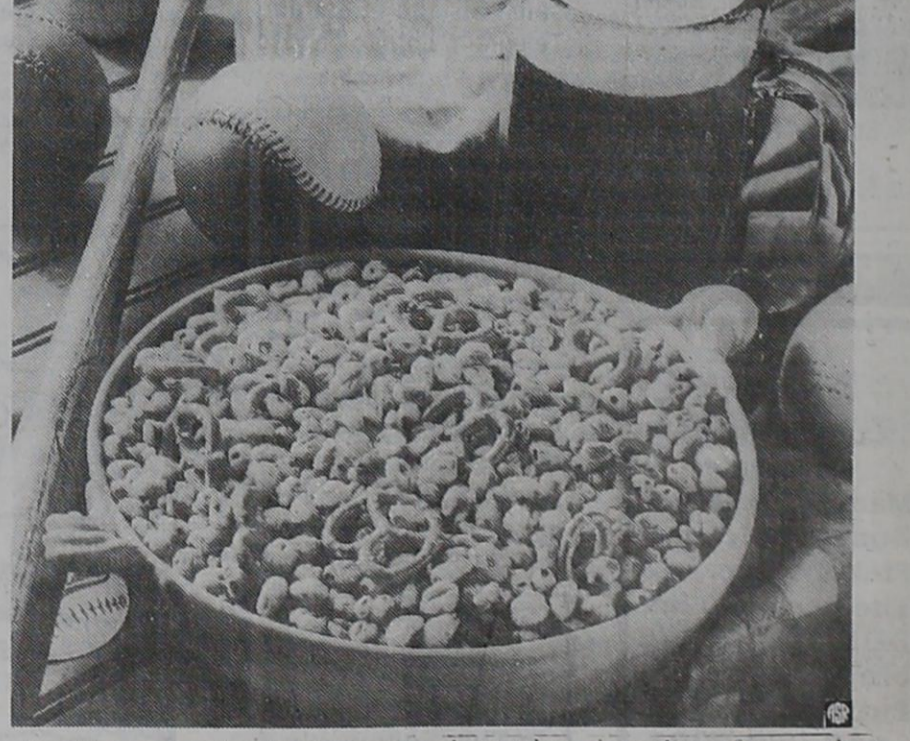
Sports Quiz
 by Aaron E. Tucker

1. Name the last Cleveland Indian to hit 50 home runs in a season.
2. Who is the current manager of the Detroit Tigers?
3. What is all-star Cleveland Indian Travis Fryman's biggest weakness at the plate?
4. Name the first major league team that Doc Gooden pitched against in his 1984 rookie year.
5. What was the first team that Bobby Bonilla ever played for in 1986?
6. Besides the Colorado Rockies, can you name two teams that all-star Andres Galarraga has played for?
7. How did the New York Yankees acquire superstar Tino Martinez?
8. Name the last Houston Astro to win the M.V.P. Award.
9. Name the Chicago Cub who won back-to-back M.V.P. Awards in 1958 and 1959.
10. Name the Atlanta Brave who led the National League with a .360 batting average in 1970.

Sports Quiz Answers
 1. Albert Belle hit 50 in 1995; 2. Buddy Belle; 3. Strike Outs; 4. Houston Astros in the Astrodome; 5. Chicago White Sox; 6. Montreal (1985-91) and St. Louis (1982); 7. In 1994 from Seattle for pitcher Sterling Hitchcock and journeyman Russ Davis and the Yanks also attained pitcher Jeff Nelson; 8. Jeff Bagwell in 1994; 9. Ernie Banks; 10. Rico Carty

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A Snack Mix You'll Love To Crunch



Snacking can be a healthful habit, even when you're trying to lose a few pounds. The trick is to choose foods that provide more than just empty calories. Low-fat, low-sugar ready-to-eat cereals, for example, contribute essential vitamins and minerals which are often lost when cutting calories.

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Honey Mustard Munch 'n' Crunch
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2 tablespoons vegetable oil	1-1/2 cups small fat-free pretzel twists
1-1/2 tablespoons honey	

Heat oven to 250°F. Combine mustard, oil and honey; mix well. Drizzle over cereal; stir until evenly coated. Pour onto rimmed baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes, stirring once. Remove from oven. Stir in pretzels. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

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Letter To The Editor

Editor: • I know someone who must feel as Paula Jones does about federal judges since the one (I think his name is Sanderson) in Wichita Falls threw out the suit by Michael J. Carlson inmate #328076 against Warden Woods and the Unit Chaplain at the James V. Allred Unit of TDCJ. He had set a trial date of May 4 but in the week of April sent notice that he had dismissed the case.

The suit was filed against the defendants personally rather than as state employees and consequently not against you, dear tax payers, because it contended that they knew the provisions of the Restoration of Religious Freedom Act and they were not acting for TDCJ and the state of Texas. TDCJ and Texas would not and does not officially deny the religious freedom of Moslems, Odinists, Jews, Buddhists or others. The defendants put forth the contradictory claim that Christian Identity is racist, disruptive and just a cult rather than a legitimate religion and at the same time that CI is sufficiently compatible with main line Protestant beliefs that their religious needs can be served by participation in those chapel services.

Christian Identity is a long established belief in Europe, Australia, and elsewhere and is the belief from which sprang the World Wide Church of God founded by Herbert W. Armstrong. I was named by Inmate Mr. Carlson as a witness for the plaintiff after which the case got personal. I and my guide-driver were the only visitors Mr. Carlson had ever had and due to my inability to hear clearly over a phone, a friendly assistant warden had granted contact visitation. Contact visits are granted only to family or for special cases. There were no problems nor incidents either verbal or physical but after the diversion or loss of

legal materials I had mailed for use in his suit, which I still press claim for, and after being named as a witness for the plaintiff, Warden Woods retaliates against us by denying contact visitation henceforth. Or might it be that he was distressed when he tried to prevent access to the courts by putting Mr. Carlson in transfer that he was reminded of a 1958 federal directive forbidding transfer of inmates as long as they had legal actions pending? Maybe I should not have written that but at any rate Mike was soon back in regular population.

Oh my yes, Warden Woods claims it has discretion, nay, even this duty to deny contact visits for reasons of "safety and security." I was warned by a lady in Cisco that families fear to speak out for fear of retaliation against their inmate relatives but we know that can not be as "retaliation" is a crime in Texas.

Beware all of you timid people out there! I may be 76 years old with one hand and legally blind but you better believe I am a very real threat to the safety and security of that massive institution!

Like Paula Jones, Mr. Carlson will appeal and I wish them both luck. As

'Howdy Neighbor' Exhibit To Be Held May 9 In Abilene

Cisco is one of fifteen area towns participating in a special exhibit during the 14th annual Western Heritage Classic, May 9, at the Taylor County Expo Center.

The "Howdy Neighbor" Exhibit will give area towns an opportunity to promote history, special events and important features significant in each community. The booths will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, in an open pavilion just north of the Round Building on the Expo grounds.

The Western Heritage Classic is a major event for the region attracting some 30,000 visitors each year. In addition to the popular Ranch Rodeo on Friday and Saturday evenings, other events include a Chuckwagon Cook-off, cowboy poets

and singers, working ranch horse competition, western dances nightly, children's rodeo and activities, vendors of western gifts and attire and the "World's Largest Bit and Spur Show." Michael Martin Murphy is the featured entertainer on Saturday afternoon.

The "Howdy Neighbor"

Exhibit is sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. Other towns participating include Albany, Baird, Ballinger, Coleman, Comanche, Cross Plains, Gorman, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Ranger, Stamford, Sweetwater, and Throckmorton. While attending the Western Heritage Classic this year, be sure to visit the "Howdy Neighbor" Exhibit.

of the last meeting. Marie Smith gave the treasures report.

Moran News

By Mrs. Luke Huskey

Mrs. Lillian Ellis of Corrigan and Joy Conner of Crockett, spent a few days with their sister Mrs. John Collinsworth and Mr. Collinsworth.

The members of the Moran Clean and Proud Club met last Tuesday night at the Moran Community Center and enjoyed a pot luck supper. Buster Cottle was Master of Ceremonies. Julie Cottle read the minutes

of the last meeting. Marie Smith gave the treasures report.

A discussion was held on the future plans of the members, as to how to improve the town, keep it clean, mow the vacant lots and improving a city park. A work day was held on Saturday, April 18.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12. Starting at 6 p.m.

Thirty-four were in at-

tendance for the annual Morris family reunion, held Saturday at the Moran Community Center. From out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gene Morris of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Morris of Tolar, Mr. and Mrs. John Crandall of Houston, Evelyn Raymond, Gladys Woolsey and Peggy Schrouch all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardener of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Adams of Fort Worth, Alex Ream of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clack of Albany, Robert Smart of Weatherford, Cisa and Novel and Arlen Baize of Baird, Wade and Brock Jones of Albany, Pam Robertson, Marcia and Derrick Johnson of Greenville, Mary Wheeler and Betty Head.

Cleveland Pinnell of New Braunfels was greeting friends in Moran Saturday.

Moran and community is enjoying some spring like weather. However, the community is needing a good rain. The grain is beginning to head out, and is in need of rain. The weeds and grass is still growing, but they too need a rain.

Answers to King Crossword

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Baird Lunch Menu

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Lunch: oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, jelly

TUESDAY:
Breakfast: rolls, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch: pizza, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, milk, chocolate cake

WEDNESDAY:
Breakfast: cinnamon toast, applesauce, milk

Lunch: macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, fried okra, bread, milk, fruit

THURSDAY:
Breakfast: cereal, toast, raisins, milk
Lunch: lasagna, salad, carrot and celery sticks, crackers, milk, cobbler

FRIDAY:
Breakfast: cheese toast, juice, milk
Lunch: hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, buns, milk, cookies



Baird H.S. Girls Compete In District Meet

The District 8-A high school girls track meet was conducted on April 16 at Bangs. Our female athletes represented our school very well taking **FIRST** place in district overall with a team total of 140 points.

Second place was claimed by Cross Plains with 135 points; Brock took third with 82 points; Evant, with 64, took fourth place and Santon took fifth with 48 points.

Individual/relay group awards were as follows:

Discus - Jordan Menzies, 2nd place.
Long Jump - Adrienne Kerbow, 1st place; Kyla Neal, 4th; Heather Kerbow, 6th.
Shot Put - Jordan

Menzies, 4th place.
High Jump - Courtney Rodriguez, 6th place.
Triple Jump - Adrienne Kerbow, 3rd place.
400 Meter Relay - Team: Candace Riddle, Mary Horner, Heather Kerbow, Alecia Wylie, 2nd place.
800 Meter Run - Candace Riddle, 3rd.
100 Hurdles - Adrienne Kerbow, 2nd place.
100 Dash - Alecia Wylie, 6th place; Deserae Rivera, 8th.
200 Dash - Krissi Fortune, 2nd place; Heather Kerbow, 4th; Candace Riddle, 8th.
3200 Run - Tara Jernigan, 1st place; Brandy Benson, 5th;
1600 Run - Tara Jernigan, 1st place;

All Sports Banquet Slated for May 9th

The Baird Athletic Booster Club will be sponsoring its annual **ALL SPORTS BANQUET** on Saturday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shady Oaks Country Club.

A buffet dinner will be served with your choice of chicken fried steak or baked chicken, cowboy potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, cobbler and tea.

Advance tickets are \$8.00 and will be on sale until May 8th. You may purchase tickets at the door for \$10.00.

All high school athlete's dinners will be furnished by the Booster Club.

To purchase your advance tickets, contact Tereva Hunter at 854-1433, or Bill Russell at 854-1236, or Terry Neal at 854-1356 or Jan Healey at First National Bank at 854-1295.

Brandy Benson, 5th.
800 Relay - Team: Mary Horner, Krissi Fortune, Heather Kerbow, Adrienne Kerbow, 1st place.

1600 Relay - Team: Mary Horner, Krissi Fortune, Tara Jernigan, Adrienne Kerbow, 1st place.

JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS:

Shot Put - Kristin Satterfield, 1st place.
Discus - Kristin Satterfield, 4th place.

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Elementary 5th 6-Weeks Honor Roll Announced

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Rolls for the 5th Six Weeks grading period of 1997-98. To qualify for the all A's Honor Roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B Honor Roll, a student must have at least two A's in academic subjects and nothing below and 80.

Mrs. Corn's 2nd Grade Class:
A Honor Roll: Rustin Williams
A-B Honor Roll: Lauren Thackerson, Dakotah Tullous, Josh Rollins, Summer Olivari, Dalton Dover.

Mrs. Barton's 2nd Grade Class:
A Honor Roll - Dillon Fox, Victoria Suarez
A-B Honor Roll - Daniel Brock, Luke Wallace, Loren Diaz, Kelci Gonzales, Cameron McIntire, Chris Ross

Mrs. S. Odom's 3rd Grade Class:
A-B Honor Roll - Chelsea Williams, Jacob West

Mrs. Wilson's 3rd Grade Class:
A Honor Roll - Megan Betcher, Justin Roberts
A-B Honor Roll - Kerry Mendez, Amanda Jobe, Cassie Burns.

Mrs. Jone's 4th Grade Class:

A Honor Roll - Jordan Glaze, Blake Manning, Chancey Pierce, Blann Scott, Rebecca Tollett
A-B Honor Roll - Justin Armstrong, Roman Castillo, Brett Jones, Angel Monard, Sasha Ringhoffer, Cody Shouse, Kaitlyn Walker

Mrs. Menzies 4th Grade Class:
A Honor Roll- Roger Wamsely, Kayla Windham, Chance Rodriguez, Kelby Cauthen
A-B Honor Roll - Josh Glaze, Spencer Goldsmith, Adriana Diaz, Cissy Chavarria

Mrs. S. Williams 5th Grade Class:
A Honor Roll - James Roberts, Lea Sweeney, Blake Mendez, Zach Green, Kayla Carrillo
A-B Honor Roll: Sawyer Smith, Breanna Tollett, David Newton, Misty McDowell, Thomas Glaze, Chase Goldsmith, Timmy Burns, Carter Burford

Mrs. Diller's 5th Grade Class:
A Honor Roll - Jay Calvo, Will Green, Jodie Neal, Amy Nixon, Whitney Windham
A-B Honor Roll - Kyle Dillard, Brandon James, Jimmy Martin, Matt Reynolds, Kelsie West

Mrs. Burns 6th Grade Class:
A Honor Roll - Belinda Harris, L.J. Mendez, Gini Russell, Traci Windham
A-B Honor Roll - Kristen Beck, Amelia Carroll, Chris Frankens, Randy Harris, Mitchell Lewis, Holli Moore, R.C. Smith, Cody Bruton

Mrs. T. Williams 6th Grade Class:
A Honor Roll - Aaron Brock, Britneay Brewer, Tamara Vestal
A-B Honor Roll - Casey Burford, Martin Cerda, Chance Jones, Lori Moore, Josh Sims



Michael Davenport Baird H.S. Band Director Honored by Tarlton

Michael Davenport, band director at Baird High School, was among those honored this year at the Alumni Academic Forum hosted by the Tarleton State University Alumni Association.

Providing a unique bridge between former and current students, the Alumni Academic Forum gives successful alumni the opportunity to share their ideas on academics and career development.

Meeting with students and faculty from their former major departments, the alumni offer their ideas on how well their academic background at Tarleton prepared them for the work place and make suggestions about entering the job market.

A 1977 graduate of Tarleton, Davenport was selected from the College of Education and Fine Arts. He also graduated from Breckenridge High School and Cisco Junior College.

During his 21 years in the Baird ISD, Davenport's musicians have earned 11 high school and 13 middle school sweepstakes bands. Under his di-

rection, the Baird band have been Texas Music Educators Association State Honor Band finalist three times.

Davenport has served on several TMEA committees, was selected to direct the Abilene All-City Middle School Band in 1997 and the Regional Junior High All Region band in 1995.

He was honored as the Baird High School Teacher of the Year in 1994 and received the Baird Chamber of Commerce Artistic Achievement Award in 1993.

Among his professional affiliates are the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Music Adjudicators Association.

Joining Davenport as alumni honored from the College of Education and Fine Arts was Dr. James McSwain, principal of Lamar High School in Houston.

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Baird H.S. Ag Banquet Set for May 11th

Danny Vestal, Baird High School Ag teacher announced today that the annual Baird High School Agriculture Department Awards Banquet is slated for Monday, May 11th at 6:30 at Shady Oaks in Clyde.

Parents and all interested individuals can get more information about attending the banquet by call Mr. Vestal at 854-1608.

Mr. Vestal also stated that the department's recent animal vaccination day was a huge success with 66 dogs and cats having been brought in to receive vaccination shots.

With the recent incidents of rabid animal attacks on area citizens, it is very important that all pet owners have their pets vaccinated, and Mr. Vestal and his students are to be commended for their work towards accomplishing this need.

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Obituaries

MARY EVA RODRIGUEZ BLACK

Mary Eva Rodriguez Black, 66, of Abilene passed away Tuesday morning in a local hospital.

Graveside services were held yesterday, April 22, in the Albany Cemetery. Rev. Jo Gay officiated.

Mrs. Black was born in Albany, Tx. on November 29, 1931. She had lived in Abilene for 13 years after having moved there from Baird, Tx.

She was a 1949 graduate of Albany High School. She finished Licensed Vocational Nursing School in 1971. She worked in the Callahan County Hospital and in local nursing homes.

She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Abilene and was a nursery teacher there.

She married Ray "Pinky" Black in Albany, Tx. on March 24, 1951.

She is survived by

her husband, Ray "Pinky" Black of Abilene; three daughters, Ada Sullivan of Seattle, Wash., Charlene Richardson and Eva Black, both of Abilene.

One sister, Alexene "Otto" Garlitz of Albany; one son-in-law, Glen Richardson of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Billie Rodriguez of Albany; three grandchildren, Jacob Ray Sullivan of Seattle, Wash., Adam and Mary Reagan Richardson of Abilene.

She is also survived by five nieces and six nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee Roy and Maurine Rodriguez; two brothers, J.F. and Charles Rodriguez; and by her twin sister, Nancy Jane Rodriguez.

Memorials may be made to The Children's Department of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Abilene, Tx.

RUBY KATHERINE WILSHER

Ruby Katherine Wilsher, 84, of Clyde, Tx. passed away Thursday, April 16, in a Baird nursing home.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 18, in the Eula Cemetery. Charles Nowlin officiated.

Mrs. Wilsher was born in Oklahoma on December 31, 1912.

She lived in Clyde for 40 years and was a homemaker and former house keeper.

She was a Jehovah's Witness.

She married Leo Augusta Wilsher.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Lee Wilsher of Baird, Tx.

One brother, Orville Crosswhite of Washington;

Two grandsons, Kevin Wilsher of Clyde, and Cory Wilsher of Milsap.

Three great grandchildren, Kaylee, Bryan, and Darrian Wilsher.

She is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

MURIEL SEARCY

Muriel Addla Searcy, 84, passed away on April 7 in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 1998, in Cherry Heights Baptist Church with the Revs. Dennis Williams and Mark Searcy officiating. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Searcy was born in Comanche and was a homemaker. She moved to Clyde in 1959 from Potosi. She taught the Ladies Bible Class at Cherry Heights Baptist Church and was named the church's Mother of the Year in

1982. She was the widow of Thomas Jefferson Searcy, whom she married in 1934 in Anson.

Survivors include four sons, Delbert Coy Searcy and Marshal Edward Searcy, both of Potosi, Thomas Muriel Searcy and Buford Buel Searcy, both of Clyde; two daughters, Nelta Vunell Lamb and Rosie Jone Franklin, both of Clyde; two brothers, Aldon Botts of Salina, Kan., and Floyd Botts of Brownwood; one sister, Nola Mierop of Abilene; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and one aunt, Tressie Vandivere of Albany.

DELLA MAE METCALF

Della Mae Metcalf, 86 of Canyon Lake, died Saturday, April 18 in her home.

Memorial services were held April 22 at 2 p.m. at Hill Country Bible Church with the Rev. James Hefner officiating, directed by Doeppenschmidt Funeral Home of New Braunfels.

Mrs. Metcalf was born in Black Gum, Okla., and had lived in Canyon Lake since 1986. She was a home-

maker. She was the widow of Dr. Ronal Kirkpatrick and Hugh Metcalf.

Survivors include one son, Ronal Kirkpatrick, Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Della Louise McClendon of Odessa; two brothers, John Van Matre of Canyon Lake and Daniel Van Matre of Baird; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Putnam Cemetery Association Meeting Slated for May 5

There will be a regular meeting of the Directors of the Putnam Cemetery Association, Inc. on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at 6 p.m. at the Putnam Community Center for the purpose of electing one director whose term has expired and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Putnam Cemetery Ass'n may send to La Verne

Rutherford, Box 1074, Putnam, Tx., 76469.

Pete Mendez, President, and other officers and directors express their deep appreciation for the generous memorial gifts and contributions made in the past to the Endowment and maintenance funds.

This pays for the upkeep of the cemetery and other expenses that may occur.

(Submitted by LaVerne Rutherford Sec.-Treas.)

PRAYER CORNER

PS 23:4-5 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Sin is a dark tempest. It will divide the mind and cause you to think and do things that are not in keeping with who you are in

Christ. Jesus has given you a new life. The apostle Paul reminds us that "Old things have passed away. He is talking about your former

lifestyle before you were saved. Therefore, when God sounds a warning, heed His call. Don't be drawn away. Stand your ground and rely on His sovereign care to lead you.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for your comfort and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that you have sent us. Help us to pay attention to your guidance and to give us a will to follow and obey you no matter how tempting or dangerous the world may seem. Thank you for Jesus who gives us victory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christian Poetry

It was a small congregation Not too many rich or poor.

They settled in for the sermon as before. It was a sermon of the needy.

The pastor tried to reach the poor. As he asked for a collection

A sadness came over His forehead I heard some one say, "I have no silver or gold,

"But it doesn't keep me from loving the Lord.

"I'm not rich, and I'm not poor, "But I love to give: it's the will of the Lord.

"I only have a dollar or two "But I will give it all "Because I know it's the thing to do.

"They ask, 'What on earth are you going to do?"

"I said, 'I won't worry. The Lord will see me through."

Oh, I heard some one say, "Pastor, pass the plate again.

"I haven't given the best I can.

"I want to give more "Because I know this sermon is led by the Lord."

Baird Cemetery Assoc. Report

The Cemetery Board of Directors met April 14th and are pleased to announce that Don Davis has been retained as Supervisor for the cemetery and will be taking care of most of the problems.

Welcome aboard, Don!

Next, we want to extend a "Special Thanks" to the following for the use of their equipment: Larry Newton, J.W. Loper, and Hugh Shrader.

Memorials and donations for March were as follows:

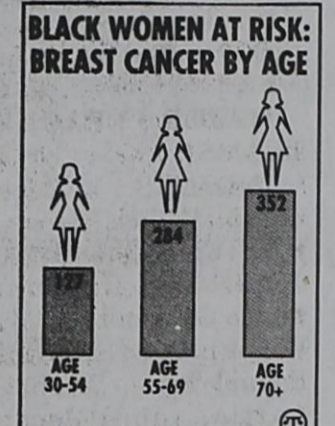
The Land Fund: Dolly Faircloth. Memorials and Donations for the

Endowment: A.N. and Charlotte Loper; Billie Jo Lobrecht; George, David and Mack Stephen; Ann Burns; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Manion; and Floy McMullen.

For the Maintenance Department: Baird Class of '36; Ferne Lee; Baird Class of '36.

Thanks to each of you for all that you do to lend a hand in anyway--large or small.

Signed, The Board of Directors



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 nesday night, Bible Studies.

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 evening, 7:30 p.m.

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 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-
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 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer,
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 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-
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EULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 529-4241
John Bill Hedrick, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-
 day morning worship, 10:50
 a.m.; Sunday evening worship,
 6:00 p.m.; Youth Fellowship,
 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible
 Study, 7:00 p.m.

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 day evening worship, 6:00 p.m.;
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LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON OPENS APRIL 25

Baird Little League will have their Opening Day Ceremonies on April 25, 1998.

Ceremonies will begin at 11:00 a.m. and games will begin at 11:30.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chips, cold drinks, etc. will be served in the concession stand all day.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the baseball park and give their support to these kids.

It will be a great start to their 1998 Baseball season!

The teams are as follows:

PEE WEE TEAMS:
CUBS - Kristin Burns, Peyton McIntire, Bradley Black, Amber Clark, T.C. Ashcraft, Mark Kilough, and Fallon Donlan. Coach: Wendy Burns. Sponsor: Baird Banner.

RANGERS: Cody Hunter, Dalton Walker, Lauren Hare, Holley Owens, Jeremy Spencer, Joshua Spencer, Doug Walker, and Daryl Fox. Coach: Terry Hunter. Sponsor: Fairway Morgage.

BRAVES: Colton Fox, Michelle Robbins, Dylan Mendez, Will Russell, Kayla Pelletier, Kayshelle Eden, Erik Stone, and Andy Koch. Coach: Randy Fox. Sponsors: U-U Steak house.

MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS
ATHLETICS: Justin

Patterson, Alex Estrada, Dillon Fox, Robert Boyd, Jacob Dillard, Cassie Burns, Clayton James, Luke Wallace, Nicole Darnell, Kustin Williams, and Blake Manning. Coach: Vance Wallace. Sponsor: B & B Grocery.

RANGERS: Kelci Gonzales, Chance White, Kayla Eden, Dalton Dover, Thomas Chavarria, Chris Ross, Jacob Gonzales, Bradley Neal, Logan Donlan, Timothy Ringhoffer, Sasha Ringhoffer, and Jud Clark. Coach: Jay Gonzales. Sponsor: Richeson Dairy Queen.

MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS

INDIANS: Zach Green, Mithcell Lewis, Daniell Lewis, Jonathan Carrion, Chase Goldsmith, Cody White, R.C. Smith, Fanuel Price, Stephen Austin, and Jacob West. Coach: Daryl Green. Sponsor: West-Go.

MARINERS: Aaron Brock, Chance Jones, Brett Jones, Kyle Dillard, Brandon James, Sean Freeman, L.J. Mendez, Kelby Cauthen, Martin Cerda, Jr., Justin Wilson, and Cody Shouse. Coach: Kenneth Brock. Sponsor: First National Bank of Baird.

MARLINS: Jeremy Sims, Josh Sims, Casey Burford, Carter Burford, Blan Scott, Chance Rodriguez, Lea

Callahan County Veterans News

by Tom Ivey

News for Veterans:

Thank you for your patience while the office was closed April 7, 13, and 14. Our daughter Lois and her husband Fred gave me a round trip ticket to London and train fare on to Edinburgh, Scotland. A trip I could not refuse!

We toured by car in the area around Edinburgh, seeing several castles, Loch Lomond, the St. Andrews Gold Links and many other places of historic interest.

The National Railway Museum in York, England was very good. York was established by the Romans in 71 A.D.!

"The Flying Scotsman" train was our return from Edinburgh to London with an average speed of 90 mph! The 393 mile trip is covered in 276 minutes with four or five stops enroute. Most of the trip is at 130 to 140 mph.

Wish we had such transportation in the USA!

The weather was on the chilly side with several sleet storms in Scotland and a big snow in London. There were some sunny days as well, making it a wonderful trip to a beautiful country.

Sweeney, William Ross, Randy Harris, and Will Green. Coach: Boxer Sims. Sponsor: Hanner Chrysler.

I thank the kids for their generous gift and thank you again for your patience while the office was closed. And yes, I voted before leaving. We are very fortunate to have the convenience of early voting.

ENROLLMENT: A good number of County Veterans have come in or asked for enrollment information. It is easy with only a one page form to complete which is then mailed with your service record to Big Springs VAMC.

All Veterans should enroll in order that the VA Medical facilities will continue to be available for those Veterans without benefit of other medical care.

Your call to 854-1520 will get an enrollment form mailed to you or you may pick up one from those hanging on the door of your Veterans Service Office whenever the Courthouse is open.

Sign up and help a buddy!

DIRECT DEPOSIT: The time is coming when all VA benefit payments will have to be made by direct deposit except in extreme cases. You need to ask your bank for a form to sign up for direct deposit and do it soon.

Q & A: I am a retired Army Officer and have applied for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Will my grade entitle me to increased compensa-

tion?
 Answer: No. Military pay grade is not a factor in determining the degree of disability attributed to military service.

Q&A: Why does V.A. charge some Veterans for prescriptions?

Answer: V.A. uses the disability pension rates to determine if a Veteran should pay for prescriptions. A single Veteran with income above \$8665/ year will be charged and a married Veteran with income above \$11,349 will be charged. The charge is \$2.00 per 30 day supply of medicine.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Almost 73 percent of the 93,000 U.S. schools that offer lunch now also help kids get off to a nutritious start by offering breakfast, according to the National Dairy Council and the American School Food Service Association.

More than one-third of teens looking to get a pager are interested in a word message pager, found a survey conducted by Motorola.

According to the American Water Works Association, more communities are getting safer, cleaner water than ever before. The continued availability of an improved, abundant and safe water supply will depend on our communities' willingness to make it a priority and pay for it.

One of the easiest ways to increase your zinc intake during cold and allergy season is with Cold-Free zinc acetate supplements from Weider Nutrition International, Inc.



For every 100 women over 65, there are only 77 men.



RUDY RODRIGUEZ: SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

My name is Rudy Rodriguez and I am asking you the voters of Baird Independent School District for your support in the upcoming School Board election on May 2 by casting your vote for me.

I will work hard to continue offering a quality education for our youth. The only promises that I will make to the citizens of Baird is that I will listen to all and support issues that are in the best interest of Baird I.S.D. as a whole.

My entire life has been spent in Baird. I was born in Baird and attended public school here. I am proud to say my parents are the late Clem and Elvira Rodriguez.

My wife's name is Lauren. We have two children, named Ashely and Chance, ages 13 and 10.

My qualifications for wanting to serve you, the tax payers of Baird I.S.D. is that I help manage a budget and personnel for the Texas Department of Transportation in Baird as part of my job duties being Assistant Supervisor.

Presently, I am serving my second term on the City Council for Baird. Managing a budget, personnel, and setting policy and procedures are the most important duties we as a council do.

If you so choose to elect me to the School Board, I will regretfully resign my position on the City Council to

devote my full attention to the School Board. Being familiar with state and city government, I feel would enable me to make a smooth transition to the School Board.

In closing, I would like to tell you, the people of Baird I.S.D., the only reason I am seeking election to our school board is that I want to do my part in providing a positive and productive future for our youth as well as our community.

Thank you for your support.

Rudy Rodriguez
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