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### Christmas light donation update

Donations are still needed to help with the Christmas Lighting Project. The lights are here and we have until September 26 to pay for them. We will begin as soon as possible to put these lights in place. There has been a lot of interest in the project as donations have been sent from people who used to live here, people who have lived here for a long time, newcomers and most of the businesses. This fund will be set up permanently and contributions can be made at any time. Lights will have to be replaced each year and more lighting might be done. So if at any time you would like to make a donation, you can do so at the First National Bank of Baird, The Baird Chamber of Commerce, to Janice Grant or any board member. Many people are making donations in memory of a loved one. This is a

good way to memorialize a loved one by having a light shining for them.

The following donations have been made since our last report.

Baird Nutrition Senior Citizens, Hugh & Joan Shrader in memory of Mrs. T. E. Watson, West Texas Utilities Company, Baird Chamber of Commerce, Callahan County Appraisal District, Ryan & Blake Sims in memory of their grandfathers, Ray Sims and J.D. Taylor, Tommy & Pat Holland in memory of their daughter, Angi Holland Richards, Bun and Rea Barry, Byran and Debbie Hatchett, Primrose Lane (Shirley Photides), Vestal Cattle Company

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who has so generously given but remember ..... we still need money.



Baird's Jim Scott (9) scrambles through the Lobo defense on his way to a 40-yard touchdown run early in the first quarter giving the Bears a 7-0 lead. The Bears eventually lost the season opener, 36-13. More sports inside this issue. (Photo by Lupe Garcia Jr., Editor)

### Scott rushes for two touchdowns

## Baird loses to Cisco in season opener

Cisco's Drew Garcia stepped into the quarterback slot in the second quarter after starter Chancellor Fletcher went down with a minor ankle injury, to lead the Lobos to a 36-13 season opening victory over Baird Friday night.

The Bears drew first blood when quarterback Jim Scott galloped 40-yards down field to put Baird up 7-0 with 6:45 remaining in the first quarter. The PAT was successful. A key play in the drive was a 30-yard reception made on a third and five play in where Scott found and open Jeremy Riney striding along the Baird bench.

In the second quarter things started falling apart for the Bears as a Cisco punt was fumbled by the Bears and the Lobos recovered on the nine yard line. Two plays later, Cisco managed to score when Justin Hash took it in from nine yards out. Baird, however, kept the lead when the Lobos missed the PAT, 7-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Baird once again fumbled and Cisco recovered with good field position.

But the Cisco crowd would soon go silent as Fletcher went down on a quarterback keeper. However, to their amazement, Garcia

stepped in and took charge finding running back Brad Pence for a 44-yard touchdown reception. The Lobo two-point conversion failed making the score, 12-7 in favor of Cisco.

The Lobos started to dominate the Bears on the scoreboard when Julius Reed intercepted a pass and ran it back 30 plus yards once again to the Baird nine. And just before the half, with 3:2 clicks left, Reed took it in for the final score of the half. The two-point conversion was fumbled, and this time Cisco was successfully in completing the play when Jeremy Robinson

recovered it in the end-zone.

The third period was scoreless for Baird as Cisco scored three when Jason Morgan made a 29-yard field goal, and in the fourth, Jim Scott scored his final touchdown of the evening when he cut across the grain for a 30-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion failed.

Cisco added another touchdown later in the fourth when Tyler Pence took it in from nine yards out. The Bears blocked the PAT.

Cisco had a total of 408 yards compared to the Bears who had a total of 193.

Baird (0-1) will travel to Rotan (0-1) this Friday for an 8:00 non-district game as Cisco (1-0) will host Albany (1-0) for a non-district game scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

**Score by Quarters**  
Cisco 0 20 3 13-36  
Baird 7 0 0 6-13

### '65 no longer exempt from jury duty

The 75 Legislature has amended Section 62.106 of the Government Code by changing the exemption from jury service to age 70, District Clerk Bill Mears has announced.

This Act took effect Sept. 1, and applies only to an exemption from jury service for persons summoned to appear for service who are summoned on or after that date.

An exemption from jury service for persons summoned to appear for service who are summoned before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the person was summoned, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

**Score by Quarters**  
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### Club Pig Sale Set Oct. 6

The seventh annual Club Pig Sale benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center is set for Monday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn located behind the football field on Antilley Road in Abilene.

Don Richburg and Jimmy D. Smith of Roscoe are serving as co-chairmen for the event. Last year there were 107 pigs donated to the sale, raising \$11,420, for the Rehab Center. Only pigs purchased during this sale are eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show on Saturday, Dec. 6. The show will be held in the Dorthea Griffin Arena at the Taylor County Expo Center.

For more information about the sale or to donate pigs call the West Texas Rehabilitation Center 915-691-7290 (Abilene) or 915-949-9535 (San Angelo).

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all doors. Use solid core doors for all outside entrances, and install a wide-angle peephole so you can see all visitors before opening the door. Make sure the hinges are on the inside. Install door guards, which make it difficult to kick in a door. Keep your garage door closed and locked when you are not home, and put a deadbolt lock on the door leading from the garage to the house. When you move into a new home change all the locks, you don't know who may have a key to the locks.

Sliding doors should have a strong lock and a bar to keep them from being opened if the lock is forced. Make sure the doors cannot be lifted off their tracks from outside. Keep fence gates closed and locked. Don't hide keys outside.

You may wish to check with your local police; some departments provide free home security inspections.

## Home safe home?

Our Home is our castle. None of us at the Office of the Attorney General likes to think that your castle could be violated by a burglar or other intruder.

The average home burglar strikes between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when you are at work and your children are at school. In two thirds of all successful burglaries, the thief entered through an unlocked door or open window. Burglars look for empty homes, but in 15 percent of all break-ins the intruder finds someone there. One-third of these encounters leads to assault, and one in ten leads to rape.

What Can You Do? Stand outside your home or apartment and ask yourself how you would break in. Make this examination both

during the day and at night. Check to see that all doors and windows have secure locks, and remember to use them at all times. It appears that the windows might be easily pried open, add supplemental locks or pins.

Keep shrubs, hedges, and trees trimmed so that they don't offer a hiding place for an intruder. Make sure fences don't obscure doors or other potential entrances. Consider planting thorny plants, such as roses or yucca, underneath windows. Make sure all possible entries to your house or apartment are well-lit at night, also, put interior lights on timers to give the appearance that someone is at home and awake. Install deadbolt on

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### Maikell on Commissioner's cabinet

Steve Maikell, superintendent of Baird Independent School District, has been elected for a second term on the TASA (Texas Association of School Administrators) Commissioner's Cabinet of Superintendents. As such, he represents the 42 superintendents in Region XIV. This group, consisting of representatives of each of the twenty regions in the state, meets about ten times per year with Mike Moses, Commissioner of Education.

These meetings are

to get clarification on rules adopted by the State Board of Education and decisions by the legislature. Maikell asks questions submitted by other superintendents or administrators from the Big Country in addition to hearing questions from parts of the state.

At these meetings the cabinet also discusses any issue that districts face in today's world. This is also an opportunity to give and receive feedback from the Commissioner of Education.

Congratulations Mr. Maikell.

### Survey finds physicians choosing primary care

The increased demand for primary care physicians is influencing more graduates of Texas medical schools to enter fields such as family practice and pediatrics, according to Texas Medical Association's 1996 Survey of Texas Medical School Graduates.

Sixty-one percent of the new graduates participating in the survey reported selecting a primary care postgraduate surveyed said they selected primary care training. In 1989, 51 percent said they chose primary care programs.

"Medical students are turning toward primary care because they're aware that this is where they are needed most," says Dr. Diana Fite, chair on the Committee on Physician Distribution and Health-Care Access.

Primary care specialties are family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, and general practice.

The report is based on a survey of 1,160 medical school graduates taken at the eight medical schools in Texas. The survey was conducted in the spring of 1996 and

published this year. TMA has conducted the survey every year since 1984.

The study also found that almost two-thirds of the graduates selecting primary care plans to remain in Texas for their training, compared to slightly more than half of those choosing nonprimary care specialties.

Of the various data evaluated in the report, the gender mix has shown the most change

in recent years. The survey indicates a continuing shift toward a gender balance in Texas medical schools. Female representation among

survey participants increased to 41 percent from the 33 percent in the 1989 survey. By comparison, only 17 percent of the state's current physicians are women. The high proportion of women now in medical school could indicate a continuing gender shift in the coming years.

The survey results also show that the growing number of women and minority graduates will result in more primary care physicians in the Texas workforce. Two out of every three female survey participants said they plan to enter primary care careers.

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## 11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas on Sept. 4, 1997:

**Affirmed**  
Keary Demond Wilson v. State of Texas, Smith. (Opinion by Judge Dickenson) (Panel consists of: Judge Arnot, Judge Dickenson, and Judge Wright)

Chau Qui Tu v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Judge Arnot, Judge Dickenson, and Judge Wright)

**Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed**

Donald Raymond Dodgen v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion)

**Relator's Motions for Writ of Mandamus Submitted & Overruled**

Darren Lamb v. State of Texas, Orig. Proc.  
Harold Miller v. Hon. Weldon Kirk, Judge, Orig. Proc.

**Appeal Abated**  
Suzanne Kay Doubrava v. State of Texas, Harris.

**Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Abated**  
Glenn Dale Gray v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion to

abate appeal and for remand to trial court for hearing on lost or destroyed record. (Per Curiam Order)

**Motions Submitted & Granted**  
Tina Scott Pence v. State of Texas, Eastland. Appellant's sixth motion for extension of time to file brief.

Orlando Guerrero v. State of Texas, Galveston. State's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the Matter of I.S., Taylor. Appellee's motion for continuance.

Dalton Dewitt Cozart v. State of Texas, Harris. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Terrance Lavelle Perro v. State of Texas, Harris. State's motion for permission to file late brief.

Lewis Lee Jefferson v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Delwart Bernard Peavy v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

James William Thomas v. State of Texas, Taylor. State's motion for permission to file late brief.  
David Lawrence Townsend v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's

motion for extension of time to file brief.  
David Lawrence Townsend v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Daniel Hargrove Jones v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

David Alan Adams v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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In re: J.K.R., a juvenile, Erath. Appellant's motion

to supplement statement of facts. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Vance Gregory Joyner v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

William Cody Grim v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

William Cody Grim v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file statement of facts.

L.D. Cox and wife, Sara Lou Cox v. City of Comanche, TX., Comanche. Appellants' motion for extension of time to file

Sept. 14-21

## 87th Infantry Division Of WWI And WWII To Hold Reunion

On September 14 to 21, 1997, the 87th (Golden Acorn) Division and its Combat Support Units will hold its 48th annual reunion in Kissimmee, Florida, at the Hyatt Orlando Hotel.

The 87th Infantry Division was activated and trained as a combat infantry division in both World Wars. In 1917 the Division joined Gen. Pershing's A.E.F. in France and it was being assigned to the Western Front, the Armistice was signed. In World War II, the Division went into combat at Metz, France. During 154 days of almost continual combat, the Golden Acorn Combat Team fought in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. It advanced more than 345 miles in the European Theater, taking 63,338 prisoners and liberating hundreds of towns. Veterans of the famous "Battle Of The Bugle", the Crossing of the Mezzelle and Rhine Rivers, and the "Lightening Streak" in pursuit of the Nazis across the heart of Germany, fighting

brief. Appellants' motion to supplement transcript. Durk Deboer and Shawna Deboer v. Bosque County Bank, Erath. Appellants' motion for extension of time to file transcript.  
**Motions Submitted & Granted in Part**  
Khe Van Huynh v. State of Texas, Dallas. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
Khe Van Huynh v. State of Texas, Dallas. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
**Case Submitted**  
Robert Costilla v. State of Texas, Baylor.

many bitter battles from the once impregnable Siegfried Line to the Czechoslovakia Border.

The combat ability of 87th Infantry Division was held in high regard by Gen. George Patton, Commander of the Third Army, and this Division received three

bronze battle stars for its most valiant efforts in the battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

For additional information on the 87th Infantry Division Reunion contact: Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N. Dundee Ct., Highland, Michigan 48357-37126; telephone (248)887-9005.

## Additional Housing Needed

This area is much in need of additional housing with a cap of something around \$100,000, a feasibility study is showing according to the THK Marketing Firm of Denver in a report to Eastland Countians this week.

The report given by Peter Elzi of the THK also outlined the aspects of development of a new 18-hole golf course for this area. He suggested that modular homes are becoming quite popular in many areas and are much more affordable for most citizens.

The attendees agreed to discuss the information with their own respective boards and report back at the next meeting. The entities of Eastland, Ranger and Cisco will continue with the project but that it might want to include Breckenridge at a later date, depending on the location chosen for the project.

It was a greed by all parties that the next step should be location selection and Ron Butler, vice president of the Eastland Economic Development Corp., agreed to head the Site Election Committee with members to be appointed from Cisco and Ranger.

This is a joint effort by these towns.

Attending the EEDC meeting at the Chamber

of Commerce Conference Room were Butler, Vice-President of the Eastland Economic Development Corporation called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Members present from the Eastland Economic Development Corporation were Ron Butler and Jackie Edmonds. Other guests attending were Joe Wheatley, Emmett Latsater, Michael Moore, Allen Masters, Larry Vernon, H.V. O'Brien, Terry Terry, Don Bradshaw, Grover Hallmark, Mike Perry, Tom Dunn, Tommy Warford, Larry Fitzgerald, Steve Haines, and Ezli, Jr.

As soon as the meeting was called to order, Butler turned the meeting over to Steve Haines, and Mr. Elzi, of the THK Marketing Firm. Mr. Haines expressed his appreciation to all in attendance, and informed everyone that Mr. Elzi would be giving the results of the Feasibility Study of a Golf Course and Housing Development which his firm had just completed. The survey consisted of a 10 county area which included Jones, Taylor, Callahan, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath and Palo Pinto Counties.

## Recipes

### LEMON RICE DESSERT

- 1 3-ounce package lemon-flavored gelatin dessert
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 cup cooked rice, chilled
- 1 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; add cold water. Place bowl in ice water and stir until gelatin is the consistency of unbeaten egg whites; stir in rice. Fold in whipped topping until smooth. Lightly fold in almonds, cherries and lemon peel. Continue to stir gently (over rice) until thickened. Pour into dessert dishes. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Makes 8 servings.

### BANANA KIWI PUDDING

- 1 1/3 cups cooked rice
  - 1 1/3 cups skim milk
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - Low-calorie sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar
  - 1 ripe banana
  - 1/4 cup whipping cream, whipped
  - 2 kiwi fruit, sliced
- Add cooked rice to milk in 2-quart saucepan and cook over medium heat until thick and creamy, 5 to 8 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; cool. Stir in vanilla and sugar substitute. Just before serving, mash banana; fold banana and whipped cream into pudding. Garnish with kiwi fruit slices. Makes 4 servings, 207 calories each.

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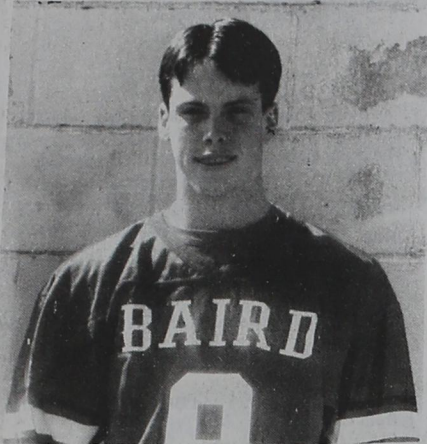
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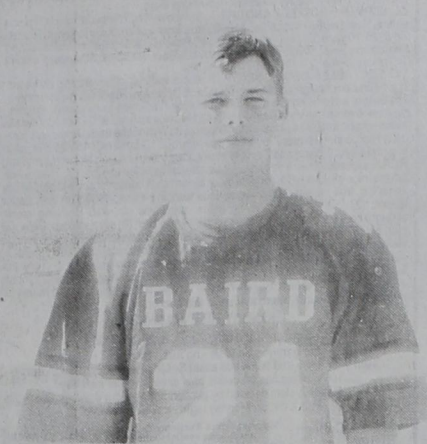
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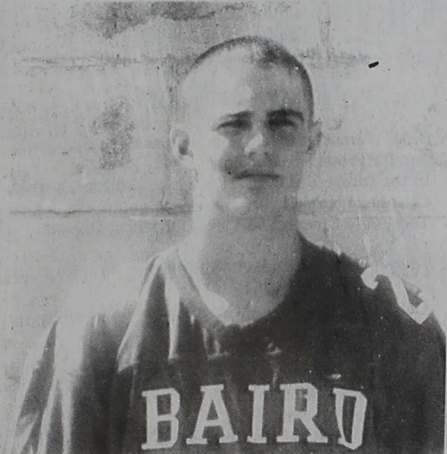
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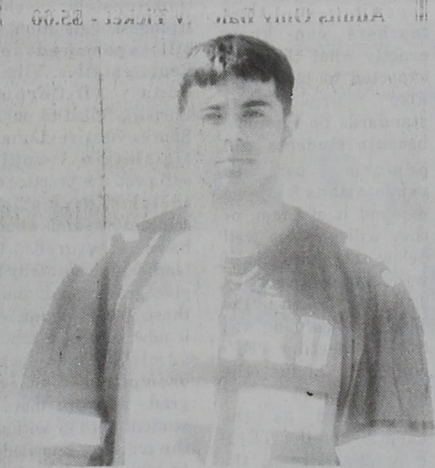
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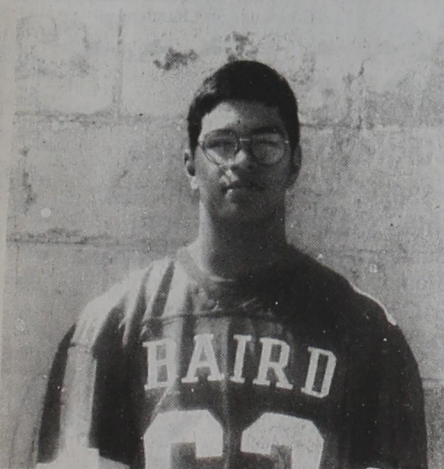
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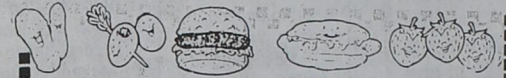
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## Baird Lunch Menu

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**Tuesday** - Breakfast - Cheese toast, fruit and milk. Lunch - Hot dogs with chili and cheese, tator tots, Cole slaw, fruit and milk.  
**Wednesday** - Breakfast - Cereal, raisin toast and milk. Lunch - Ham with

gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jelly and milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast - Hot rolls with gravy, applesauce and milk. Lunch - Pizza, tossed salad, corn, jello and milk.

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### A letter from the Texas Federation of Teachers

"Setting Academic Standards... And Making Them Count!" The usually arcane subject of school curriculum has been a hot topic in the news media recently. The State Board of Education has struggled to adopt a statewide curriculum framework known as the Texas Essential Knowledge and skills (TEKS), and before the task was done, curriculum had become a highly charged political issue. The public debate over the TEKS served a purpose. When the first draft of the TEKS emerged in public hearings, the proposed new curriculum was 2,000 pages of gobbledygook. Governor Bush correctly characterized that first draft as "mush," because the proposed "standards" were so vague that no one could figure out exactly what they were supposed to mean. It would have been impossible for a teacher to use those standards as any basis for preparing lessons, grading student's academic progress, or helping students

come, having a good curriculum means noting if students are not required to learn it. If we continue the practice of social promotion, allowing students who have failed to learn the material to move from one grade to another as through they have passed their course, then the new curriculum will be meaningless. We must not only have good academic standards, we must make those standards count! Last January the Texas Federation of Teachers urged the Texas Legislature to pass tough legislation to put an end to this practice of social promotion. Unfortunately, the strongest legislation, a bill sponsored by Representative Vilma Luna (D-Corpus Christi), failed to pass. Representative Luna's legislation would outlaw the practice of social promotion completely, and would have restored to teachers the authority to give grades and make those grades count. As it now stands, a school administrator can overrule a teacher's grade and promote a student with or without the teachers knowledge or consent. Thanks to the efforts of representative Luna and two other

## Courthouse News

Activity for the week of September 1 - 5

County Court  
Bill Johnson  
presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

The State of Texas vs. Micheal Haisan, speeding.  
The State of Texas vs. Brian Lloyd Scott, speeding.  
The State of Texas vs. Julian Millan, speeding.

Misdemeanor Minutes

none

Marriage Licenses

Gerry Glynn Prickett and Sandra Kay Asmuss from Abilene.  
Coby Brandon Chilbers and Melanie Lyn Ware from Cross Plains.  
Steven Maixe Ramos and Brandi Dawn Cogburn from Clyde.

42nd District Court  
Judge John Weeks  
presiding

Civil Filings

Duke Womack Sr. vs. Duke Womack Jr., Application for Protective Order.  
In the Interest of Debactian Blake Gallegos, a child, Change of Name.  
Terry Ray French and Vicki D. French, Divorce.

Civil Minutes

Connie May Lane and George Raymond Lane, Order for Enforcement.  
In the Interest of Kelly Lee Miller, a child, Order Enforcing Child Support Obligation.  
In the Interest of Robin C. Hardy, a child, Pretrial Order in Paternity Suit.  
In the Interest of Dawn Sheree Faircloth a child, Order to Transfer.  
In the Interest of Chelsea J. Mattews a child, Order Establishing the PCR.

Criminal Filings

none

Criminal Minutes

The State of Texas vs. David Allen Richardson, Interference with Child Custody.

legislators, piece of homework, take a test, respond in class, or even behave responsibly to earn a promotion to the next grade. A student could attend 27 days, disrupting every day of class he or she attended, refuse to carry out any instruction given by the teacher, and still be promoted to the next grade! Representative Gallego and Luna and Senator Bivins pushed for and succeeded in

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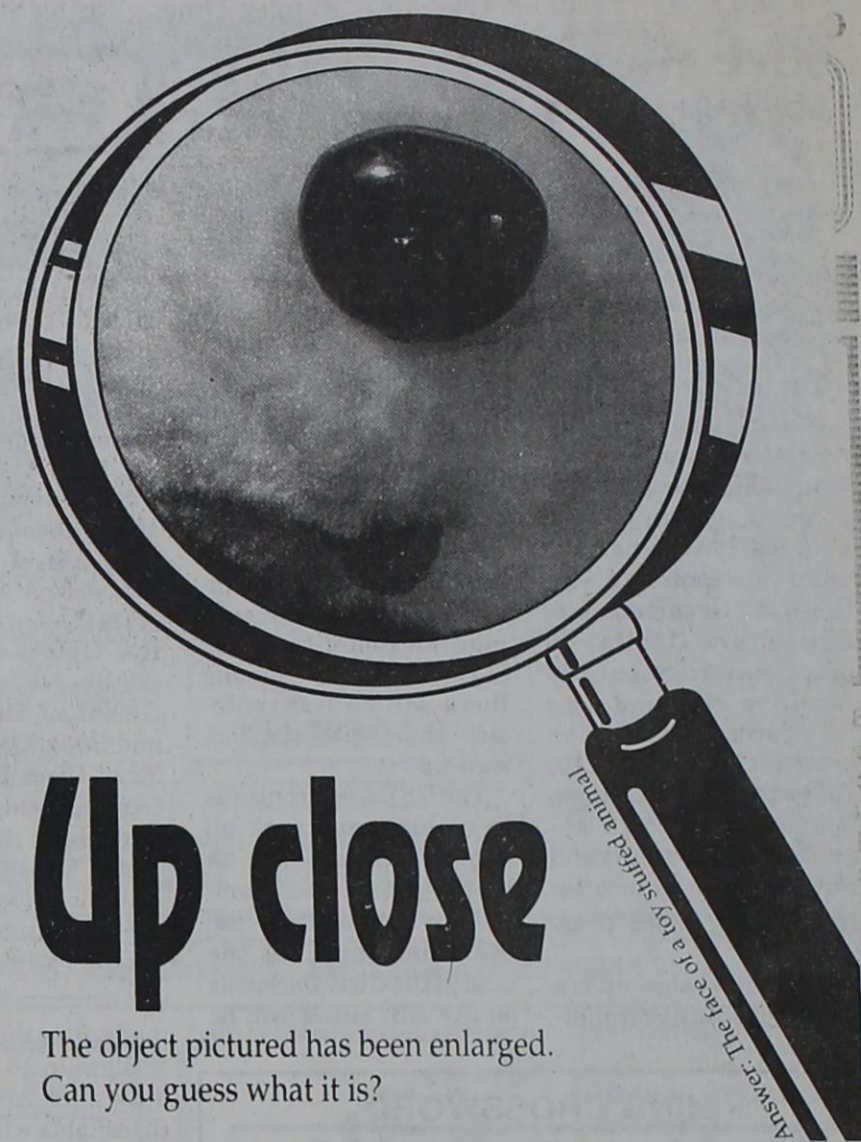


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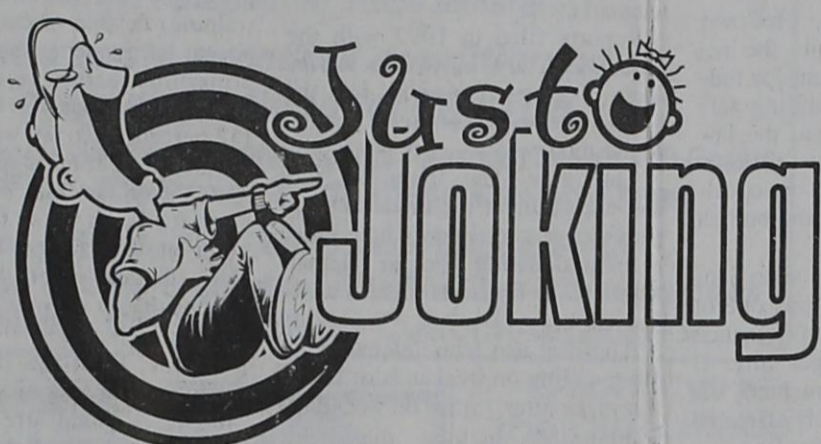
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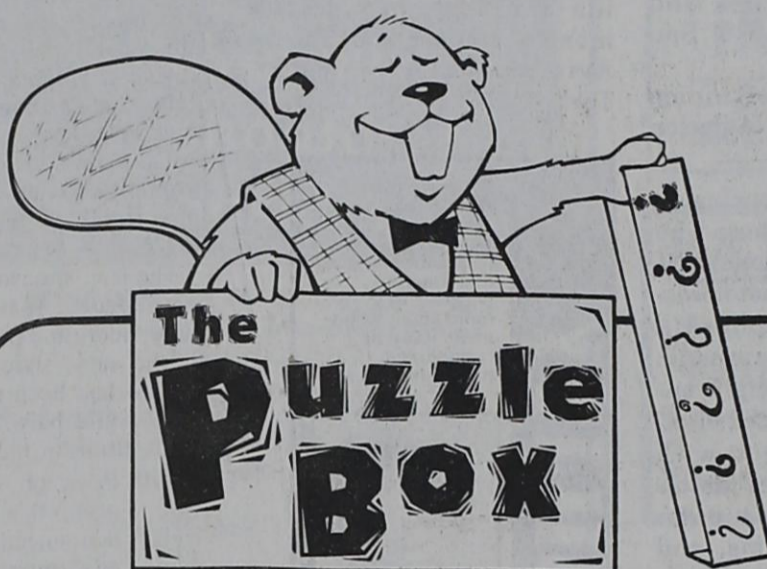
The object pictured has been enlarged. Can you guess what it is?



1. What foreign money do dogs dislike?
2. What do you call a dismal dog?
3. What do you call a woman who taps telephones?
4. What is a cat's favorite color?
5. What is a bunny's motto?



Answers:  
1. The pound.  
2. A greyhound.  
3. A ladybug.  
4. A cat's favorite color.  
5. Don't growl, be happy!



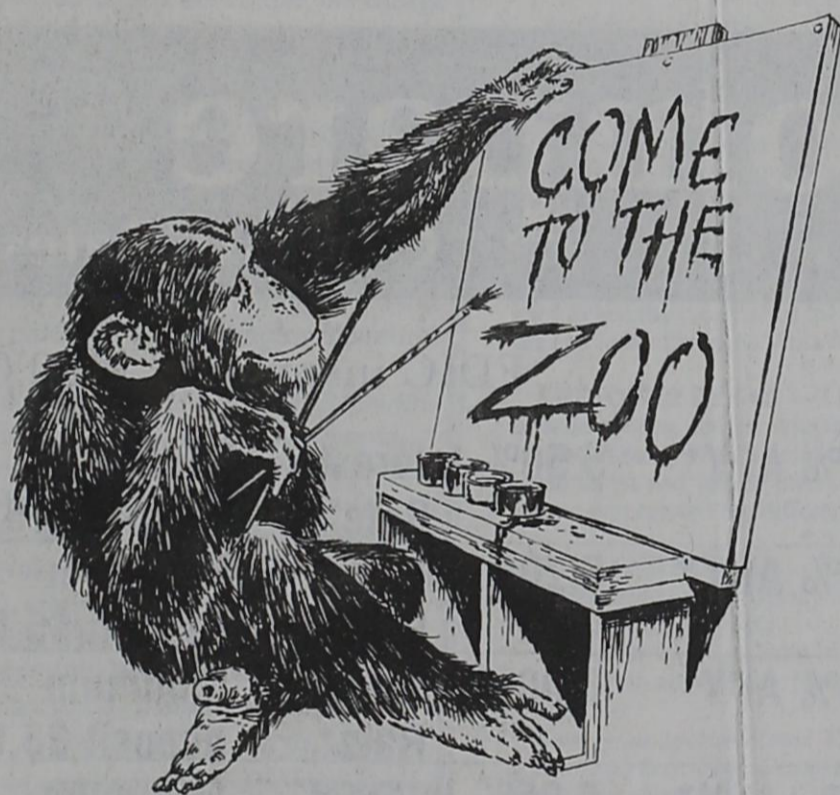
## Vacation Fun

By Martha J. Morrison, Candor, NY

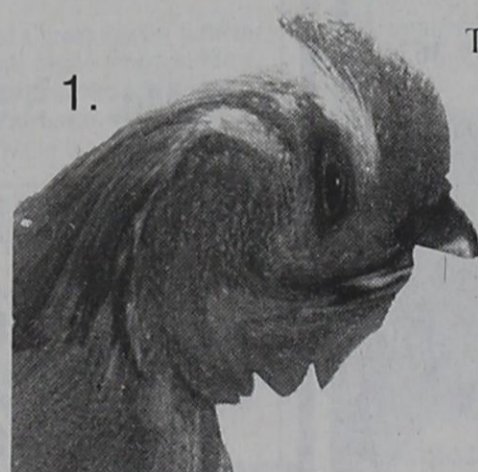
Unscramble the letters and write the words in the blanks. The letters in the boxes will tell what we did on our vacation.

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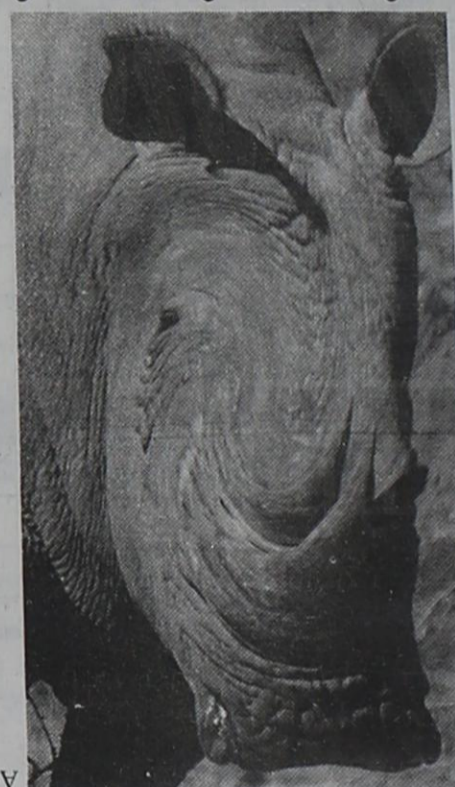
1. Our food was kept in a ORECOL.
2. We used a NLNTEAR for light.
3. We cooled off with a MWSI.
4. Fish jumped in the NDOP.
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6. We used a TNTE for our house.
7. At night, we stayed warm in our NPGESELI GBSA.



## Animal ID



These animal photos have been twisted. Can you guess what they are?



Answers: 1. Rooster; 2. Butterfly; 3. Rhinoceros

## Hide and Seek

There are two different animals hiding in this picture. Can you find them?



Answer: A rabbit and an owl

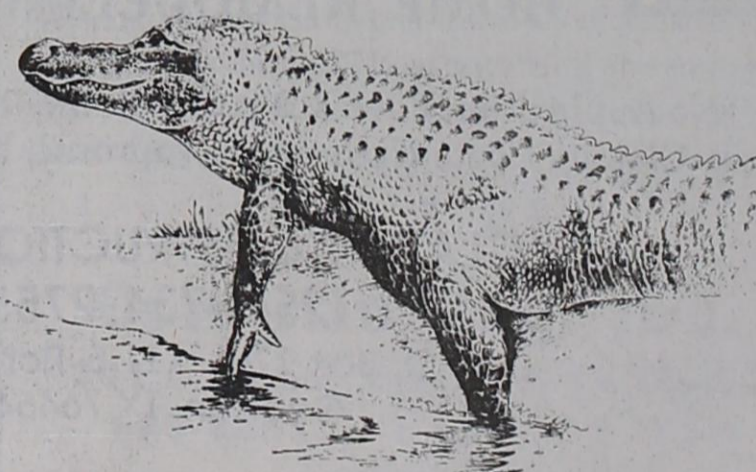


### Zebra

Is the zebra white with black stripes or black with white stripes? The correct answer is white with black stripes, and these stripes make it easy for the zebra to hide from its enemies in the jungle. The zebra is a member of the horse family. It lives in eastern and southern Africa. Zebras are very fast and have powerful legs and hooves. Lions and leopards are their only natural enemies. Zebras are usually about four feet tall and weigh about 500 pounds.

### Alligator

The largest reptile in the United States is the alligator. Alligators are related to crocodiles, but have a bigger snout and tail. They spend most of their time in the water, living on frogs, snakes, fish and other animals. Alligators live in the southern part of the United States. Fully grown male alligators are at least 8 to 10 feet long, but they can grow up to 20 feet long. Their tails are equally as long as their bodies and are used in fighting. Alligators usually live about 50 years.



## CRP Signup To Be Held October 14 Thru Nov. 14

Washington, D.C.—The next Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up will be held from October 14 through November 14, according to U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Designed to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality, the CRP is a voluntary program which enables landowners to enter into contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to place environmentally sensitive cropland into long-term conservation practices for periods of 10-15 years. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices.

"This latest sign-up is a good opportunity for indi-

viduals whose contracts were not accepted in Sign-up number 15 last spring, and for those with contracts which expire this fall," said Stenholm. "In response to concerns I raised with USDA Secretary Glickman, the USDA has been educating their employees about how to more fully inform landowners regarding the options they have to enhance their Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), and I am hoping there will be less confusion than with the last sign-up."

The USDA will continue to evaluate and rank all eligible offers using an EBI based on the potential environmental benefits from enrolling the land in the CRP. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be

## MEN IN SERVICE

### Gaines

Scott Gaines completed his basic training for the U.S. Navy as part of Division 301 Ship 7 at the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. Pass in Review exercises were held on August 15, 1997.

Scott attended Eastland High School, and is a 1997 graduate of Wylie High School in Abilene, Texas. He is the son of David and Rae Gaines of Eastland, and has two brothers, Eric Gaines of Dallas, Texas and Steve Gaines, a Junior at Cisco High School. Grandparents are Andy and Sara Gaines and Trudi Hoes, all of San Antonio, Texas.

Scott is now attending his "A" school, Aviation



Electronics, at Pensacola N.A.S., Pensacola, Florida for the next six months, to become an Aviation Electronics Technician.

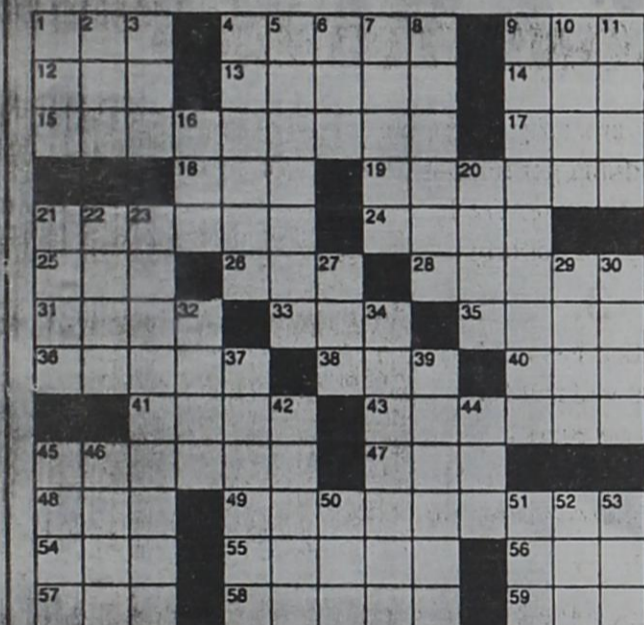
made after the conclusion of Sign-up 16. Those who have met previous EBI thresholds will not necessarily be guaranteed a contract this time around.

"I would strongly encourage interested individuals to meet with county employees just as soon as possible in order to discuss options, and hopefully improve their chances for inclusion in Sign-up number 16," advised Stenholm.

Interested individuals should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office for additional information.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
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AUSTIN — A new state law that would have required minors to notify their parents before obtaining state-paid birth control pills and other prescription medications has been struck down.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown declared the parental consent law, which would have gone into effect Sept. 1, unconstitutional.

In issuing the ruling, McCown said federal law prohibits the requiring of parental consent for federally funded family planning services. The judge also said the law violated the Texas Constitution's prohibition on amending or repealing general law through the budget bill.

The law, sponsored by state Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, was one of many riders and provisions attached to the new state budget bill. If the law had been implemented, the state would have lost an estimated \$93 million in federal funding.

Bill Price of Texas United for Life, a group that opposes abortion rights, denounced McCown's decision. "It's outrageous for a solitary judge to override the wishes of elected representatives of the people, and we think that his decision will be overturned on appeal," he said.

But, Susan Nenny of Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas Inc., which challenged the law, called McCown's decision

a victory, "because teens will continue to receive confidential family planning services and treatment for sexually transmitted infections."

**Bush School Opens at A&M**  
Texas A&M University's new George Bush School of Government and Public Service opened for classes last week.

Gov. George W. Bush plans to be involved in the school named after his father on the A&M campus. "I hope to do some lecturing at the school, certainly some listening, too," he said.

The school offers a two-year program leading to a master's degree in public service and administration, thought to be the only degree of its type in the country, the Associated Press reported.

**Police Groups Fight Law**  
Four non-profit police associations are asking a Dallas federal judge to block enforcement of a new state law that would require them to tell charitable contributors how much of their donations go to telemarketers.

Reports filed in 1997 with the Texas Secretary of State's office show that telemarketers for the police groups kept 60 to 80 percent of the money.

The new law requires that law enforcement organizations tell prospective contributors how much of their donation goes to telemarketers if the figure is more than 10 percent.

The law also bans telemarketers from calling on weekends or before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Plaintiffs include the Texas State Troopers Association Inc., Texas Department of Public Safety Officers Association, Texas Municipal Police Association and Texas State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

**Lottery Stalls Ad Campaign**  
The Texas Lottery Commission postponed an advertising campaign that shows schoolchildren as the beneficiaries of the state-run games of chance, after House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert

Junell learned of the plan.

Rep. Junell, D-San Angelo, last week urged commissioners to stick with the concept of "truth in advertising" and said, "Dedicating the lottery didn't mean one nickel more for public education."

While the lottery does benefit public schools, some lawmakers believe Texas, like some other states, will find that dedicating the money does not necessarily mean more for education, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. After Florida and California dedicated their lotteries to education, their legislatures allocated correspondingly less money for education.

**Other Capital Highlights**  
■ Gov. Bush is enjoying a 68 percent approval rating, according to the Texas poll. The telephone poll of 1,005 adults was conducted Aug. 11-25 for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas.

■ Most Texans (58 percent) approve of coeducational military training, despite recent findings of sexual harassment, abuse and fraternization charges in the military, the Texas Poll shows. Most Texans (52 percent) also felt women should be placed in combat roles.

■ A new law that raises the age limit for Texas jurors from 65 to 70 went into effect Sept. 1. Before that date, Texans older than 65 were automatically exempt from serving on a jury.

■ Gov. Bush was the top choice for president in a telephone poll of 400 New Hampshire Republicans. Sixteen percent of the respondents said that if their state's primary were held today, they would vote for Bush. Former vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp came in second with 12 percent.

■ U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, said last week he would retire from office Dec. 31 after 36 years in Congress. Gov. Bush must call a special election to fill the seat. Gonzalez, 81, cited health as one of the reasons to leave office before his term expires.

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- If you have children under the age of 17, you may be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$400 per child in 1998, \$500 in 1999 and later years.
- The maximum capital gains rate has been reduced to 20%, and up to \$500,000 of home-sale profits may be excluded from income. Both provisions are generally effective for sales after May 6, 1997.
- The new law adds two tax credits for college tuition and a limited deduction for interest on certain student loans. The law also provides for a new "education individual retirement account."
- Under the new law, you may be eligible for a "Roth IRA." Contributions won't be tax-deductible, but income will grow tax-free and distributions will be tax-free as long as certain requirements are met.
- Eligibility for the traditional tax-deductible IRA has been expanded for families where one or both spouses already participate in an employer's retirement plan.
- Taxpayers may make penalty-free IRA withdrawals to pay for college tuition or a first home.
- Fewer estates will be subject to tax, thanks to a gradual increase to \$1 million in the amount of property exempt from estate tax. Certain family businesses and farms may be entitled to an exemption of up to \$1.3 million, effective next year.
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**CLEAN OR DIRTY?** — To tell whether or not your dishes in the dishwasher are clean or dirty, place a mug right-side up and it will catch the water. Wanda K., Montgomery, N.Y.  
**STICK-UP** — A strip of magnetic tape can be placed at the top of the back of a calendar so that it can be attached to the refrigerator. Lynn J., East Hartford, Conn.  
**IF THE HAT FITS** — I came up with a way to dry my husband's baseball-style caps wrinkle-free. My husband works outdoors and gets a lot of hats dirty in a short amount of time. I wash them in either the dishwasher or washing machine but don't have enough bowls the right size to fit them over to dry. I even bought some of those special cap washers, but some hats would still get wrinkled. Then I bought some latex balloons. By blowing a balloon up inside the cap, it stretches out and gets rid of all the wrinkles. When the cap is dry, I let the air out of the balloon and the cap looks like new. Viola M., Phoenix, Ariz.  
**LEFTOVER BREAD** — I found a great use for leftover or stale hot-dog and hamburger buns. Make bread pudding. Instead of using French bread, you can use the extra buns or bread slices and follow the recipe as usual. It tastes great and no one can tell the difference. Katie G., Oakley, Kan.  
**SAFE AND SECURE** — I drive a tall metal stake in the ground next to where I set my outside trash can. I then place the handle over the stake. This keeps the wind from blowing the can over and also animals from upsetting it. Mary C., Menominee, Mich.  
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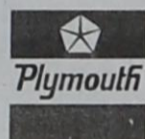
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Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

#### The Messenger Is Immaterial—It's the Message

**Dear Readers:** Several months back I ran the contest "A Snowball's Chance in Hell." In it I asked for your comments regarding my view that society was going to hell in a hand basket. I offered \$1,000 for each entry I printed in my column.

As many of you know, I was besieged with mail. So much so, I still question whether or not I'll ever be able to read the 350,000-plus letters I received.

Now I wasn't trying to cheat anyone out of the prize money by printing two follow-up columns that contained a composite of how people were responding to the issue. One column reflected the glass being half empty, the other being the glass half full.

To be brutally frank, that didn't satisfy the masses. You folks want a winner and you're entitled to one. That's a tall order given I've only made it through roughly one-tenth of the mail. However, the other day I came across the following letter. To me, it embodies the very core of what has happened to our society. Here's a \$1,000 winner:

"Dear Mr. Ross, I understand that you want to know why our country has lost its sense of direction, and why crime and disease are running rampant. The answer is simple.

When a company manufactures a product, it provides the consumer with a book of instructions (an automobile, for instance) in order for he or she to maintain it, and to get the best service from it. If the buyer pays no attention to these instructions or the highway rules, disaster is bound to result.

The same applies to our Creator who was careful to give His creatures a book with a set of instructions. Having made us by His wisdom, He knows how we should operate to the best advantage for ourselves, as well as our fellow man. One of the pages in His rule book is known as THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, which are now being disregarded, even attacked by those who rebel against His authority. They want to do away with them and establish their own 'freedom', which they do not realize results in slavery. Some would say we have forgotten God. We have done worse than that; we

have ridiculed Him, rebelled against Him, and dishonored His holy name. It's a losing battle. Praying for our country, I remain... Mrs. Charles Hart, Calumet, MI"

Readers, it's an age old problem we're faced with. Modern day society is struggling with morality. We have since day one. But before I'm hit with an onslaught of mail from people offended by the religious overtones of the above letter, think it over.

Whether the Ten Commandments were issued by God or Buddha or John Doe, they do represent the guidelines for a civilized society. They are a moral code, that if all of us followed them, mayhem would cease. Think about it. Better yet, apply them to your daily living, for your sake and the sake of future generations.

**Dear Percy Ross:** For some time now I've been praying for financial assistance. It's not my intention to become rich. I only want to provide a comfortable life for my wife and family. I make a good living, but because of mistakes, I've accumulated a large indebtedness. If I could become debt-free, the living I make would be more than enough to give my family a good life. To accomplish this I've estimated I would need \$250,000. It would be used thusly: \$25,000 would be tithed to my church, \$125,000 for state and federal taxes, \$85,000 for my mortgage and other debts, and \$15,000 to buy a family vehicle that would not need frequent repairs. Thank you and may your decision be guided by our Heavenly Father.

Mr. A. W. ... The Beacon, Akron, OH

**Dear Mr. W.:** And so it has. The good Lord reminds me daily, "A fool and his money are soon parted." This adage explains two things: why I'm holding onto the \$250,000 you requested, and why you're so deep in debt.

*Editor's note: You may visit Percy Ross' web site at [www.thanksamillion.com](http://www.thanksamillion.com)*

Write Percy Ross, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number and the name of this publication. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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#### Club Pig Sale Set Oct. 6

The seventh annual Club Pig Sale benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center is set for Monday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn located behind the football field on Antilley Road in Abilene.

Don Richburg and Jimmy D. Smith of Roscoe are serving as co-chairmen for the event. Last year there were 107 pigs donated to the sale, raising \$11,420, for the Rehab Center. Only pigs purchased during this sale are eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show on Saturday, Dec. 6. The show will be held in the Dorthea Griffin Arena at the Taylor County Expo Center.

Richburg and Smith are asking everyone to make plans to attend the sale and come early for beans and cornbread and look over the pigs. Pigs that were donated last were extremely high quality pigs and they are expecting the same or even better quality this year.

For more information about the sale or to donate pigs call the West Texas Rehabilitation Center 915-691-7290 (Abilene) or 915-949-9535 (San Angelo).

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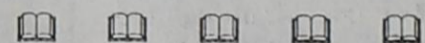
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#### Read to Succeed Contest Under Way.

There is a statewide literacy project under way in Texas called "Read to Succeed." The purpose of the project is to get students to read their grade level by the third grade. Last year 20 percent of children grades kindergarten through three were not reading at their grade level.

Sponsored by this newspaper, there is a contest to draw the logo to be represented on the "Read to Succeed" license plate. Each community will select winners to be sent to a blue ribbon committee to select the overall winner. That winner's drawing will appear on the license plate.

Simply draw on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of white paper and submit your drawing to this newspaper or to TDNA/TPA-Read to Succeed, 816 Congress, Suite 960, Austin, TX 78701. The contest runs through September 16, 1997. The overall winner will be selected before September 30, 1997.

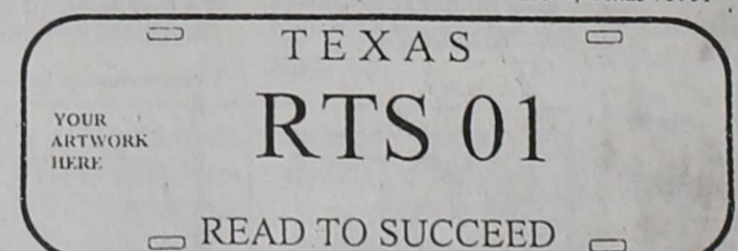


LICENSE PLATE ART CONTEST RULES:

1 Must be student grades K through 12. 2 One entry per person 3 Contest theme is "Read to Succeed." Logo should be related to the theme. (i.e. children, books, etc.) 4 Drawing should be on an 8 1/2" by 11" sheet of white paper. 5 Include name, address, telephone number, school and grade. 6 Entries must be postmarked no later than September 16, 1997.

Please mail entries to this newspaper, or to:

TDNA/TPA-Read to Succeed  
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Visit the Read to Succeed Web Site at <http://www.tenet.edu/read2succeed>

NOTE: The Texas automobile license plate must comply with Texas Department of Transportation guidelines as well as being easily readable for law enforcement agencies. Letters and numeric sequences are provided by the Texas Department of Transportation. Portions of artwork may be deleted or altered in conforming to the license plate form. The logo that is selected will be used on the license plate in compliance with the aforementioned guidelines.









"I was overall pleased with the effort during our first game. You cannot play against a team like Cisco and turnover the ball as many times as we did and expect to win the game. But the good thing about it, is that all the mistakes we made are correctable.

As for Rotan, they are similar to the Baird Bears in that they run the multiple set "I" offense and their play book is very similar to ours. They are capable of moving the ball down the field.

As for the remainder of the season, a game with the caliber of the Cisco game will only help us down the road. It gives us a good idea of what you need to be like to be a playoff contender.

I was especially proud of the way both teams conducted themselves Friday night. It was a good clean, sportsmanship type game and the officiating was fair.

In close, I would like to thank the fans who came out on that warm summer night, we were very pleased with the support. In the future, we would like to see the stands filled, from start to finish."

**Baird Bear '97-'98 Coaching Staff**

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**Bears**

Last Week: Lost to Cisco, 36-13

1997 Record: 0-1

First Downs - 8  
 Rushing - 94  
 Passing - 99  
 Comp/Att/Int - 8/15/2  
 Fumbles - 1  
 Penalties - 5-40



Shane Davenport, TE

**Rotan**

**Yellowhammers**

Last Week: Lost to Ralls, 22-0

1997 Record: 0-1

Coach: Byron Wood

Key Players: Stoney Carillo, WR, 5-10, 168 Lbs., 4.8; Jake Baker, WR; Jeremiah Morris, 6-2, 220 Lbs.,

DT; Joey Lujan, LB



Baird JV quarterback T.J. Hunter (16) eludes a tackle and is being pushed by Cisco's Turnbaugh during last Thursday's season opener. The Bears lost the game, 34-0. (Photo by Lupe Garcia, Jr., Editor)

stingy defense to shutout the Bears, 34-0.

Cisco started building their points with 6:25 remaining in the first quarter when Todd Parten took it in for the first touchdown from six yards out. The two point conversion was no good.

Baird, however, never gives up so easily as illustrated by the excellent open field tackle made by Bucky Riviera and the good running effort made by quarterback T.J. Hunter. And amidst all of the hitting, Bear receiver Gonzales made a spectacular 25-yard catch while being closely guarded by a Lobo defender. The Bears made these excellent efforts in the earlier stages of the game.

Cisco continued to score as Josh Renner scored twice, once in the second and the other in the fourth quarter, on runs of 34 and 45 yards. He also added a two-point conversion and a PAT.

**Baird JV loses to Cisco in season opener**

The 1997 football season began in Cisco on Thursday as the Lobo JV hosted Baird, ... and the Bears were not treated very hospitable either as the Loboes used their

"For the first game of the season, I thought the Bears played really well. I was especially proud of our son, Dusty, who caught 5 of 6 passes that were thrown to him. Thanks to a good quarterback, Jim Scott, who I might add, played a good game and made two great touchdowns. It was tough playing a 2-A school who had twice as many boys as Baird. Most of our line this year are new players that haven't had the experience and I feel you will see a lot improvement this year as they get a little more experience and have more confidence in themselves. Go get 'em Bears! Have a "Great Year!"

- Sharon Barron

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