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Holiday Events Brighten Winter Season In Baird

Several events will brighten winter days in Baird and ring in the holiday season.

Lighting Contest

The Baird Lighting Committee will be having a Christmas lighting contest this year. There will be two categories. One for residents and one for businesses. We are asking everyone to have their Christmas Lights turned on Thanksgiving weekend. Judging of the lighting will be held sometime between November 26th and December 4th. Let's show our Christmas spirit and make the town look brighter. The lights on the downtown buildings and the pole lights will be turned on that weekend.

Lights of Love

Christmas trees 4 foot tall will again be placed on the courthouse lawn. For \$15 you can have a name placed

on a metal star topping a tree. This is a nice way to pay tribute to loved ones, friends, and military. Your donations may be made at the Depot or mail to Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market St., Baird, Tx.

Christmas Village

The Baird Christmas Village will open this year on Thanksgiving weekend November 26th and 27th and will be open each Friday and Saturday thru New Years Day from 6 to 8 P.M. It will also open for special groups and families. This village is a walk thru winter wonderland full of animated figures. There are 4000 square feet with approximately 9 separate areas. Santa will be there to visit the children. Make plans now to attend this Village. The village is located a half block north of the Depot on the east side of the street and admission is free.

Chamber Has Special Plans For Christmas

Your Chamber has a special plan to celebrate Christmas this year - an "Old Fashion Christmas" and it includes this "Dream Window" raffle. I know. I know. It isn't even Thanksgiving yet! And, believe it or not, I'm one of "those" who think we shouldn't even be talking Christmas until AFTER Thanksgiving. This time I just can't help myself - keep reading and you'll see why!

Our "Dream Window" raffle will kick-off on Thanksgiving weekend in conjunction with the opening of the 2nd Annual Christmas Village. THE winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Saturday, December 18th. That's right - "one" ticket, "one" person will win the entire window display! Cost of a raffle ticket has not been decided but hopefully we will

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County Commissioners Canvass Nov. 2, 2004 General Election Votes

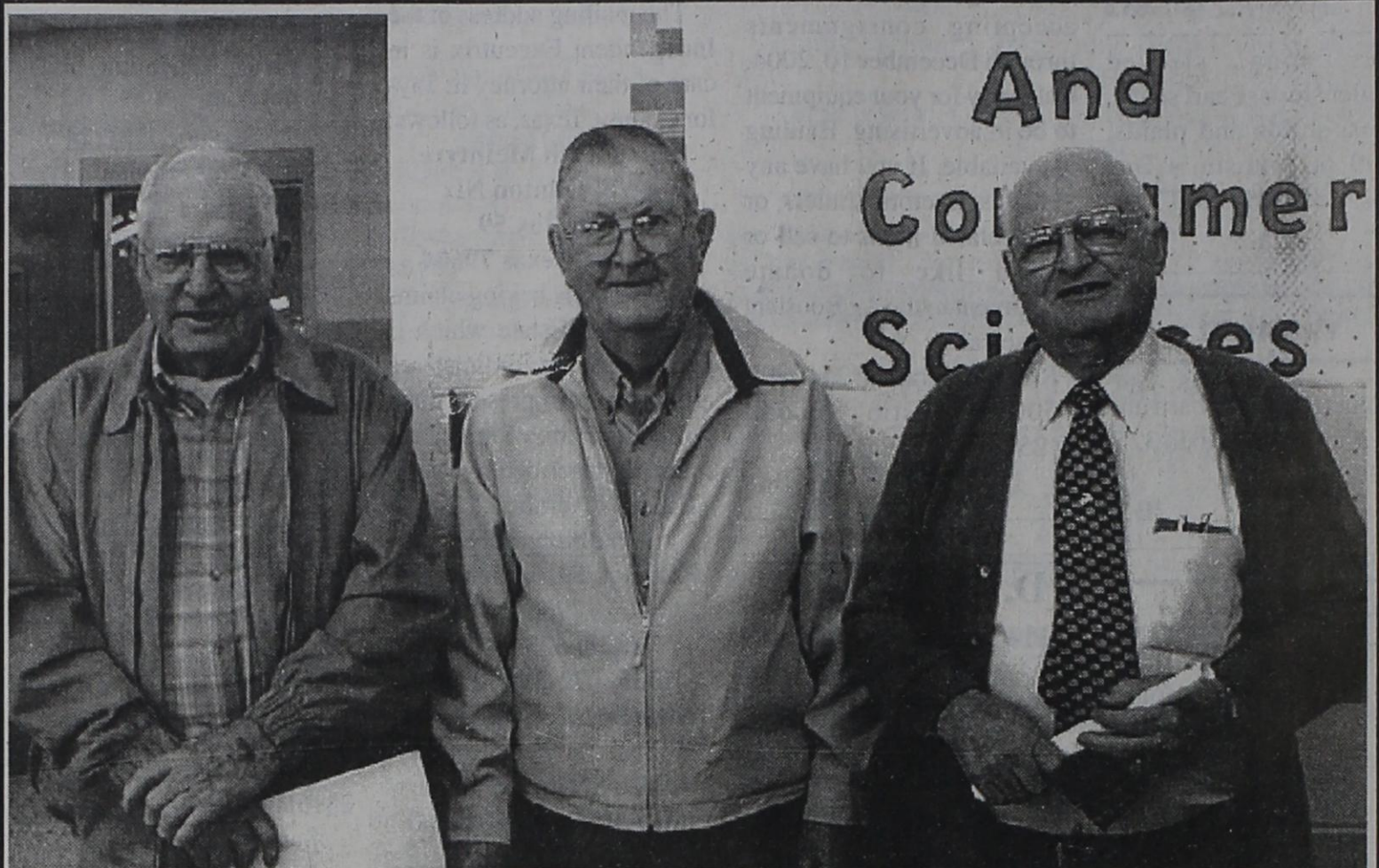
Callahan County Commissioners voted to accept the canvass of votes for the November 2, 2004 General Election as presented at their Nov. 10 Open Meeting.

The Official Results of the election are as follows:

Straight Party
Republican Party - 1352/23.65%
Democratic Party - 505/8.83%
Libertarian Party - 26/.45%
President - Vice President
Rep. - Bush/Cheney 4542/78.46%
Dem. - Kerry/Edwards 1073/18.77%
Lib. - Badnarik/Campagna 26/.45%
Write In - 13/.22%
US Rep., Dist. 19
Rep.: Randy Neugebauer - 2862/50.06%

Dem.: Charles W. Stenholm - 2712/47.44%
Lib.: Richard Peterson - 721/1.25%
Railroad Commissioner
Rep.: Victor G. Carrillo - 3777/66.07%
Dem.: Bob Scarborough - 1513/26.46%
Lib.: Anthony Garcia - 110/1.92%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3
Rep.: Harriet O'Neill - 4173/73.00%
Justice, Spr. Court, Pl. 5
Rep.: Paul Green - 4144/72.49%
Justice, Spr. Court, Pl. 9
Rep.: Scott Brister - 3796/66.41%
Dem.: David Van Os - 1339/23.42%
Judge, Crt of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

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Local Veterans joined Baird Students for a Veterans Day Coffee and Assembly on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. The coffee was hosted by the Baird High Student Council. Among the Veterans present were three Loper brothers Aubrey, Lee and Jerry, who served in the same unit - the 3rd Marine Division - from 1942-45 during WWII.
staff photo

Baird Student Council Hosts Veterans Day Coffee, Assembly

Veterans and their family members met with Baird High students for fellowship at a Veteran's Day coffee hosted by the Baird High School Student Council on Nov. 11, before attending a Veteran's Day assembly in the school auditorium.

Guests were treated to coffee, cupcakes and other delicious desserts.

Several veterans brought photos from their time spent in the services.

"We wanted to do something special for our Veterans," Baird High student Misty McDowell said.

The Veterans were hon-

ored with a standing ovation as they entered the auditorium for the Veteran's Day assembly.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Blake Manning, followed by *The Star Spangle Banner*, played by the school band.

Student Jay Calvo welcomed the audience.

Slide shows focused on Veteran's and their service to this country.

The Face Behind the File told the story of a pilot shot down over North Vietnam, who remained a POW there for seven years.

A Powerpoint presenta-

tion by Misty McDowell showed photographs brought by local Veterans.

Several highlights at the assembly were *America the Beautiful*, sung by Lesley Tumbusch, *God Bless the USA*, sung by Jodi Neal, and *Taps* played by Brittany Creech.

A short history of *TAPS* was also presented to the audience.

The Veteran's Day Assembly closed with a prayer by Lea Sweeney, with closing words by Kayla Windham.

Seniors Matt Reynolds And Jodi Neal Are 2004-2005 Coronation King And Queen

Matt Reynolds and Jodi Neal were crowned King and Queen at Thursday's festive Coronation ceremonies.

Matt Reynolds is the son of Johnny and Penny Reynolds.

He has been a member of the Varsity Football Team for 2 years, serving as a team captain his senior year. Matt also received District Honorable Mention recognition his junior year. He has been a member of the Varsity Baseball Team for 2 years.

Matt plans to participate in Track & Field later this year in which he will run the 100 and 200 meter races.

He participated in FFA his freshman and sophomore year, and received the Bill Windham Fighting Heart Award his junior year.

Matt was a Homecoming King nominee his senior year.

Jodi Neal is the daughter

of Terry and Terri Neal.

She has been a varsity cheerleader for 2 years, serving as this year's head cheerleader as well as being nominated for All-American her senior year. She played 2 years of JV basketball and 2 years of varsity basketball, earning All-District Honorable Mention as a junior.

Jodi has been a part of the Lady Bears Golf Team for 4 years earning 2 district individual titles along with 1 second place finish, 2 regional individual titles and one second place finish, and one state individual title and 2 third place finishes.

She has been a part of three district team titles, three regional team titles, 2 state championship team titles, and 1 third place titles.

She has also been chose for the All-State golf team for 3 years.

Jodi has been a class of-

After a 58-34 Win Over Rising Star, Baird Varsity Girls' Basketball Team Now Have Record Of 3-0.
Please See sports inside

Sen. Fraser To Host Water Meet Nov. 30

Eastland/Callahan County newspapers learned Tuesday morning that Senator Troy Fraser will host a meeting in Abilene on Nov. 30 between the Brazos River Authority officials and community leaders.

Phil Ford, General Manager of the Brazos River Authority, is supposed to be present to address the concerns of the people as to the handling of water by this authority.

Representatives of the West Central Texas Municipal District are also expected to be present.

Time and place will be announced.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold the following Immunization clinics in Callahan County:
Monday, Dec 13th
Baird Cafetorium
400 W. 7th
Time 10-12
Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 N. Main
Time 2-4
Wednesday Dec. 8th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
10-12 & 1:30 - 3
Please bring child's Immunization Records
For more information call 325/754-4945

Call Margaret @ 254-629-1707 with all your local events and news.
Fax #: 254-629-2092
Email: telegram@eastland.net

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

For Sale

FOR SALE: 8 lots with old house, city water, and well water, some fruit trees. \$16,000. Call 254-643-1088. B52

Ladies long sleeved Wrangler shirts. Pearl snaps, buttons, solids and plaids, \$19.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX. B47

Wanted

Looking to buy old barn and houses, and old lumber. 325-885-2636. B50

Help Wanted

Local trucking company seeks driver. Home weekly. CDL-A req. 888-258-1670. B48

Miscellaneous

Herbalife Independent Distributor Announces Shake Party
Taste the delicious shakes and snacks. Find out how you can lose pounds and inches and then maintain your desirable weight from now on.
Where: The Home of Rick & Linda Barnett.
RSVP by calling toll free 1-866-350-2556 or local 254-643-4006. T58

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FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Cisco Ag Boosters will be holding an open Consignment Auction December 11, 2004 at the CISD Ag Farm. We will be accepting consignments through December 10, 2004. Call early for your equipment to be in advertising. Hauling is available. If you have any vehicles, tractors, trailers, or farm related items to sell or would like to donate equipment to the Ag Boosters please call:

Ronnie Ingram @ 254-643-5500 or Justin Kendall @ 254-442-2579 B48

D. P. S. Report
11-07-04 to 11-13-04

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings - 96
Complaints - 153
Possession of Marijuana - 2
DWI - 3
Possession of Controlled Substance - 1
Driving While License Invalid - 2
Disregard Police Officer - 2
Evading Arrest - 2
Fugitive-Auto Theft - 2
Fugitive - Probation Revocation Theft - 1
Fugitive - Forgery - 1

Accidents

There were 4 accidents investigated during this time span.

Notice To Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Paul Ray McIntyre, deceased, were issued on November 1, 2004, in Cause No. 5546 pending in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, to: Mary Ruth McIntyre, Independent Executrix.

The mailing address of the Independent Executrix is in care of their attorney in Taylor County, Texas, as follows:

**Mary Ruth McIntyre
c/o S. Clinton Nix
P.O. Box 59
Abilene, Texas 79604**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated November 2, 2004

**Bradbury & Nix
P.O. Box 59, Abilene, TX 79604
(325) 673-7317
(325) 673-3833 FAX
Attorneys for the Estate**

By: S. Clinton Nix
State Bar No. 15043300

Hilderbran Signs Taxpayer Protection Pledge

Texas House Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R - District 53, has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, according to an Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) press release. ATR ask all candidates for federal and state office to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and "thus demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state."

ATR states that by signing the pledge, a candidate commits "to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes." Also among those signing the pledge was House Rep. Jim Keffer, R-60.

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Canvass Votes**

Rep.: Lawrence "Larry" Meyers - 3784/66.20%
Lib.: Quanah Parker - 972/17.00%
Judge, Cr. of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 5
Rep.: Cheryl Johnson - 4074/71.27%
Lib.: Tom Oxford - 528/9.23%
Judge, Cr. of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 6
Rep.: Michael E. Keasler - 3717/65.02%
Dem.: J. R. Molina - 1377/24.09%
State Senator, Dist. 24
Rep.: Troy Fraser - 4337/75.87%
State Representative, Dist. 53
Rep.: Harvey Hilderbran - 4135/72.34%
Justice, 11th Cr. Appeals Dist., Pl. 3
Rep.: Terry McCall - 4121/72.09%
District Judge, 42nd Judicial Dist.
Rep.: John Weeks - 4254/74.42%
County Attorney
Rep.: Shane Deel - 3243/56.73%
Dem.: Allen Wright - 2316/40.51%
Sheriff
Dem.: Eddie Curtis - 3727/65.20%
County Tax Assessor-Collector
Dem.: Tammy T. Walker - 3893/69.10%
County Commissioner, Prt. #1
Dem.: Harold Hicks - 919/65.64%
County commissioner, Prt. #3
Dem.: Tommy Holland - 971/67.80%
Constable, Prt. #4
Dem.: William "Bill" Young - 702/56.34%
Total Ballots Cast - 5716

Further on the agenda: Minutes of previous meetings were signed without additions or corrections, and approved bills were paid.

There were no public comments at the meeting. *****

GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9530 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, dated November 25, 1997, Atmos Energy Corporation (successor to TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission) was ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas to file a prudence review every three years to demonstrate that its gas costs are reasonable and necessary. On September 24, 2004, Atmos Energy Corporation, in order to comply with the requirements set forth in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, filed the required gas cost prudence review for the period of November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2003. All residential and commercial sales customers of Atmos Energy Corporation formerly served by TXU Gas Company are potentially affected by this proceeding.

Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at (214) 875-6738. A copy of Atmos Energy Corporation's filing is available for inspection during normal business hours, at the Company's business office located at 300 S. St. Paul, 8th Floor, Dallas, Texas, 75201. Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding should contact the Railroad Commission of Texas, Office of General Counsel, Docket Services, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is December 10, 2004.

En el 24 de septiembre, 2004, Atmos Energy Corporation (sucesor a TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission), para cumplir con los requisitos propuestos en el Sumario de Causa Núm. 8664 de Utilidades de Gas, solicitó ante la Comisión de Ferrocarril de Texas (Railroad Commission of Texas) el requerido repase de prudencia del costo del gas por el periodo del 1 de noviembre, 2000 hasta el 31 de octubre, 2003. Todos los clientes residenciales y comerciales de venta de Atmos Energy Corporation, y anteriormente servidos por TXU Gas Company, son afectados potencialmente por este procedimiento. Personas quienes quieren intervenir en este procedimiento deben ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Ferrocarril de Texas, Oficina del Consejo General, Docket Services, P.O. 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. La fecha de vencimiento para intervenir en este procedimiento es el 10 de diciembre, 2004. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a esta solicitud, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al (214) 875-6738.

Pyramid HealthCare Wants You!

Pyramid HealthCare a Leader in the long-term care industry, is looking for candidates to join our progressive team. Due to recent increase in admissions Heritage Manor of Gorman currently have the following position(s) available

***CNA (all shifts)**

Please apply in person @ 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, Texas
Pyramid Healthcare
EEOCMFDV B49

Ann Williams Real Estate
601 Conrad Hilton Cisco 442-1880
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*****ACREAGE*****
12 acres wooded with liveoak & mesquite trees, pond, large hill view, deer, turkey, dove, \$1200 per acre. **SOLD**
40 acres completely wooded with mostly oak timber, very large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, electricity, possible owner financing, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$48,000. **SOLD**
52 acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$62,400. **SOLD**
78 acres, wooded and cleared, 1/2 mile of road frontage plus nice 1 room efficiency home with full bath, \$99,000. **SOLD**
83 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, very good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$85,700. **SOLD**
90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$89,550. **SOLD**
95 acres wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$87,000. **SOLD**
97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400. **SOLD**
100 acres with 2001 32 ft. travel trailer with slide out, 16x20 enclosed building, fourwheeler, the property is thickly wooded with oaks, hickories, pines, pond, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$118,500. **SOLD**
110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills, 1 field, water line, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac. **SOLD**
117 acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oak trees, 3 fields, 3 ponds, hill top view, old water well, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac. **SOLD**
177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400. **SOLD**
306 acres, wooded with 35 acres of mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$722 per acre. **SOLD**
320 acres, 110 acres of fields and 210 acres wooded with mostly mesquite and some live oak timber, 2 ponds, creek, waterline, large hill, rolling hills, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove and quail, \$575 per acre. **SOLD**
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200. **SOLD**
616 acres, mostly wooded with oak and mesquite timber, field, several ponds, hills, creek. Excellent hunting - deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. **SOLD**
850 acres some high game fenced, metal barn, mostly wooded, oak timber, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 6+ ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$715 per acre. **SOLD**

*****HOMES WITH ACREAGE*****
66 acres w/3 BR home, newer construction, ready to be completed by new buyer. Home sits on tall hill, excellent view for miles. **SOLD** mostly wooded w/Post Oaks, creeks, 2 ponds, deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$125,000. **SOLD**
172 acres w/3BR home, barns, live oak timber, well, deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$189,200. **SOLD**

*****HOMES*****
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, \$12,500. **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, **SOLD** corner property, \$17,500. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath newer Clayton S **SOLD** fenced lot, \$18,500. **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, shop and other outbuildings, \$19,500. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 bath home, CHA, mostly wood floors, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000. **SOLD**
2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, outside dining area, CHA, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$27,000. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, \$32,500. **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, computer room, big kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 bath home, could be converted into a 3BR home, 6 ceiling fans, inside and outside recently repaired and carpet replaced, oversized yard, \$35,000. **SOLD**
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, reduced to \$34,000. **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, mostly brick home, **SOLD** patio, storage bldg., fenced backyard, \$39,500. **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath mostly brick home, CHA, attached garage, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$42,500. **SOLD**
3 BR, 2 bath, lg. LR, with WBFP, some wood floors, CH, double carport, storage bldg., 2 1/2 lots, \$45,000. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CHA, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500. **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH, separate DR, WBFP in LR and WB heater in den, patio, 2 large metal shops, 2 double carports, 3 lots. **SOLD**
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooded floors, 2 CHA units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property. **SOLD**

*****LAKE CISCO*****
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000. **SOLD**
3 BR Home, many cabinets, wood floors, attached garage, boat dock with boat house, large trees. Reduced to \$28,000. **SOLD**
2 BR Home, CHA, fireplace, detached guest room, patio, boat dock, 2 car carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$30,000. **SOLD**
2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake from DR and BR. Some landscaping with sprinkler system, deck and boat dock. **SOLD**
3 BR, full bath plus two 3/4 bath home with CHA and WBFP downstairs, covered boat dock. Furniture and appliances can remain. **SOLD**
Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CHA, WBFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR, many extras. **SOLD**

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Looking for 1 good CNA Apply in person Valley View Health Care 700 S. Ostrom Eastland, TX (Must have Texas Certification)

Help Wanted

Retail Sales person needed for fast paced customer service oriented hardware/lumber retail. Position requires previous hardware/lumber experience. Point of Sale/Inventory computer experience a plus. Please Submit brief employment and wage history in resume format to: PO BOX 69 EASTLAND TX 76448

Advertising In The Classifieds Pays \$\$\$\$\$\$

Country Cowboy Church
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Obituary

Orval Truett Burnett

Clyde - Orval Truett Burnett, 81, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at a Baird care center. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church with Bro. Larry Hooper officiating. Burial will follow in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Burnett was born September 6, 1923 in May, Texas to Leo Milton and Lillian Lois (Nixon) Burnett. He attended schools at Whitharral and Levelland. He was the widower of Annie Ruth Riley Burnett, whom he married November 13, 1943 in Whitharral. They farmed in Hockley County until moving to Clyde in December of 1958. He worked for the Texas Highway Department for 27 years, retiring in 1985. He served in the US Navy during WWII. He was a member of the First Baptist

Church of Clyde. Survivors include three sons, Stephen Lynn Burnett and wife, Gwen, of Macon, MO, and Mark Owen Burnett and wife Ella, and John Bradley Burnett and wife Charlotte, all of Clyde; three daughters, Bobbie Ann Spitzer of Clyde, Mary Helen Howard and husband, Cecil, of Ft. Worth and Nancy Jean Dumont and husband, Donald, of Abilene; two brothers, Thaxton Burnett of Middleton, CA and R. Lester Burnett of Littlefield; two sisters, Florene Tubbs of Littlefield and Thelma Mae Hyde of Ozona; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents his wife, Annie Ruth in September, 2004; a son, Douglas Mac Burnett; and son-in-law, Larry Spitzer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one's favorite charity.

Baird First United Methodist Church Worship Services

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
 Sunday Worship - 10:45 A.M.
 Choir Practice - Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
 Nov. 17, 24
 Kids's Club - 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 Sr. High Youth - 7:30 PM
 Choir Practice - 7:45 PM

Nov. 23, 30
 Prayer Group - 10:00 AM - Joy Corn's

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Christmas

have this info for you next week. Our "Dream Window" will be located in the 200 block of Market Street and displayed in, of course, "a window". Collectively, this window has a value over \$1200.00, and we are STILL collecting items! After Thanksgiving, we invite you to go by periodically to see what's new! Meanwhile, there are some pretty special people out there we need to start "thanking" and "acknowledging" for their commitment to the Baird Chamber, and to our community.

OK, here we go. I hope you're setting down...

Western Rustic Elegance/Decorating Trend, Abilene (a "rustic" entertainment center valued at \$500.00)

Happy Trails, Clyde (a large pine porch rocker, \$250.00)

Hamilton Supply, Abilene (an Echo gas grass trimmer, \$160.00)

Abilene Winnelson, Abilene (an antler lamp, \$100.00)

Texas Stampede, Clyde (a \$50 gift certificate to Texas Stampede,

beautifully displayed in a \$24.99 rustic picture frame)

Abilene Monument/ Concepts in Stone, Abilene (a Texas rustic iron star, \$45.00)

Unique Statuary, Abilene (a Dove birdbath, \$35.00)

K-Mart, Abilene (a \$25.00 gift card)

Sam's Club, Abilene (a \$25.00 gift card)

Marsha Blackstock Avon Representative, Baird (a holiday nativity calendar, \$15.00)

Tractor Supply, Abilene (a "Welcome" door sign, \$15.00)

Remember, our "Dream Window" is only a small part of this "Old Fashion Christmas" which is being sponsored by Hanner Chevrolet and it's happening Saturday December 4th. Watch your paper for details on the 4th, and prepare for an awesome DREAM WINDOW display!

My personal THANKS go to each of these businesses for believing in this idea, for their willingness to participate, for their gracious generosity, and for this united effort.

Brenda Moore
 Baird Chamber of Commerce
 11/16/04

Higginbotham Funeral Home To Host Christmas Memorial Program

As a service to the families of Cross Plains and surrounding communities, Higginbotham Funeral Home will host a Christmas Memorial Program, Tuesday, November 30, 2004, from 6:00 - 7 PM, in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel of Cross Plains.

The holiday period is especially painful for those reflecting on past losses at this traditionally family time of year. It is hoped that this Memorial Program will help people reach out to each other and provide comfort and healing at this holiday season. Our speaker this year will be Burlie Taylor.

If Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains has served your family during the past year, an ornament in memory of your loved one will be available here the night of the program. A Christmas tree, on which these memorial ornaments may be hung, will be in the chapel of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

If Higginbotham Funeral Home has not served your family during the past year and you would like a memorial ornament in memory of your loved one, please contact Higginbotham Funeral Home at 254-725-6153 on or before November 22,

Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St., Baird

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574

(Nursery provided for worship services)

Sunday School - 9:45

A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00

A.M.

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- * Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region XIV ESC.

- * Completion of an interview process.

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Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2004 following the morning worship service. The covered dish meal will be in the fellowship hall of the church. Visitors are welcome.

Bro. Clarence Wilson's message "A Time To Be Thankful" reminded us that we should be thankful at all times for all the wonderful blessings that God bestows on us. The special music was by the choir: Woodrow Browning, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little, Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Karen Patterson, Leona Wilson and Helen Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was wished to Audri Segura, Isaac Segura, Jimmy Little, Carolyn Little, and Karen Patterson. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson. Our thanks to the friend in Gorman who sent the beautiful floral arrangements to the church.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Nancy Hendricks, and Joe Bond.

Shannon, Stephanie,

Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove visited during the weekend with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond. Shannon did some deer hunting.

Jimmy Little was honored with a birthday dinner on Saturday at his home. Others enjoying the celebration and the brisket dinner complete with a birthday cake, brought by his daughter Nelda Fails of Arlington were Tim Breeden of Arlington, Verna Lee Little, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Betty Little, Lavell Hallmark and Haegan Braddock of San Angelo, and Amy and Rylee Shott of Eastland.

Beverly and Bob Pharris of Haskell visited with Betty and Larry Strube on Wednesday.

Emily Browning of Graham is visiting a couple of days this week with her grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Daisy Slaton and Zeld Jordan visited with Daisy's aunt, Lona Lightfoot, in Comanche on Wednesday.

The weather has been kind of cold and wet for several days. My gauge showed 4.5 inches since Friday until mid-afternoon on Monday.

The McMurry Chanters To Be In Eastland Thursday

The McMurry Chanters, a 30-voice choral ensemble from Abilene's McMurry University, will present a concert at First United Methodist Church in Eastland on Thursday, November 18, at 6:00. The Chanters are under the direction of Dr. Stephen Eaves and will be accompa-

nied by Mary Pritchard on piano.

Choral selections will include Rutter's Gloria; Argento's Gloria, and Biebl's Ave Maria. This is a free concert for the benefit of the community. First United Methodist Church is located at 215 S. Mulberry.

Eddie Rabb Family Benefit Postponed

Due to the Cisco High School playoff game and increased but his son is alive and was doing well at last account.

Sincerely,
J.B. Johnston
Carbon, TX.

Dear Editor:

So, Tom DeLay got his way. Four out of five that he had targeted was defeated, and unfortunately, Charles Stenholm was one of them.

We no longer have a strong voice in Congress.

We no longer have the man we could depend on to do the right thing for us. What a tragedy!

To you, Charlie, thanks for the 26 years you've so well represented us.

I hate that the underhanded way that DeLay and his party has eliminated you for such a weak voice that replaced the one so strong as yours.

We have always admired you and the members of Congress have also admired you for your service to our country.

Thank you and good luck!
Frank Strawn
Abilene, TX

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Being a fan of Jasper Cook's articles I want to comment a bit about poke salad.

I had never heard of Algerita until he wrote about it, but having been raised or as some sophisticated folks say reared, in East Texas I am very familiar with poke salad.

My mother used to prepare it quiet often when in season.

Yes, it is supposed to be poisonous if not first boiled and the water poured off and then re-boiled.

I must admit that we never tested this theory but I do know of an incident where someone did.

A friend of mine from years past said that his son came in late one night hungry, as most teenagers always are, and mistaking the poke salad in the refrigerator as regular salad, ate his fill with no ill effects.

Bare in mind that the poke had not been boiled and I do not recommend that anyone

try this at home.

My friend is long ago de-

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Mental Illness Is Rampant, Prevalent, And Often Un-Diagnosed

Limited Funds Stretched To Serve This Area

By Sheila McCoy

Journalists make a profound difference in the way mental health and mental illness is portrayed to the general public. I have seen some real good articles and some not so good that would lead the general public into believing everyone with a mental illness has no place in society with so called sane people.

Let's start out by saying mental illness is a illness just like high blood pressure or cancer — you can wake up tomorrow with a mental illness or high blood pressure.

According to the National Institute of Mental health, an estimated six million men experience depression and far too many men go undiagnosed and untreated. All too often men know something is wrong without realizing that they are depressed. Research and clinical findings reveal that while both men and women can develop the standard symptoms of depression, they often experience depression differently and may have different ways of coping.

An estimated 2.3 million Americans have bipolar, also called manic-depressive illness. Most Americans with bipolar disorder are going undiagnosed and untreated.

Recently I visited with a young man in another county who is a volunteer at The Center for Life Resources. Wayne Mullan volunteers at the center and he works on the computer, makes copies, faxes, all kinds of general office work that many of us do on any regular business work day.

Wayne was severely burned in a house fire about 6 years ago that burned over 35% of his body and he spent 2 months in Parkland Hospital and has had many many skin grafts. He wears a ball cap due to the fact his head was burned so badly he will never have hair again and the skin grafts are very visible.

He was reared in South Africa when his family immigrated to the States in 1978. Wayne attended high school in Stephenville, and then attended Tarleton State university.

Wayne is a very talented young man — he can draw or sketch just about anything he wants to. He uses oil and pastels in his art and brings beautiful color to all his drawings. (See drawing).

Wayne is such a talented young man that when I went to the center I knew I was there to interview a client and talk about cut backs in the mental health field, but I didn't know Wayne was my interview.

Wayne was diagnosed with schizophrenia years ago and has finally come to terms that he has to take his medication in order to live and function in everyday life.

Then we come to all the budget cuts. The Eastland Center is down to four counselors and averages about 242 consumers a year and 140 at any given time.

The county center is very rarely open; there is a emergency number 1-800 other wise you can leave a

One Client Volunteers; Others Needed

message. This is because most of the time the case workers-counselors are out visiting with the clients and delivering their medications, or taking them to see the doctor. The receptionist was one of the cuts.

The only real difference between someone with a mental illness and someone without, is a pill most of the time. I heard one person say they use to be able to visit weekly with all their clients but with all the cut backs they can only put out the fires.

The centers always needs volunteers, so if you have a couple extra hours a week contact someone with your local Center for Life Resource.

(Ed. Note: The following is a list of procedures implimented to stretch the limited dollars from recent funding to serve as many clients as effciently as possible.)

The Center for Life Resources
P. O. Box 250
Brownwood, TX 76804
Administrative Efficiencies
2004 Survey

Major Funding Initiatives
Major contributors

1. Grants
A. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) funding of \$104,000.00. We currently have approximately 18 individuals and their families living in their own homes through TBRA funds and staff support. In October of 2004 the Center was awarded new TBRA funding in the amount of \$240,000. It is projected 35 individuals and their families will be served with these funds.

B. Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) funding, in the amount of \$293,618.00, was obtained to provide outpatient (youth/adult) and COPSD services.

C. The utilization of grants to lower management and administrative costs

2. Patient Assistance Programs and Medication samples - \$590,138.30

A. PAP — \$332,138.30
B. Medication Samples — \$258,000.00

In-kind contributions

1. VISTA

The Center is a sponsoring Agency for a VISTA programs that supports 13 Member positions. VISTA volunteers provides support to Center staff

2. Faith in Action

3. Center-based volunteerism reflected a cost efficient saving of \$179,806.08 for the 12 months of 2004.

Pooled Initiatives and/or collaborations

1. Law Enforcement Coalition

A. Law Enforcement Coalition was created to generate city and county funding for crisis triage.

2. Integrated Health Care Initiative

Collaboration with Federally Qualified Com-

munity Health Center to support health care needs for consumers.

3. A Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Grant of \$36,400.00 was obtained by the Center to implement a cooperative with the Brownwood High School.

4. Medication samples and rebates are pursued and obtained from pharmaceutical suppliers.

5. Continue to resource the local CRCG (Adult Community Resource Coordination Group) to provide networking for unmet needs.

6. Triage Collaborative Arrangement
A First-response system supported by qualified Police Chaplains are utilized to assist the Center's Crisis Unit.

Other Cost-cutting Adjustments

1. Organization has been flattened and multiple roles for staff members reduced overhead.

A. No top/middle management (Single layer management)

B. Organizational structure is not tiered

C. CEO provides direct



Wayne Mullan volunteers at a center and he likes to sketch and draw.



supervision to 27 managers
D. CEO manages Psychiatric Clinic and Case Management Unit

E. Quality Management Department assumed supervision of Vocational Workshop

F. Administrative oversight of all substance abuse services is provided by the ACT supervisor.

2. Programs and managers operate without support staff. No secretarial positions in the organization.

3. Revised staff training procedures to more quickly place new staff into work roles.

4. All managers are working managers and

participate in the work load
5. Ability to pay and subsequent collection process to encourage client responsibility

6. Psychiatric Services have been centralized resulting in substantial savings

a. Doctor visits to the out-county offices have been discontinued.

b. Clients are transported at scheduled times to the Center's Medication Clinic for services.

c. Satellite offices in the city were closed to reduce overhead and offices were centralized at one location.

d. Clerical staff positions in the out-counties were

eliminated to further reduce overhead expenses.

7. Attrition and assumption of multiple work roles reduced costs. Forty-one staff positions were eliminated by attrition and three were rifted.

8. Overtime costs were reduced.

9. Tighter controls on discretionary spending and travel by program managers.

The Brownwood Center for Life Resources has branches in Eastland, Coleman, San Saba and Goldwaite, Brady, and Comanche serving 7 counties.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS - USE IT!!

Fewer than 30% of eligible adults with disabilities voted in the last Presidential election. There are 50 million people with disabilities in the United States. Even after you take into consideration people under 18 years old as well as those not eligible to vote because they are not American citizens, it means there are STILL around 20 million people with disabilities who are not taking responsibility for their futures.

What is happening here is that many politicians think that they do not need to take people with disabilities' issues seriously because they know that the disability community has not organized sufficiently enough to be a threat to their elected offices. However, this needs to change.

VOTING

Every American citizen over the age of 18 is eligible to register and use his or her vote. The exceptions to this rule include people who are in prison serving time for a felony conviction (and are not waiting for an appeal), or people who have been declared by the court to be incompetent. Therefore, residing in a state school, hospital or prison does not mean automatic exclusion from voting. However, because all of these establishments do not exercise their right to have a polling station on the premises for elections, people may have to vote by mail.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register to vote, pick up a voter registration application at your local Voter Registration office, post office, library, or Department of Public Safety. The Voter Registration office is located in either the Election Administrator's office or the Tax Office, depending on the county in which you live. All agencies dealing with the public that receive ANY federal funds have to ask if you are registered to vote when you receive or ask for services. Examples of such agencies would be MHMR, Tax Office, DHS, Department of Health, or even Independent Living Centers. If you are not and need help to register, they must also assist you in completing the form. This is known as the "Motor Voter" law or the "National Voter Registration Act." In addition, if a person is homebound because of a disability, agencies must offer the person voter registration in their home to be in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

Within a few weeks of mailing your application, you will receive your voter registration card. When you go to vote, you will need to bring the card with you as your primary form of identification. If you lose your card or forget it on the day you are going to vote, remember that they will accept other forms of identification at the polls. These include a driver's license, passport, or 2 credit cards.

How the Legislature works

Texas is governed by a biennial state legislature. Regular sessions of the Texas Legislature begin on the second Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years, and are limited to 140 calendar days. Only the governor may call a Special Session of the Texas Legislature, which is limited to 30 days; however, successive Special Sessions can be called by the governor. The only subjects that can be considered in Special Session are those proposed by the governor, who "places them on the call" for the session.

Other Important Items about The Legislature:

• There are two chambers, the House of Representatives and the Senate. There are 150 Representatives and 31 Senators.

• Each Texan has two legislators representing the district where they live (one Senator, one Representative).

• The Speaker of the House presides over the Texas House and the Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate.

• The Texas Legislature uses a committee process to "screen" proposed legislation.

• The Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor make all committee appointments, chairmanships, and assignment of bills to committees.

• During the 75th session, more than 5,000 bills were filed, but only about 1,000 were adopted into law.

To find your legislator, track a bill, check on committee meetings online:
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/fy/fyi.htm>

When to Make a Telephone Call

Telephone calls do not substitute the more personal contact of face-to-face visits. They can be used if a report has already been established with the legislator. Remember the legislator's time is valuable. Use the phone:
• When you want the legislator to vote a certain way on an issue, and time is of the essence.
• When you want to say "thank you" to the legislator and/or his/her aides.

• Length of call
• Make the call short, and to the point.
• If he/she wants to talk longer, let them take the lead.

• Style
• Be respectful of the legislator and his/her time constraints.
• Be appreciative that he/she has taken time to talk with you.
• Remember the legislator may not be able to personally take your call. If you are asked to talk with an aide, rather than the legislator, be appreciative. Aides have great influence with legislators and are often more knowledgeable about the issues than the legislators themselves. Through an aide, your message will reach the legislator.

• Content
• Make notes in advance about the points you wish to make so that you do not forget anything and so that it flows in a concise and logical manner. Remember that during your three-minute call the legislator or aide will probably be doing three other things at the same time.
• Identify yourself by name, address, organization (if applicable), and hometown (if within the legislator's district). If you are not from the legislator's district, consider making the call - legislators mainly respond to their constituents unless they know you in some other way.
• Identify the bill by title, number, author and where it is in the legislative process.
• Briefly state what your position is and how you would like the legislator to vote/act on it.
• Ask your legislator's view on the bill or issue. Try to be firm in obtaining a commitment from him/her regarding how he/she will vote, but be understanding if they have not yet studied the issue enough to make up their mind.
• Show appreciation for his/her past votes. Be positive.
• If they require further information, supply it as quickly as possible. Thank them for their time and attention.

When to Write a Letter or E-Mail

Timing is important. Write early, before he/she has made up his/her mind. Then write just before a vote on the issue. Be selective in the times you choose to write your legislators. Only write when you really need them.

• Write a legislator to reverse a position he/she has taken. It is particularly helpful to get influential people to write on your behalf.
• Write the legislator to renew his/her position on an issue, such as vote for it again.
• When you are not under a time constraint, such as a vote the very next day on your issue.
• Write to educate the legislator on your issue.
• Write as a follow-up to a visit with the legislator outlining what you heard him/her say and/or commit to.
• Write to thank the legislator after he/she has taken a positive action on your behalf. Remember to write aides and thank them also, with a copy to the legislator. You can seldom say "thank you" too much.

• Length
• Make the letter one page or less, covering only one subject. If handwritten, make sure it is very legible; otherwise, type it. Avoid computer print-out letters that take on the appearance of a form letter. NEVER send form letters.
• Get to the point quickly. Do not expect the legislator to have to study your letter to understand your request.
• Attach supporting information, rather than including it in the body of the letter.

• Style
• Letters should be brief, dignified, sincere and respectful.
• Make it your letter, written in your style. Do not use your company's stationery, unless you are writing on their behalf with their permission.
• Be specific, factual and positive.

• DO NOT be argumentative, call anyone names or make threats such as "I'll never vote for you again."

• Format
• Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope and letter - an anonymous letter will be ignored.
• Be sure to use correct salutations:

• Content
• Be specific. State why you are writing, what you want your legislator to do, where, and when. Make your request reasonable and possible to accomplish; ask for specific action.
• If you are writing about a specific bill, state the bill's number, title, author, and the committee to which it has been assigned.

• Note how the legislation will affect your district, using specific facts and case examples, if possible.
• Provide reasons for your position on the issue/bill. Explain the effect the bill could have on people in the legislator's district.
• Avoid name dropping, but if there are several different groups on whose behalf you are writing, mention them in the letter. Avoid mentioning them if they are groups of whom the legislator disapproves.
• Use statistics sparingly and carefully. Cite only one or two key ones. Concentrate on providing a brief case example with a few key facts. Make sure the facts are accurate. If you are not sure, don't use them.
• Request an answer to your letter, asking the legislator to advise you how he/she will vote or at least how he/she feels about your issue.
• Be sensitive to the legislator's demanding schedule and agenda. Be selective and set priorities among your issues. Let them know how you arrived at this issue as a priority.

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Advocacy Do's

- ✓ Thank legislators for meeting with you and for their support or consideration, even if they are against you. You may need their vote in the future.
- ✓ Be professional, courteous, positive, direct, clear, concise and factual.
- ✓ Do your homework.
- ✓ Always follow up with information you have promised.
- ✓ Follow up a visit or telephone call to a legislator with a thank you letter.
- ✓ Type your fact sheets, letters and testimony. Be sure they include how you can be reached.
- ✓ Attend legislative hearings, committee meetings, budget sessions, and floor votes.
- ✓ Establish a reputation for reliability and credibility.
- ✓ Show your legislator how your legislative platform will help his/her district.
- ✓ Treat your legislator as you would like to be treated.

Advocacy Don'ts

- X Don't go public on an issue until you've touched base with all interested parties.
- X Don't make decisions on your bill without first consulting the bill's sponsors.
- X Don't give inaccurate information.
- X Don't be rude to a legislator or aide.
- X Don't make moral judgements based on a vote or issue.
- X Don't ask the public to support or oppose candidates based on their position on an issue.
- X Don't begin by saying, "As a citizen and taxpayer..."
- X Don't send form letters.
- X Don't send letters of more than one page.
- X Don't write members of the House when the vote is in the Senate, and vice versa.
- X Don't bypass your legislator, and then contact one from another district for help.

11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
November 10, 2004

Petition for Writ of Mandamus Conditionally Granted

In re Mike Orsagh, Orig. Pro. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Appeals Dismissed

Jonathan Sapp v. Federated Financial Company, Ector. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Vecentie Morales, Jr. v. Bombardier, Inc., Comanche. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Motions Submitted & Granted

Jamie Lynn Allred v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Roy Lee Steinke v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

William Lawrence Wint v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's second motion

for extension of time to file brief.

John Richard Warren, Jr. v. Warren Equipment Company; Compressor Systems, Inc.; Carole V. Burkett; Steven C. Lindgren; Richard D. Folger; T. Milton Honea; Jerrold M. Jung; and Robert L. Stillwell, Midland. Appellees' unopposed motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Timothy Wayne Buchanan v. State of Texas, Borden. Appellant's pro se motion to reinstate jurisdiction to the 132nd Judicial District Court for an out of time motion for new trial.

Volo Al Nelson v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's pro se motion for default judgment.

In the matter of P.B.B., a juvenile, Brown. Appellee's (State) fourth motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the interest of V.L.T., M.H., Jr., and P.R., children, Brown. Appellee's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Read The Classifieds



By Mike Cox Texas secretary of state Connor steps down

AUSTIN - No one found the post-election cabinet shuffle in Washington particularly out of the ordinary, but back at the ranch in Texas, Secretary of State Geoff Connor announced his intention to step down at the end of the year. Of course, secretary of state in Texas is vastly different from being U.S. secretary of state. In Texas, the office oversees a very important process - the election system. Gov. Rick Perry is expected to name Weatherford businessman J. Roger Williams as Connor's replacement. Williams has been a major fund-raiser for President George W. Bush. The appointment would mark the 105th secretary of state in Texas history.

Prefiling begins...

With the next legislative session only two months away, lawmakers have begun prefiling bills. An early eye-catcher is Rep. Warren Chisum's (R-Pampa) bill proposing submission to Texas voters of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a sanctioned relationship open only to male-female couples. That will assure Texas plenty of national media attention. Other prefiled bills would create a school voucher system, allow law enforcement officers to set up DWI check points, install a business activity tax to replace the existing franchise

tax, restore funding for low-cost children's health insurance (as well as those who are employed but poor) and require record votes in the House and Senate.

Supreme Court judge named...

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Houstonian David Medina, his former legal counsel, to the Texas Supreme Court. Medina will fill the vacancy created when Perry elevated Wallace Jefferson to chief justice to replace Tom Phillips, who retired earlier this year. The 46-year-old Medina served as a district judge in Harris County from 1996 to 2000. "This is a highly qualified jurist who has lived his life in a way that is admirable," Perry said after announcing Medina's appointment. "I let his record speak for itself." Two years after he left the bench, Medina was charged with driving while intoxicated. His trial ended in a hung jury. Medina pleaded guilty to making an improper lane change, paid a fine and the original charge was dismissed, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Heflin-Vo race update...

Harris County election officials have declared Democrat Hubert Vo the winner in a close race against 11-term incumbent Rep. Talmadge Heflin, but Heflin is expected to request a recount or file a challenge. Once absentee and provisional ballots had been reviewed, Harris County officials said that Vo led Heflin 20,693 to 20,662, a difference of only 31 votes. The final outcome has implications well beyond Houston. Heflin is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful posts in the Legislature.

Changing retirement rules...

During the last legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill providing for a golden parachute for state employees willing to retire early. Those who qualified could leave with a one-time payment amounting to 25 percent of their annual salary. Now the buzz is that some thought is being given to an opposite strategy: changing the Employee Retirement System's Rule of 80 (a state employee can retire if his age and years of service add up to 80) to a Rule of 85. Unless the change comes with a grandfather clause, that could postpone quite a few state employee retirements.

Eastland/Callahan County Newspaper Employee Of The Month For November

Vanessa Clement of Cisco is Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers employee of the month for November.



Vanessa Clement

She is our classifieds manager and does nearly all of the typesetting for the inside pages of our five newspapers. She has worked at the newspaper for 12 years.

Vanessa is a very valuable employee to the company, although very quiet and stays mainly in the background.

Vanessa received a plant

from Heaven Sent Floral/ Eastland Floral in Eastland.

Texas Farm Bureau 71st Annual Convention

Texas largest group of farmers and ranchers are headed to San Antonio for the TFB's 71st convention.

Delegates from 207 County Farm Bureaus meet annually to formulate policy positions for the coming year, with the business session and election of officers and president scheduled for Monday, December 6.

U.S. Senator John Cornyn will speak to the Farm Bureau convention on Sunday at 1 p.m. TFB President Kenneth Dierschke will deliver his annual address on Sunday at

approximately 2 p.m. Governor Rick Perry will address the delegates on Monday at 11 a.m. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will speak Monday at 1:30 p.m.

The youth contests associated with TFB's scholarship program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 4.

WHEN: December 4-6 (Saturday through Monday)

WHERE: San Antonio Marriott River Center and River Walk Hotels

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

'Ear Bobs' and Second Chances

Too much is expected, I think, of today's youngsters if we think they're going to recognize terms we tossed about conversationally a half-century ago. They're apt to manage "Of-course-I-know-what-you're-talking-about" smiles, but they are bluffing for sure. They hope such words will go away and never be heard again. Bluffs are big in every generation.

If you disagree with this observation, you likely are bluffing. It's like the guy who argues that if you believe you have no faults, you can add one more to the list.

Anyways, this was a generational thing. The young undertaker had been trained to cope with all situations that could reasonably be anticipated, but so are teachers, doctors, lawyers and the rest. No matter how intense and detailed the training may be, teachers readily admit that many real-life situations encountered up the way will fall into the vast crevices of the unexpected, unknown and/or unexplored. Such situations are simply facts of life to be faced straight on, then usually tossed aside with a laugh.

I digress. The young undertaker smiled confidently when the woman dropped off a pair of brooches. Her mom, whose body was soon to lie in state at the funeral home, had loved them so. They had jeweled initials of her name, and her "Sunday dress" seemed always to be capped off with the heavy

jewelry.

"Mother loved these brooches, and I just know would want them on," the daughter said. When she handed them to him, his hand dropped like a plane hitting an air pocket. (Thrown, they would have been lethal weapons.)

"These are really heavy," he thought, but he assured her the brooches would be included as adornment was finalized.

The "search engine" in his mind was purring. "What in the world are brooches?" he pondered. At mortuary school, they mentioned that some folks would insist that favorite "ear bobs" should be on grandma's ears.

Aha!, he thought. Wheels turned as his thoughts tumbled about. Maybe "ear bobs" clip on and brooches are for pierced ears, he reasoned. He remembered that the woman was glancing at her mom's ears, so maybe that was a clue, too.

A few hours later, she was back to make sure her mom looked "just right" for the upcoming viewing. "I think the brooches would look better on her dress than her ears," she observed, sighing as if recognizing instantly that it was a generational thing.

"You get another chance," she said, and sailed off on a quick errand while the young mortician made amends. He resolved that in the future when he didn't know, he'd simply ask. That's a good thing.

Similarly, the young radio personality was fairly bursting with desire to use a "brand new" word: "verbatim." He THOUGHT he knew its meaning. Alas, he got it backwards.

That's right. He guessed at it, his bluff verbalized. "I don't recall the exact words," he purred. "But verbatim, the victim said."

A young preacher faced a hairy situation. Church fathers gathered to discuss the issue. Several hours deep into deliberations, a deacon asked, "What did they teach you to do at seminary in situations like this?"

"At seminary, they taught us NEVER to get into situations like this," he admitted. Yep, after the "play-likes," theories and case studies comes real life. And a mighty big heap of it falls between the cracks.

Paul Harvey will have a field day with Martha Stewart's recent announcement of her plans to write a book about her incarceration. Initially, she feigned desires to begin her prison stretch ASAP so she could be out in time to plant her spring garden.

Just as we thought! Now we know "the rest of the story." Martha understands publishing deadlines, press runs, book promotions and sales cycles. Lessee, if she's out of the brig in February, finishes her book in April, completes proofing by July, has them in hand by September and then reviews/interviews/signings in October, guess what? Why that will be just in time for St. Nick.

Yeah, this falls into the "dog bites man" category. You can bet Martha's not bluffing, and that's the truth.

Letter To The Editor

Open Letter

(Ed. Note: The following is condensed from material submitted by James Duane McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel is a 2002 winner of *The Defender of the Constitution Award*.)

Would You Do These Things?

Stress that the first ten amendments are the people's inalienable rights - not the Federal Governments. Without these rights we would not be a free people.

All our Federal Government employees are paid by the people. All the money the government has is paid by the people.

Focus on all ten amendments, not just the second. They are bound by oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States.

Congress can make or dispose of all needful rules respecting the territory or other properties belonging to the United States, but our first ten amendments do not belong to the Federal Government.

Several times, the provision for the common defense is listed.

It is the duty of Congress to provide for the common defense. The second amendment provides for this order. If it were not for the second amendment, every

person would need a security guard.

The law cannot protect us all, and that is why Thomas Jefferson included the second amendment.

The first ten amendments belong solely to the people and each amendment has an absolute purpose for every

citizen and taxpayer of the United States.

We all need to know the meaning of each word in the ten amendments.

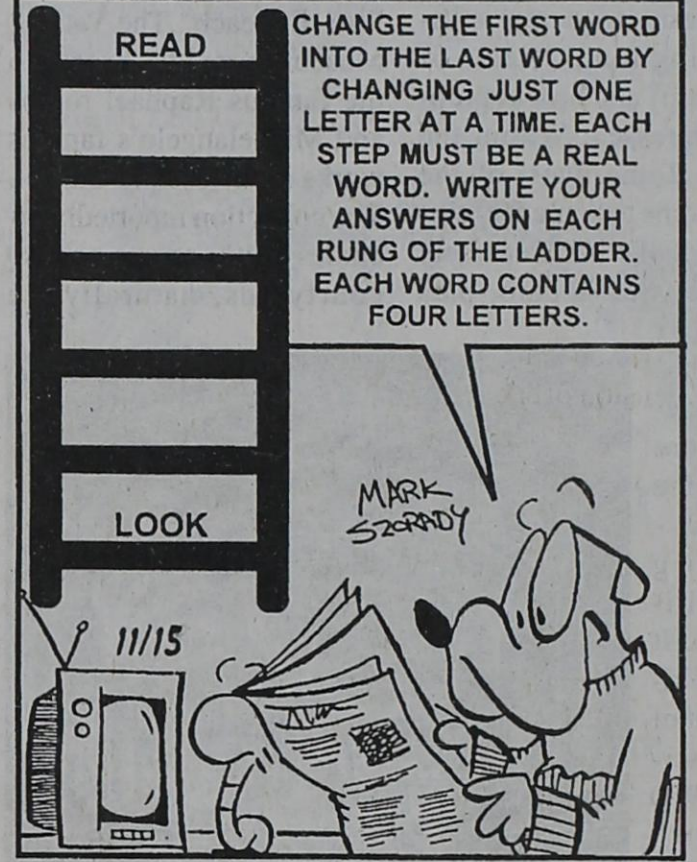
I took an oath in 1962 to protect and defend our Constitution. I still abide by it, as all American Veteran soldiers should.

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George's Word Ladder

By Mark Szorady



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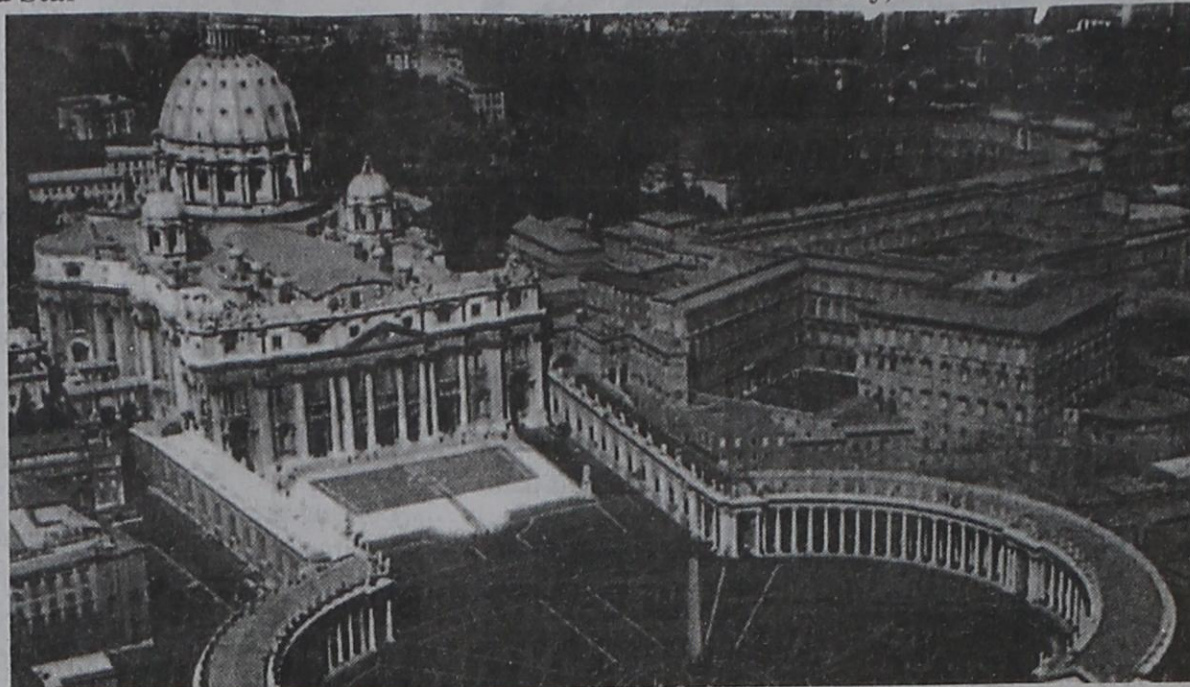
Guest Slot

By HV, GN & V
VATICAN CITY

In a separate state of splendor, it is often the mundane that burns such a memory in your brain. Such was the case in our recent visit to the Vatican in Rome that we actually saw the famous Swiss Guards in their gaudy Michelangelo-designed uniforms. We actually saw a changing of the guard of the young men that their long lances...It was Vance's first look at "the smallest state (established in 1929) in the world as the walled center of the largest (108 acres) spiritual kingdom, "seat of Catholicism" and he was properly impressed. Within the city of Rome, west of the Tiber, home to some 500 citizens, half of whom represent the Holy See aboard, plus another 300 authorized to reside there while maintaining their citizenship. It is the spiritual seat of an estimated 950 million Catholics of all the world's continents. The Vatican actually owns over 1,000 acres, in-

cluding the Pontifical Villas and an office Center. The taxi dropped Gaynell, Vance and I off at the entrance to the Museum far behind the basilica at an early afternoon when the lines were shorter. (Later we saw l-o-n-g lines waiting to get into the museums. You start there because the galleries close at 4:45; you can do St. Peter's much later...Museum entry fee is E12 each, unguided; tour guide at the Uffizi in Florence, E30; Basilica di Santa Maria Novella also in Florence, E5 each; the church in Pisa, E6. each...The Vatican Museum provides access to the famous Raphael rooms and Michelangelo's famous works in the Sistine Chapel. The collection reportedly includes 1,400 rooms and 20 courtyards; naturally we

didn't do that much although when we got through our feet thought we had...The many galleries, which are an art lover's delight are just the prelude to the famous Sistine Chapel...The museums began as early as 1506 when one of the popes moved his private collection of statues and other pieces to the religious center. And the collections just grew and grew. One pope later considered some of the pieces unsuitable for the Vatican. Late in the 18th century, archaeology and art history "came of age" and the dedication to expanding the collections grew. Michelangelo and an assistant were picked to design more spaces for the expanding collections. Napoleon virtually sacked the exhibits in 1797 when more than 500 wagons hauled away to Paris the most famous works. In later treaties, some pieces were returned and three master pieces of Raphael (The Transfiguration, Crowning of the Virgin and the Madonna of Folligno) were added. All of these and more are avail-



St. Peter's Basilica

able to the public in the MANY rooms, but be sure to wear comfortable shoes because the 40,000 square meters of the 12 museums cover a route fully seven kilometers long. And be prepared to share the viewing--as many as three million visitors enjoy the treasures. Libraries and collections--gold and silver--abound; opened on rotating basis...Is this the No. One Art Collection in the world?...And then there's the Sistine Chapel, that's a whole

other fantasy...Everybody knows the Michelangelo story and the magnificent ceiling and his Last Judgment. The restoration of the ceiling and chapel has left the paintings breath-taking and full of light and life again. The Chapel is huge but shoulder-to-shoulder viewers with ever constant movement toward the exit, gives

little time to view the many scenes. We remember it being less packed and hurried in '92 when we visited but not as beautiful as now. (We passed on this when we were in Rome for Luke's birth in '96). Also, the crowd is constantly admonished to "keep it quiet." (Next: St. Peter's Basilica and The Pieta)



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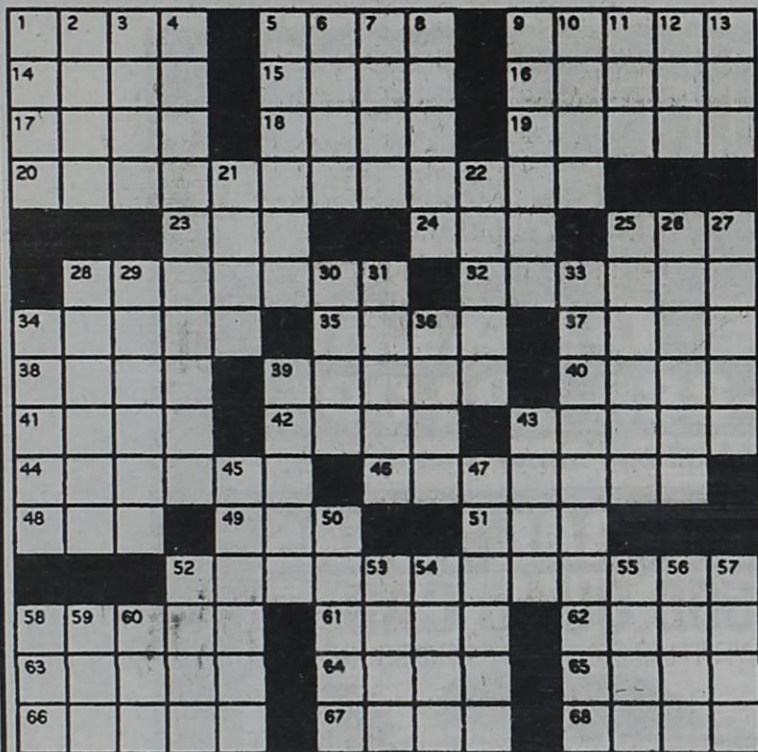
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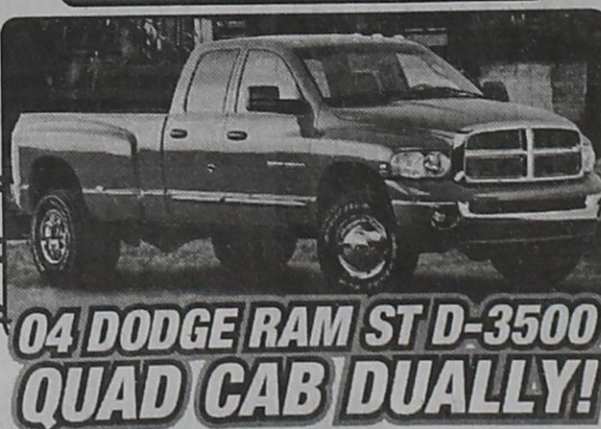
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Disney's 'National Treasure' To Show At Majestic

The Majestic Theater will have another family-type film next weekend, this one featuring action, adventure, and a bit of history included.

"The National Treasure" will open at the Majestic on Friday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., and show the same time nightly through Monday, Nov. 22.

Admission will be the usual \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats \$5.50 to adults only.

The picture is rated PG. Jerry Bruckheimer is the producer, and Nicholas Cage has the role of Benjamin Francis Gates, a treasure-hunter.

Other leading parts are played by Diane Kruger and Sean Bean.

In the story, Gates is intent on proving his ancestors were right when they argued that the Founding Fathers hid an unimaginable treasure from the British during the American Revolution.

He suspects the directions are in a map hidden on the back of the Declaration of Independence, and is determined to get it. His expartner (Sean Bean) is also determined to steal it.

Cage's character seeks out clues that have been passed

down to him from his grandfather, leading to the discovery of the secret information.

He has a perilous journey in trying to unravel this mystery.

"I really wanted 'National Treasure' to have a lot of elements that were based on reality," says producer Bruckheimer. "Some films can be more far-fetched, certainly, but others gain by being more grounded."

Much of this picture was filmed around Boston, with other episodes in Philadelphia.

Most people will find it interesting and filled with information.

Senator Fraser Presented AUSA Exceptional Service Award

Austin — State Senator Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, has been awarded the Citation for Exceptional Service in Support of National Defense by the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) for his efforts leading to the expansion of State Highway 195, a key deployment route from Fort Hood

"I am deeply honored to be recognized by such a prestigious organization like AUSA, and especially humbled by the appreciation expressed by its Central Texas-Fort Hood chapter in nominating me for this award," Fraser said.

"Now more than ever, when our nation's interests are threatened, Fort Hood units must be able to meet the call, and quickly," Fraser said. "Upgrading State Highway 195 had to be made a priority both in terms of national defense and protecting Central Texas motorists."

Once known locally in Central Texas as the notorious "Highway of Death," State Highway 195 claimed the lives of 21 Fort Hood soldiers and Central Texans between 1996 and 1998, according to newspaper accounts, many of them in head on collisions.

After taking office in 1997, Fraser, along with then Fort-Hood Commanding General Leon LaPorte began a campaign to persuade state highway officials to expand and redesign the road.

During the 1999 legislative session, Fraser authored Senate Bill 606 requiring the Texas Department of Transportation to work with Texas military installations to assess the condition of strategic deployment routes and identify those that require further construction, maintenance or expansion.

Subsequent to the legislation, TxDOT officials agreed to complete the study and make recommendations for highway improvements to speed the movement of troops and equipment.

"Senator Troy Fraser has led the fight for an expansion of the Texas state highway system to ease and make

safer both civilian and military movement to and from Fort Hood," said Ralph Gauer, AUSA's former Central Texas-Fort Hood chapter president.

"Many participated in this region wide effort and rightly deserve praise," Gauer said. "But for more than seven years, the point man on this effort has been Senator Troy Fraser."

"Senator Fraser kept the state and more specifically the Department of

Transportation focused on the mission," Gauer said. "Today, real progress is measured in miles of newly constructed highway that directly supports the movement need of Fort Hood and all in Central Texas."

AUSA is a national, non-profit association with more than 112,000 members and 128 chapters that works to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interests of the U.S. Army, including active duty, National Guard and Reserve units, as well as retirees and family members.

Cold Rain Hits County

A low pressure system spinning around Arizona and Northern Mexico decided to visit Texas last Saturday afternoon.

Cold, gray skies turned into drenching rains, and these continued throughout the night.

Sunday was no better, with about any type of wet weather you could want. The temperature still hung around 40 degrees, and everything alive hunted for cover.

A snowstorm pushed across New Mexico, driving as far as Lubbock and into the Texas Panhandle. The higher elevations had a foot or more of snow.

But Central Texas kept getting the intermittent rain. By Monday ditches were running deep, unpaved roads were soggy, and all the low places were filling up with water.

Monday afternoon Callahan County was flagged in red on the weather maps - a flood warning. Eastland, Stephens and Brown County had a flood watch.

By late Monday the heaviest of this surge of rain had moved northeast, leaving patchy fog behind.

But another line of heavy rain was hanging along the New Mexico border, and was expected to hit the Callahan-Eastland County area sometime Tuesday. Unless that turns some other direction, we are in for some high water!

But something good is coming of this - Lake Cisco is catching some water!. Randy Johnson, out at the pumping station, reports that the lake has caught three inches, with more running in. He said the rain had

totaled 3.6 inches in that area.

The town of Cisco had that much rain or more, and 4.75 inches has fallen southeast of town.

Bill Powell, Superintendent of the Eastland County Water Supply District, is keeping his eyes on the Leon River, which carries water into Lake Leon.

He reported Monday afternoon that it was running bank full, on both the North and South Forks.

He said that Lake Leon stood at 1372.5 ft., making the lake just two and one-half ft. below the spillway. He expected the water to go over the spillway before this rainy spell is finished.

Powell said that the rain

totals around Ranger at about 2.75 inches, probably less than in Eastland or south of Cisco. Carbon reportedly had about three inches.

Powell has been out on the country roads, and reports that the barrow ditches are full of water. But he's not complaining - you can be sure of that!

One interesting thing is to see the oak trees drink up this rain, just as they are getting ready to change color. But all the vegetation is really soaking this up, including wheat and rye in the fields.

Here it is deer season, and the deer are probably hiding out in the densest liveoaks they can find. Not many hunters are out in the rain either.

We, like them, are waiting to see if the next line of rain comes in as predicted.

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An Agenda for the Future

There are elections in which everyone knows that "the people have spoken" but they don't always know exactly what the people have said. This November's election was different. Not only did the people speak, they spoke clearly. They supported President George W. Bush and want Congress to do the people's work without political obstruction.

We have important tasks ahead of us. First, we have the War on Terror. President Bush believes this war is not a localized matter confined to a single country. It is a worldwide struggle. We are battling fanatics who kidnap and behead civilians and shoot fleeing children in the back. There can be no dialogue with such people, and the American people understand this. The War on Terror not only involves providing our troops with everything they need, it also involves making needed reforms to our security agencies to help us defend our homeland.

The voters in this election also delivered a verdict on domestic policies. They decisively rejected obstructionism because they desire Republicans and Democrats to work together. For instance, the Senate

should take action on the President's judicial nominees. For years, qualified candidates have been denied a vote for confirmation despite having the support of a bipartisan majority in the Senate. I will work with my colleagues to ensure these nominees get a vote.

The American people want Congress to make family tax relief permanent. Texans also want us to make the state sales tax deduction permanent. Eliminated 18 years ago, I and my colleagues were able to restore it for 2004 and 2005 and save the average Texas family of four more than \$928 in federal taxes each year.

Tax simplification is also on the agenda. One proposal is the Flat Tax to replace our present multi-tiered system with a single rate. Another option is to adopt a National Sales Tax in place of income and payroll taxes.

Our country also hungers for leadership to ensure the long-term survival of our Social Security system. With 70 million baby boomers in this country on the verge of retirement, we need to take action to shore up the system. President Bush's proposal guarantees those who have already retired, or are close

to retirement, will receive the benefits they have been promised. His plan will also let Americans voluntarily choose to deposit part of their Social Security payments in private accounts which have historically yielded higher returns than payments into the Social Security program.

In this uncertain world, Americans want to see our nation move to reduce our dependence on foreign energy by encouraging domestic exploration and production. This will spur the growth of our economy and create jobs. Efforts to move in this direction were blocked in the past, but now we have a chance to move forward.

Another issue of special interest to me is achieving greater fairness in the federal funding of our highway systems. Highway construction is largely funded by the federal fuel taxes we all pay when we fill up our cars and trucks. Unfortunately, federal highway funding has traditionally provided far greater funds to states in the Northeast than in the Southwest, making states like Texas "donor" states because we get back less in highway funds than we send to Washington. Over the past 47 years, Texas drivers have contributed \$5 billion to other states so they can build their highway networks. This is not fair, and makes less sense than ever, because our state has more highway miles than any other state.

When I first came to Washington, Texans only



Church Building Underway In Eastland

by Lisa Linscott

Travelers along Hwy. 112 (North Seaman St.) north of Eastland will note an attractive church being constructed just east of the road.

This is the new Cross Timbers Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is being planned as a worship/ministry center for the area.

Jim Ferguson is the Pastor, and Lyle Linscott of Cisco and Tom Loggins of Eastland are the local Elders of this congregation.

The church is scheduled to be finished in early 2005. The public will be invited to

received 76 cents out of every dollar paid on fuel taxes. By increasing that level to 90.5 cents, we gained an additional \$1.23 billion for Texas. If we are successful in pushing the share up to 95 cents, Texas will gain over \$160 million per year additional highway funding.

While Congress and the President still have a great deal of work to do, I am confident we will make progress.

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The church here will be part of an organization which reaches into most countries of the world with the gospel of Christ.

Worship services here will include gospel preaching, hymn singing, children's classes and story time, and Bible study classes. Visitors are always encouraged to come and take part.

Adventists specialize in

Bible study, community service, medical work, education, disaster relief, and many other types of ministries.

Special programs being planned here include music fests, sacred concerts, seminars on health and lifestyle issues, as well as classes in Bible prophecy for the community.

The local group hopes to become more than "just another church" here, but a real asset to the community.

Tobacco Chewers Invited To Participate In Great American Smokeout On Thursday

Millions of smokers have used the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout to help them quit or reduce their tobacco use. The opportunity to quit is just as important for smokeless tobacco users. A unique resource to help chewers and dippers quit is now available: the ChewFree.com website. Sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, ChewFree.com is free, self-help quitting program offered as part of a research study by Oregon Research Institute.

"Many people mistakenly

believe that chewing tobacco and snuff are safe alternatives to smoking," says Dr. Herb Severson of Oregon Research Institute, the project director. "In fact, regular use of these products leads to cancer of the mouth, other cancers, and heart disease, as well as a wide variety of dental problems." Smokeless tobacco may be a factor in 9,000 U.S. cancer deaths each year. More than 6 million Americans use smokeless tobacco products regularly.

The ChewFree.com quitting program addresses the special difficulties faced by chew and snuff users, who have fewer quitting resources than do smokers. All participants will have access to a website containing information and quitting resources that have already helped thousands of chewers to quit. Participants are asked to complete research questionnaires on-line to help evaluate the program.

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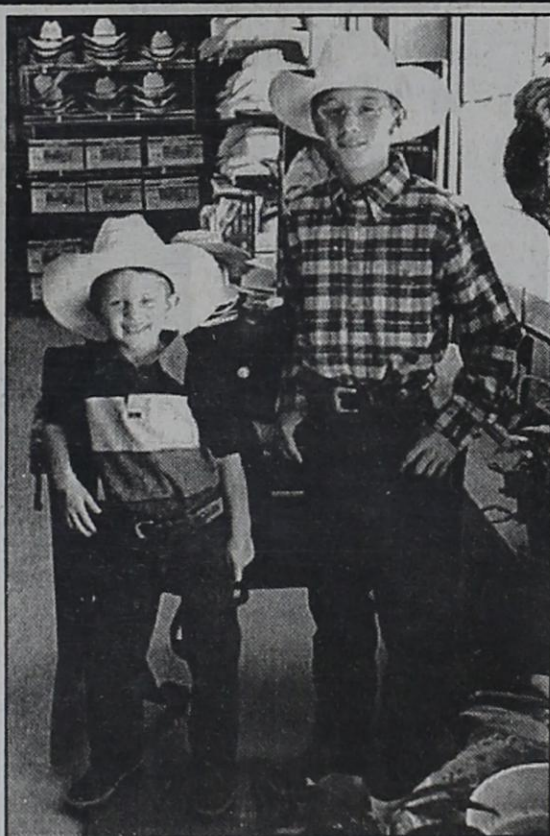


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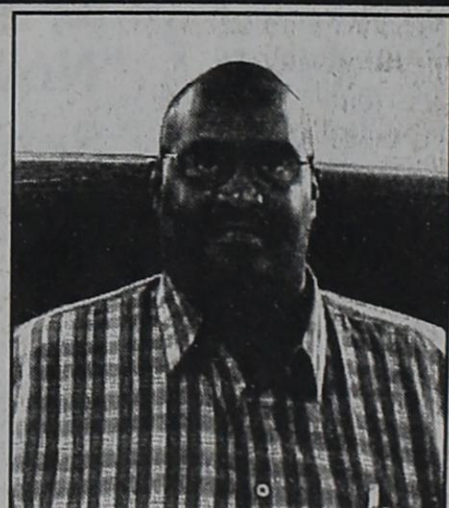
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News From Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum

The board members of the Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum met on Friday November 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Lela Latch Lloyd room of the museum. Initial Incorporator and President of the board Dr. Duane Hale opened the meeting and distributed the agenda as well as some expense reports. All of the board members were present including Jerry Eckhart (Cisco), Carolyn Page Broughton (Cisco), Robert Fox (Eastland), and Ruth Schaefer Stewart, Secretary (Cisco).

The Board members and Dr. Hale expressed how much they missed former board member, the late Bill Philpott. It will be difficult to fill his shoes. He had such a great influence in our community and beyond. He will be so greatly missed.

Renovations

Dr. Hale reported that the renovation for three days in May was very successful. Keith Wills, the former president of the Texas Treasure Clubs Council, and Jerry Eckhart from Cisco coordinated the effort with volunteers from metal detector clubs across the state. Money was donated from the Central Texas Metal Detector Club (Brownwood), the Lone Star Club (Irving), the Austin Metal Detector Club (Austin), and the Houston Archeological Society, and others with a total of \$800. During the three day project newly designed custom doors were put on the back garage area and some lighting was added to the garage area as well as some of the other display areas. A former storage room was changed into a display room with a new ceiling, lighting, and blue carpet. The new display room will be mostly dedicated to showing some of the findings of metal detecting clubs across the state of Texas.

Dr. Hale mentioned that most of the renovations are completed now after working on the formerly abandoned building for about four years. The next thing on the list is to paint the hallway walls outside the balcony area of the upstairs.

Loans and Acquisitions

Dr. Hale reports that several items have been loaned or donated to the museum. One of the most challenging to move was the heavy linotype machine from the former Cisco Printing and Stationery, generously donated by Mike Sitton and the Sitton Estate. Harris Miller has donated some Texas flags that hang in the newest display room. Other items include a McClellan Cavalry Saddle from the 1880's, donated by Tim Reich; a horse collar and hames, loaned by Duane Hale; a petrified dinosaur tooth donated by Bill Stephens, a coffee grinder, loaned by Harry Watson; and

a water color painting of an oil well between Cisco and Eastland, loaned and painted by Mike Sitton.

Layden Stroud donated a Cisco Fighting Knife from WWII made by Walter Clements; Paul Foreman donated an 1819 copy of Captain John Smith and loaned a Bowie Knife and scabbard; Jim and Pam Krabill of Cisco donated one antique rocker and loaned a 1959 dinning set and one old roaster with stand; Voy Wilks loaned two giant stone clam shells, one small clam shell, one ammonite, and three stone sea shells; O. M. Abbott of Brownwood donated one 1943 silver dollar, some barber shears, one razor strap, and a picture of the swimming pool and dam; Peggy Housh Collier donated the pencil collection (fifty pencils dating to the 1040s and 1950s) of her father C. H. (Bob) Housh of Cisco; Duane Hale loaned a 45-70 Springfield rifle that dates 1884, an 1873 Winchester rifle, and the gold plated commemorative 30-30 Winchester.

Activities & Expenditures

The Lela Latch Lloyd Museum has been used by several groups including the local radio station KCER. During March and May they held musicals and a Miss KCER contest, which were well attended.

The Southwest Searchers meets at the museum on the second Monday of each month and has members from Abilene, Comanche, Brownwood, and Fort Worth in attendance. There have also been several school class reunions that have had the museum as a major destination.

The board members of Cisco Writers Club met at the museum in the summer.

Several visitors from out of town have signed the guest book.

Expenditures for the year 2001 were a total of \$7,038.87. Of that amount \$2,922 was donated from individuals (\$1,000 was donated by the Lions' Club, and they promised to donate \$500 per year for the next few years). Duane Hale donated \$4,116.81 of the total amount.

Historical Projects

Researcher Duane K. Hale and Producer Cliff Williams have just released a new CD of the fiddle music of Bryant Houston, the "Texas Mockingbird Genius." The C.D.'s are for sale at the Lela Latch Memorial Museum, the Cisco Press, and the Eastland County Newspaper

office in Eastland.

On Friday November 5 author Steve Wilson brought several copies of his book *The Spider Rock Treasure: A Texas Mystery of Lost Spanish Gold* to the Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum. He gives credit to Dr. Hale for much of the research in the book and notes that some important artifacts are located at the Lela Latch Memorial Museum. The book is to go on sale at Wal-Mart soon and Dr. Hale speculates that readers of the book will be interested in seeing the artifacts at the local museum.

Both the Music CD and the new book can be purchased through the museum for a donation of \$15.00 and \$25 respectively.

Board member Ruth Schaefer Stewart, a retired school teacher who is attending T.S.T.C. in Breckenridge, has started the process of designing an interactive tutoring software program about geological features and historical places of Eastland County. She hopes that it can be used by students and all persons interested in the history of Eastland County. Dr. Hale, Robert Fox, and others have been very helpful in helping to find resources for the project. She has recently been designated as secretary of the Eastland Historical Commission which meets at different locations in Eastland County to discuss historical projects. Mrs. Stewart has also placed one of her paintings of Lake Cisco on loan to the local Conrad Hilton Museum in Cisco.

Board member Jerry Eckhart is in the process of writing another book. He says that the recent reprint of Mrs. George Langston's 1904 book about Eastland County is already just about sold out.

Visitors

The exes from various class reunions have been very enthusiastic about the preservation of the historic

Cisco City Hall and the items in the Museum. Some say that the auditorium reminds them of the old Cisco High School that used to be on seventh street. They are looking forward to coming to visit the museum during the All School Reunion in June of 2005.

The guest book contains names of guests from several cities in the State of Texas and other states as well. Here are a few of them from Texas: Pasadena, Abilene, Fort Worth, May, San Antonio, Austin, Copell, Jacksboro, Huntsville, Waco, Brownwood, Conroe, Plano Temple, Cedar Creek,



O.M. Abbott and daughter, Sherry, in front of the showcase filled with items they donated to the Lela Latch Lloyd Museum in Cisco - two WWII rifles, one Japanese pistol and other items.

Hewitt, Midland, Denton, Gilmer, Lampasas, Lubbock, San Angelo Houston, and Eastland. Visitors have come from various states including Meza, Arizona; Redlands, California; Minnesota, Maine; and Mississippi.

There were also visitors from these locations: Stephenville, Texas; Irving, Texas; Canyon Lake, Texas; Cypress, Texas; Mesquite, Texas; Yukon, Oklahoma; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Ranger, Texas; Lake Leon, Texas; Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Sand Springs, Oklahoma; Tylertown, Mississippi; Putnam, Texas; Bangs, Texas; Sidney, Texas; Riverside, California; Clyde, Texas; Weatherford, Texas; Euless, Texas; White Settlement, Texas; and Lawton, Oklahoma.

Contributions and Thanks

Frank and Shirley Strawn of Abilene gave \$50 to the museum in honor of Mary Latch Carey who died this past summer, and also Judge Scott Bailey gave \$25 in honor of Gus Smothers. Posters are being made these three individuals and will be placed on the wall at the back of the auditorium upstairs. A poster-sized picture was also made in honor of the late Bill Philpott, who served as a board member for the Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum.

The Board Members wish to thank the various metal detecting clubs for their donation of time and money in the recent renovations at the museum. The Museum grounds and the adjoining park are kept beautifully by the efforts of Boyd Reynolds, Robert Fox, and Duane Hale. The picnic table painted by Charles Yardley has been enjoyed by several individuals and groups, and

retired people to stay involved with the community and to meet tourists.

The museum would like for the auditorium to be used more by clubs or individuals needing a group meeting place.

Visitors from Cisco and the local area are encouraged to drop by to see the progress of the museum. It has changed a great deal over the past few months.

Donations are always welcome and appreciated. The Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum, a 501 (C) 3 non-profit corporation, was started with a donation and continues to operate on donations from the public and building use fees. Anyone wishing to make a tax-exempt contribution in honor (or in memory) of someone is encouraged to do so. Donations may be sent to Dr. Duane K. Hale; 907 W. 14th Street; Cisco, Texas 76437.

More information about the Lela Latch Lloyd Memorial Museum can be obtained from the website: regates.com. The museum is usually open on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Anyone needing to schedule a visit may call Dr. Hale at (254) 442-2374.

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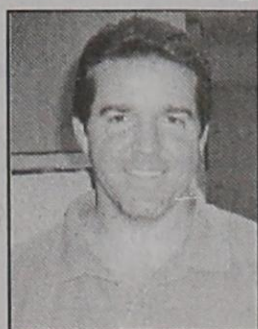
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Financing The Arts Requires The Art Of Financing

Texas can do more for the arts with public, private Partnership

submitted by Claudia Ladensohn, Chair of the Texas Commission on the Arts

there is never enough money for the arts in Texas. Not enough funds to ensure Texas children are receiving arts education to enhance the fundamentals they learn in school. Not enough for rural communities across the state to draw visitors through cultural attractions and spur economic growth. Not enough for individual painters and playwrights, sculptors and singers to create the next masterpieces that extend our state's rich heritage and inspire future generations of Texans.

But something can be done about the lack of arts funding without having to significantly increase the arts budget from limited public funds.

The Texas commission on the Arts (TCA) recently announced more than \$3.4 million in grants to large and small, urban and rural arts organization for fiscal year 2005. Of these, the Commission provided 440 grants totaling more than \$2.5 million to arts and cultural organizations and for arts education. Another \$891,657 was allocated for mini-grants, initiatives and partnerships.

Overall, TCA supported 98 percent of all eligible ap-

plications for financial support. However, arts organizations received an average of only 28 percent of their grant request. As the state agency responsible for the distribution of state funds to a diverse roster of arts organizations, we are not satisfied with what we have accomplished.

How can we be pleased when the number of organizations we are required to serve has increased nearly 400 percent in the past 20 years while public funding for the arts has actually decreased by four percent during the same period? (And that's without factoring in the inflation rate.)

How can we be content when TCA does not have the adequate funding to support Texas arts organizations, but we know we have the ability to generate a strong rate of return to support the arts and other state initiatives, such as education and economic development?

According to "The Arts, Culture and the Texas Economy," a comprehensive study conducted by The Perryman Group in 2001, every \$1 spent on cultural activities among the nonprofit arts sector generates more than \$298 in long-term cultural activities among the nonprofit arts sector generates more than \$298 in long-term cultural impact on the

economy and \$9.20 in state revenues.

Acknowledging that TCA has not been the only state commission or agency to be hit with a sharp decrease in state funding, we have also adjusted expectations as a result of a slower economy and less revenue from a variety of sources. To offset this budget pressure, the Legislature, in essence, required most state agencies to look to outside sources to help fill the gaps. TCA took the challenge in stride:

* For starters, our "State of the Arts" license plate has remained the best-selling, non-personalized specialty plate for nearly 10 years running, generating a total of \$3 million for TCA initiatives and grants. In fact, plate sales made up about eight percent of TCA's total budget last year.

* In addition, TCA has partnered with The Texas Music Project (www.texasmusicproject.org), which has now compiled three CDs of music from popular Texas artists ranging from Willie Nelson to Flaco Jimenez to Beyonce. TCA has distributed more than \$100,000 for arts education initiatives from the CD sale and benefit concert proceeds.

* And, long before last session's legislative request, TCA has partnered with corporations like Coca-Cola,

Neiman Marcus and SBC to sponsor important programs ranging from our Young Masters artist mentorship program to the first-of-its-kind Texas Cultural Endowment Fund. These companies have seen the impact their private dollars have had to the arts in Texas. They also trust that their private dollars to TCA, an accountable public entity, are being wisely used.

TCA operates on an extremely lean administrative budget with only 19 staff people to support more than 3,300 arts organizations across Texas. The staff has accomplished so much with so little. As a result, TCA serves as a model state agency recognized for its efficiency and effectiveness.

Yet with so few dollars available, efficiency and effectiveness can get TCA only so far. Simply put, the arts of Texas need greater funding. We recognize that the state has its budgetary priorities. That is why a cooperative effort among both public and private organizations to support the arts is vital to their success. Both private and public dollars must be used, and TCA is the mechanism by which this combination of dollars can be well spent. However, in order to encourage corporations and other major donors to support the effort, they must know the state is doing its fair share.

It is crucial during the upcoming legislative session that the State support and not penalize TCA and other commissions and agencies successfully meeting the re-

quirements set forth by the Legislature. In fact, TCA should be rewarded for its accomplishments. By awarding TCA its legislative request - a mere \$11 million from a total state budget of \$57.8 billion (FY 2005), or not even one fifth of one percent - TCA can make a stronger funding request to individuals, organizations and private endowments that the state is committed to preserving its diverse and unique heritage. Funding the arts in Texas

is much like the arts themselves. It takes discipline, inspiration, passion and a great deal of hard work. It also takes practice. Now is the time to take our 40 years of honed skills and turn these efforts into a masterpiece. The arts help our children do better in school. The arts enhance economic development in our communities. A renewed zeal is required to support the arts and our artists to capture the spirit of Texas.

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**Burton Phillips, VA
Officer, Brings Update
On War Memorial**

On Monday Burton Phillips, Eastland County Veterans Service officer, brought the County Commissioners a report on the Heart of Texas War Memorial being constructed in Brownwood.

The Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 801, are sponsoring this Memorial, which will be located at Memorial Park in Brownwood.

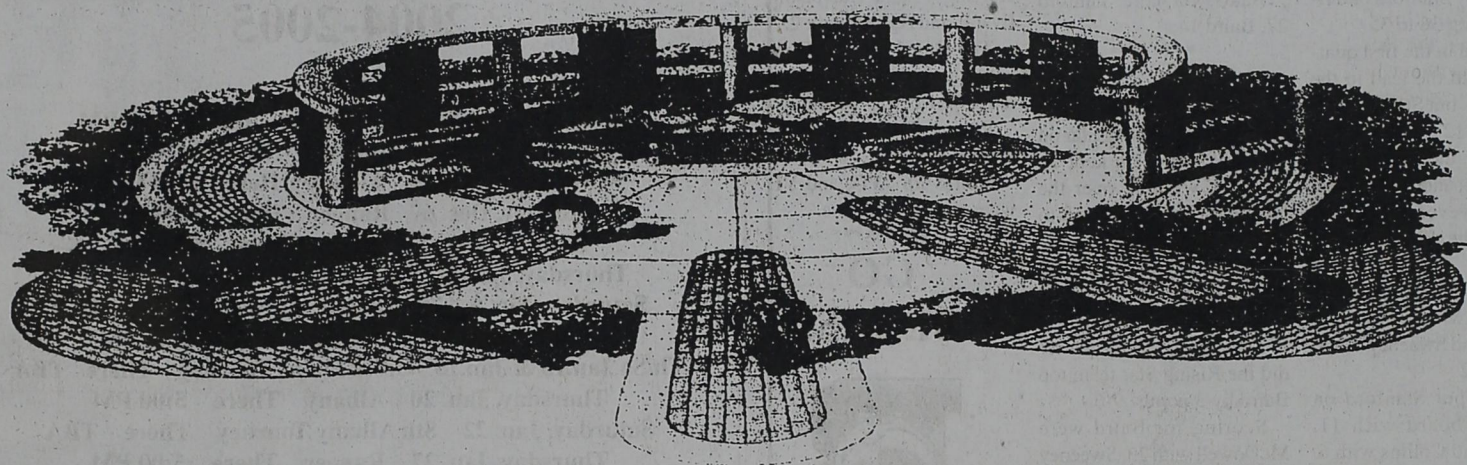
Engraved brick pavers are being sold to help fund the project.

Mr. Phillips invited all to have a part. He said that anyone who purchases several bricks can have them all placed in the same area.

He passed out material showing what the beautiful Memorial will look like when completed.

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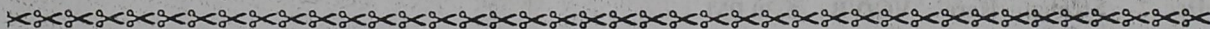
Plans are now underway for the construction of a new war memorial at Memorial Park in Brownwood, Texas. Engraved brick pavers are being sold to fund the project.

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Baird I. S. D. Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Nov. 17
Bologna & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 18
Turkey and Dressing, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cranberry Sauce, Milk

Friday, Nov. 19
Bear Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk

Nov. 22-23
Sraff Development

November 24, 25, 26
Thanksgiving Holiday

Baird Elementary Honor Roll

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 2nd six weeks grading period of 2004-2005. To qualify for the all A 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 nothing below an 80.

All A's
Bessent -4th
Esperanza Portillo, Kallie Pruet

Diller-5th
Katelynn Mithell

Clyburn - 6th
Alexis Almanzar, Cody Hunter, Sara Kunick, Alex Neal, Elisha Pritchett

Gerngross - 4th

Candis Gilley, Brenna Coffman

S. Williams - 5th
None

T. Williams - 6th
Michelle Robbins

A-B
Bessent - 4th
Teresa Espitia, Hannah Owens, Alexandra Villarreal

Diller - 5th
Melanie Cooper, Russel Hess, Chris Ramirez, Courtney Ringhoffer, Tyler White

Clyburn - 6th
Travis Brooks, Ivy Byram, Eric Ebeling, Jessica Nash

Gerngross - 4th
Kody Bryant, Amber Collins, Sofia Dominguez, Rachel Villarreal, Melissa Nash

S. Williams - 5th
Brittany Cook, Danielle

Farley, Letrisa Hernandez, Ty Rhoads, Adam Slate, Charlie Voigts

T. Williams - 6th
Colton Fox, Lauren Hare, Mackenzie Keller, Adolfo Portillo, Jameson Rountree, De Janira Valentin

Baird Junior High Honor Roll

The Baird Junior High is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 2nd six weeks grading period of 2004-2005. To qualify for the all A 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 nothing below an 80.

7th Grade
All A's
Fallon Donlan, Mitzy

McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Shelby Strickland

AB
Kristen Burns, Amber Clark, Alysa Isenhower, Andy Koch, Taylor Marks, Courtney Nail, Holley Owens, Brittney Russo, Jeremy Spencer, Rose Wamsley

8th Grade
All A's
Patsy Dugan, Darryl Fox, Emalie Green, Emily Tumbusch

AB
Ariel Banks, Becky Blair, Jessica Bowen, Angel Brooks, Chevin Brothers, Issac Dickey, Logan Donlan, John Edwards, Garrett Jennings, Lacy Jones, Jesse Mendez, Ashlen Murff, Billy Nail, Bradley Neal, Brcanna Patterson, Stephanie Rollins, Morgan White, Chris Whitworth

Baird Elementary Student of the Week

Jacob Daniels was recently named Student of the Week for Baird Elementary. Jacob is in Mrs. Barton's 3rd grade classroom. Jacob is 8 years old.

Jacob's favorite food is pizza. Jacob's favorite color is black. Jacob said he liked his teacher because she's nice. His favorite subject in school is spelling. Jacob said for fun he like to play tag.

by Fallon Donlan and Jessica King, 7th grade



Basketball Scores & Stats

Baird Varsity Girls squeezed by Stanford on Friday, winning 36 to 35.

Baird led in the first quarter 8-5, held the lead in the second 9-8, but Stanford rallied to lead 12-10 in the third, and 11-8 in the fourth.

It was not enough to tie the game, however, and Baird came out the winner by one point.

Scoring for Baird were McDowell with 23, Tollett 5, Johnston and Sweeney 3, and Neal with 2.

Manert put Stanford on the score board with 11, Hoadley and Collins with 6, McMeans, McLemore and Ford with 4.

After the game with Stanford, Baird VG stood 2-

0, Stanford 0-2.
Baird JVG score: Stanford 27, Baird 14.

Baird Varsity Girls booked a big win over Rising Star on Tuesday. The team kept up the heat, winning over the Eastland County team 58 to 34.

Baird dominated in three quarters; 1st with 13-7, 2nd with 20-11, and 4th with 19-7. Only in the third quarter did the Rising Star team top Baird by 3 points, 9-6.

Scoring for Baird were McDowell with 23, Sweeney 10, R. Tollett 9, B. Tollett 8, Windham 4, and Johnston and Neal both with 2.

Scoring for Rising Star

were Harris with 13, Hood 8, Herring 7, and Harrelson Evans, and Agnew with 2.

The Baird Varsity Girls now stand 3-0, and will challenge Newcastle on Friday.

Rising Star has a 1-2 record.

Scores for JVG, and VG were not yet available.

GO BEARS!



Baird J.H. Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Monday, Nov. 15 Cross Plains Here 5:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 22 Gorman There 5:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 29 Albany Here 5:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 6 Ranger Here 5:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 13 Eula There 5:00 PM
Thursday, Jan. 6 Cross Plains There 5:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 8 7th Albany Tourney There TBA
Monday, Jan. 10 Gorman Here 5:00 PM
Th/Sa Jan.13 & Jan.15 Cross Plains Tourney There TBA
Thursday, Jan. 20 Albany There 5:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 22 8th Albany Tourney There TBA
Thursday, Jan. 27 Ranger There 5:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 3 Eula Here 5:00 PM

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



BAIRD BEARS

Baird HS Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Tuesday, Nov. 16 Rising Star Here JVG/VG/VB 6:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 19 Newcastle There JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Monday, Nov. 22 Hawley There JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Tuesday, Nov. 23 Roscoe Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Tuesday, Nov. 30 Woodson There JVG/VG/VB 5:00 PM
Thr. - Sat., Dec. 2-4 Rising Star Tourney There VG/VB TBA
Thr. - Sat., Dec. 2-4 Hawley Tourney There JVG/JVB TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 7 Strawn Here VG/VB 6:30 PM
Thr. - Sat., Dec. 9-11 Lohn Tourney There VG/VB TBA
Monday, Dec. 13 Abilene Christian Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Friday, Dec. 17 Tolar There JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Mon. Wed. Dec. 27-29 Zephyr Tourney There VG/VB TBA
Friday, Dec. 31 Hamlin There JVB/VB 1:00 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 4 Abilene Christian There JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Friday, Jan. 7 DeLeon Here VB TBA

Superintendent: Cliff Gardner
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Head Boys Coach: Clay Barnett
Assistant: Luke Moody
Head Girls Coach: Lane Loyd
Assistant Coach: Lauren Rodriquez

Baird HS Basketball District Games Schedule 2004-2005

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

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