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## Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays To All Our Readers!



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"Once upon  
a time, a  
very cold  
night, very  
snowy, and  
it was  
Christmas -  
.... I heard  
something on  
top of the  
house and  
couldn't be-  
lieve what I  
saw. It was  
Santa!"

Danielle  
(Third Grade)

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

First Baptist Church Baird - 6:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church - 6:00 PM  
First United Methodist Church - 7:00 PM  
Everyone is invited to attend.

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### Holiday Revelers Warned to Drive Sober TxDOT Launches Annual Holiday "Don't Drink and Drive" Campaign

Law enforcement throughout Texas will be providing free rides this month for Texas drivers who've had too much to drink - a free ride to jail that is.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced that all available state troopers and local law enforcement officers will be on Texas streets and highways during the long Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends watching for drunk drivers.

TxDOT officials are expecting their "Jingle All The Way" annual holiday public education campaign to reach millions of Texas this month with messages that driving while intoxicated can lead to jail time.

"We want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "If alcohol is involved in their holiday celebrations, we're reminding people not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. Safe alternative are to

designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

Though Texas continues to lead the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities, safety advocates credit stepped-up enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising about the penalties of drunk driving with the recent decline in impaired driving fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 100 fewer people died in Texas in 2003 in alcohol-related crashes than the previous year.

Besides DPS and hundreds of police departments and sheriff's offices statewide, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are also participating in the holiday anti-DWI campaign.

Penalties for the first DWI offense include driver's license suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to six months in jail.

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### Dear Santa

I have behaved the best I could, so I would like to send you a list of what I want for Christmas this year.

I would like a motorcycle, a Play Station 2, games, new boots, yugio cards, new Wranglers, and a cowboy hat.

Please try to give me these things. I will love you forever.  
Thanks, Tyler Meyer (second grade)

### Dear Santa

I have been a very good girl this year! Please bring me a "Barbie" kitchen, The Princess & The Pauper Barbie Dolls, a Princess Fiona Doll and some dress up clothes! Please bring my little brother Konnor, a tool bench and some tools! I will leave you some cookies and milk!

I love you Santa,  
Kylie Fortune  
P.S. Don't forget to come down our chimney!  
(Mrs. Tollett's Kingergarten)

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### Dear Santa

I would like to see you, but I can't. I would like for you to bring me some make-up and a new desk for Christmas. Could you please bring my baby sister something, too.

Thank you,  
Kalyn Smalley  
(First Grade)

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### Dear Santa

All I want for christmas is a CD player, and for my cousin Kaleb I would like you to bring him a PS2.

For my Grandma, I would like you to bring her a big screen TV. And for my cousin Mark an Xbox for Christmas.

And for my Aunt Rosie a purple jacket.

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies.

Nicole Ramirez  
(Third Grade)

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**Santa  
Letters  
Continue  
Inside .....**



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Dear Santa

Hi! How are you and Mrs. Clause? Here in Baird, USA, we are fine.

Just thought I'd write to give you a hint on something I would like.

Strawberry Shortcake things, game cube, Game Boy Advance P.S., clothes, stuff for my big brothers, color set, and the war to end.

So they can be home with their family.

That's all,

Love always,

Dakota Cheyenne Mendez  
(Third Grade)

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### We Have A Winner! Theda Gandy Wins Dream Window Raffle

Saturday, December 18, just after 6:00 p.m., friends and members of the Baird Chamber of Commerce gathered inside the Christmas Village for the official "Dream Window" raffle drawing.

Children gathered around as Santa drew out the winning name ... Theda Gandy of Rising Star!

If the name sounds familiar, it should! Theda works for the Texas Department of Public Safety issuing and renewing drivers licenses here in Baird.

Yea .... that Theda! You just gotta go by and tell her "congratulations"! (She's so excited!)

No, I didn't sell the winning ticket but Missy over at The Baggage House did. Way to go Missy!

To Kyle and Nancy Etheredge and Market Street Mall, thank you one last time for allowing us to use your lighted display window; to all those who eagerly sold the tickets and to all those who excitedly purchased the tickets, thank you for believing in this project and for investing not only your time but also for your monetary donations. To all our window sponsors whose gracious contributions totaled a whopping

\$2,443.00 in window merchandise for our lucky winner, thank you and thank you again for supporting the Baird community.

One more time, please help me thank our "Dream Window" contributors: Western Rustic Elegance/The Decorating Trend, North Carolina Furniture Manufacturing, Happy Trails, Hamilton Supply Company, Cowboy Country Gallery & Framing, Abilene Billiard connection, Abilene Winnelson, Henson's Antiques, Battles Home Improvement, Texas Stampede, Sanford Lighting Warehouse, Market Street Mall,

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### 2005 County Holiday Schedule

Monday, Jan. 3 - New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 17 - Martine Luther King Day

Monday, Feb. 21 - Presidents Day

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, Sept. 5 - Labor Day

Monday, Oct. 10 - Columbus Day

Friday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24-25 - Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 23-26 - Christmas

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**Dream Window Winner**

Academy Sports & Outdoors, Abilene Monument/Concepts in Stone, West Texas Spas & Pools, Unique Statuary, Brigham Antiques & Livery Stable, Grumpe's Specialties, Plaza Corner, K-Mart, Sam's Club, Crack Pots, Creations by Collene, Marsha Blackstock Avon Representative, Tractor Supply, City Lumber, and Rags And Riches.

Because of this united effort around \$1,700.00 was

raised for the Baird Chamber of Commerce, Oh, and I think Theda's Christmas just got a little brighter, too!

Thank each of you for being involved and so supportive of this first ever "Dream Window" Raffle. We had a lot of fun putting it together and it WAS so worth it! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and wonderful New Year.

**Brenda Moore**  
Baird Chamber of Commerce

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**Baird First United Methodist Church Worship Services**  
**Sunday School - 9:45 AM**  
**Sunday Worship - 10:45 AM**  
**Youth - 5:00 PM**  
**Choir Practice - 5:30 PM**

Friday, Dec. 24  
Candlelight Service  
7:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 28  
Prayer Group - 10:00 AM - Joy Corn's

**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.**  
**Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.**  
**Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.**  
**Wednesday Choir Practice 6:00 pm**  
**Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 22 - NO Choir Rehearsal until January 12. Happy Holidays**

Thursday, Dec. 23 - The Church office will close at 1:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 24 - OFFICE CLOSED. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Friday, Dec. 24 - 6:00 PM Candlelight Service. Everyone is invited!

Coming Soon!!! Ladies Bible Study "Believing God" a Beth Moore Study Beginning: Jan. 9 at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall  
Leaders Kim Vestal and Bridget McDowell

**Letters To Santa**

**Mrs. Tollet's Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
I miss you. I want a camera, clock, stereo, TV, VCR and a Barbie doll. I also want a real horse.  
Thanks,  
Kiera Compton

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage Patch Doll with blonde hair and another baby doll and a Barbie doll with baby blankets, a necklace and diamond earrings for my birthstone.

Oh, and some ring for my fingers and toes. If it's not much trouble - an operation Shrek game.

Thank you Sant and make sure to eat the cookies and milk. Be carefule.

Tyler Bain Miller

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year! Please bring me a "Barbie" kitchen, The Princess & The Pauper Barbie Dolls, a Princess Fiona Doll and some dress up clothes! Please bring my little brother Konnor, a toll bench and some tools! I will leave you some cookies and milk!

I love you Santa,  
Kylie Fortune  
P.S. Don't forget to come down our chimney!

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me, if you can, a Barbie and some pink gel pens like Shelbys, and an orange belt.  
Love,  
Tori

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.

I want a Barbie computer, a Santa toy that sings, a new Cabbage Patch doll, Spongebob TV, and a Barbie movie.

I love you Santa  
Love, Meagan Cooper

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me new books, everyone to have a Merry Christmas. I would like to see your reindeer.

Also I would like a skateboard. I wish I had a play house. I like whatever present you bring me, and a present for Meagan.

I love you,  
Monica

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like

toys or movies or games.

Love,  
Rick

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I love you. Is it cold at the North Pole? Tell the reindeer hi for me. I want a doll and clothes for Christmas. I also want three horse dolls. I would like a Barbie, too.

Please bring a horse for Brenna and a Boobah doll for Bayna. We also need new slippers. We will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Korie Coffman

Dear Santa,  
I would like a rocket. I want a baby doll, and a remote car.

Thanks,  
Destiny

**First Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I was a good boy this year. This is what I want for Christmas.

I want .... a bike, a real motor cycle, a live lizard, a toy dragster, a real gerbil, a Spiderman outfit, a Spiderman Web thrower, and real snake.

Love,  
Cory Mendez

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a Play Station 2 and some games to go with it and cars and trucks. and a remote race car, and new cowboy boots and some video's (cartoon ones). I've been a good boy this year. So thank you Santa.

Austin Moser

Dear Santa,  
Can your elves try to make these things?

Sponge Bob Chair ..... a puppy, fishes, the Sponge Bob movie, a ? Princess with DVD player.

Meagan Buchanan

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 Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study..6:30 p.m.

**Pastor Chad Gosnell**



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# Guest Slot

By H.V.O., G.N.O. & V

## EMBASSY CELEBRATION

IT WAS a rare honor for us as tourists to be able to attend a formal event at the American Embassy in Rome. It happened like this: Lt. Col. Vince Freeman is U.S. Army Liaison Officer to the Italian Army Headquarters, where he works with Italian officers, many of whom are graduates of either Italian and/or American General Staff Colleges. Vince (we can call him that because he's the Son-In-Law) conceived the idea of arranging a formal evening get-together (reunion) of Italian senior officers and American senior officers (also graduates of the Staff Colleges) for mutual fellowship and camaraderie as an effort to further strengthen relationships between the two countries. Italian officers traveled to Rome from all over Italy. His superiors and the Italian brass thought this an excellent idea, so he, with Amy's help, put together an elaborate catered event. We three tourists were just guests at the event, held at the Marine Hall at the Embassy on a given evening. (We were also encouragers, too because the kids were nervous about everything going off well). Think it was the only time I wore a necktie over there, because it was a coat and tie affair. A caterer and a band had been engaged; there were souvenirs, flags and remembrances for the guests of honor and their wives which included three four-star Italian generals, as many American, the American Ambassador, whom Amy introduced us to as her boss, as well as the American Ambassador to the Vatican, and a number of officers and diplomatic persons. Amy arranged for the elaborate floral center piece, and I got to bring it in. During the reception time, there was the traditional decorated cake cutting by representatives of the two countries, and a general get-acquainted time. The young Marines, who are Embassy guards, assisted and served. The buffet meal included barbecued ribs (Vince thinks of everything) and other delicacies for the eat on-your-lap affair. Vince presided at the program and introduced the guest speakers which included U.S. Ambassador Melvin F. Sembler and R. James Nicholson, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See. The Commander of the Italian General Staff College announced that the joint session was so successful that he would guarantee that

it would be repeated annually in the interest of harmony between the two countries. (During Vince and Amy's first tour in Italy in the '90s, he attended the Italian Staff College and later the American Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, so he should know the material.) He also works with many of the Italian officers with whom he attended classes before, and the families visit socially...Oh, by the way, "after the ball," somebody has to tidy up so we sorta helped the young Marines get it back in shape.

In case you are asked, U.S. Ambassador to Italy Mel Sembler was appointed by President Bush in 2001, and had previously served as ambassador to Australia and Nauru. Prior to his appointments he was chairman of the board of the Sembler Co., one of the nation's leading shopping center developers, and has headed up the international association for that industry. He is best known as an activist in the anti-drug campaign and as a staunch, long-time supporter of the Republican Party. He and his wife founded STRAIGHT, an adolescent drug treatment program, which has graduated over 12,000 young people. He has served as finance chairman for the Republican National Committee and been an avid fund raiser for campaigns and inaugurations. The ambassador's residence is the Villa Taverna which has been in existence since at least 955 A.D. Catacombs underneath the gardens date from 270 A.D., and was for years property of the Catholic Church, and was a seminary for some 400 years.

R. James [Nicholson, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See is West Point graduate. As a Ranger in Vietnam, he earned multiple medals including the Bronze star. He retired as a full colonel. With a law degree, he practiced with a major Denver firm and became a partner, specializing in real estate, municipal finance and zoning law. He later founded a development firm of master planned residential communities, and later bought and operated Renaissance Home, a major builder of high quality custom homes. His social work included leadership in the largest faith based social service agency in the Rocky Mountain States. As a Republican activist, in 1997 he was elected R.N.C. chairman, and breaking all



R. James 'Jim' Nicholson  
Ambassador of the  
United States of America  
to the Holy See

records for fund raising, is credited with helping win the party's Clean Sweep in 1997. He is credited with helping launch the party's national goal for public education efforts, and as Chairman, culminated in the history making victories of the 2000 elections: winning the Presidency, the Congress, a majority of governorships and the state legislatures, a feat not done by Republicans in nearly 50 years. He has been awarded highest honors by the Roman Catholic Church, the Horatio Alger Award and other awards

### Vatican Envoy To Head Up Vet's Administration

Just announced this month was the appointment of Mr.



Chief of Staff Fucicelli

Nicholson to head up the Veterans Administration by President Bush.

During a conversation with Vince, Mr. Nicholson commented that Pope John Paul's physical health is presently poor but that his mental and emotional stability are good. He added that the bishops would name a successor at the appropriate time.

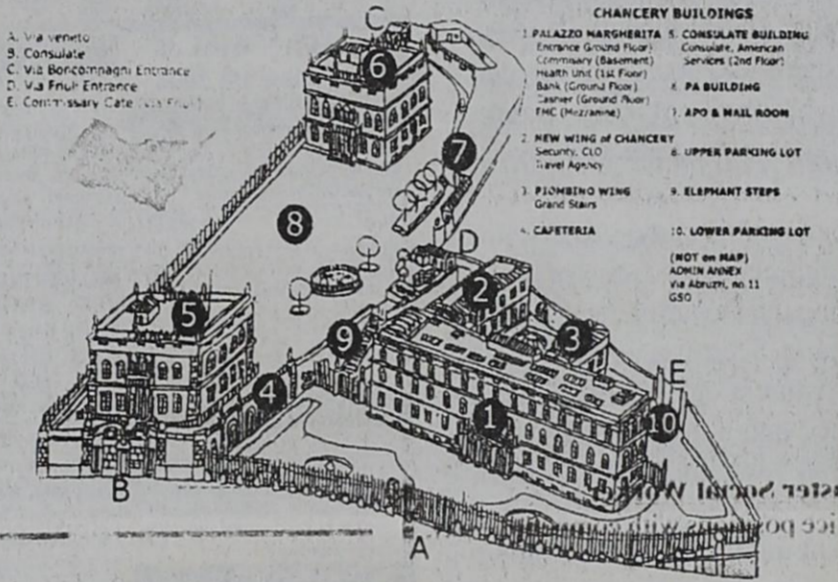
This visit at the Embassy was in late August, long before the resignations and Presidential appointments which are now moving forward.



Vince Freeman



Melvin F. Sembler  
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**Capitol Comment**  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**  
U.S. SENATOR

**Homeland Security Efforts Can be Improved, Say Texans**

After the 109th Congress is sworn in this January, it will grapple with many issues, including homeland security. How do we better protect our people from terrorists at the same time we uphold our vital civil liberties? This year's Listening Post survey gathered valuable comments from my fellow Texans which I will share with my colleagues when the Senate begins the next session.

Respondents provided feedback on arrangements regarding visas for foreign nationals, suggested our next priorities in transportation safety, named the most important goal to improve protection from terrorist attacks, and offered guidance about where additional homeland security funding would best be spent.

Over 400,000 people travel into the United States each day through Texas, entering through 11 border crossings. There is a great deal of concern that some of these visitors mean harm to our people. Presently, Canadians can enter the United States for a six-month stay on a tourist visa, while Mexican nationals, on the same type of document, are allowed to remain for just one month. By a large margin, the survey respondents recommended the Mexican visa remain at one month, rather

than extend it to match the tourist visas given to Canadians.

A good number of respondents came up with a different idea. Thomas, of Bryn said, "The Canadian nationals should also be limited to a 30-day visa." Jon, from Brooks Air Force Base, says the solution is to split the difference and provide both Mexican and Canadian tourists 90-day visas, but posed this question: "How many Canadians or Mexicans really stay beyond 30 days just for tourism?"

In the Listening Post I solicited your opinions on what we should do next to protect the United States against more 9-11 type attacks. Most of you said we should apply the same standards to air cargo that are in place for passengers. Fortunately, my legislation calling on the Transportation Security Administration to improve aviation security by providing enhanced screening of air cargo was included in the recently-passed Intelligence Reform Bill. A close second in respondent ratings was to set up a computer database to check airline passenger names against criminal watch lists. Many expressed interest in overhauling security procedures for train travel, and the fewest number supported expansion of the registered traveler program to airports nationwide. This program lets passengers

who voluntarily supply certain personal information to benefit from expedited security procedures. Davis, of Fort Worth, said any security decision involves, "a tough trade-off, but I want our children to live."

Spending on homeland security efforts has nearly tripled since 2001, providing larger budgets for everything from aviation and port security, to vaccinations and training and equipment for firefighters and police officers. I asked what further changes Texans want to see in homeland security appropriations. Most opted in favor of altering present funding formulas to allocate a larger share of resources to those states and cities facing greater terrorist threats. Many others said we should seek better training and preparation for the firemen, emergency medical technicians, and police who are the first responders in our communities. A distant third replied that we should simply keep our current spending levels. Reid, who lives in McKinney, says that whatever decision we make, we must, "make sure that the money allocated is well-spent and the taxpayer gets what they pay for." I agree one hundred percent.

The attacks on 9-11 spurred Congress to take the unprecedented step of creating the Department of Homeland Security, a single government agency responsible for defending Americans on our own soil. Most of you suggested our next step should be to improve the security of our borders. Many also wanted government officials to address weaknesses in security at our seaports. "Security at ports needs to be addressed," said Keith, from Cedar Park. "This is probably number one on my list. This should include everyone on the ship along with the products and the shipping containers."

Wayne, from Greenville, said we need to watch our northern border with Canada, and suggested changing our policy of setting an upper age limit to those joining the Border Patrol. "This limits the valuable asset of retired military personnel and police," he said.

This survey showed national security is on the minds of many fellow Texans. It also showed, through your thoughtful answers, you take this issue seriously. I want to thank all of you who took the time to send in responses and help me do a better job of representing you in Washington.

**Nominate A Hero For TDA's Rural Heroism**

Austin--Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that Feb. 2, 2005, is the deadline for nominations for the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2004 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act within Texas during 2004. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone num-

bers of everyone involved. If a available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Networks Giving Us Our Due

We in the South have been chided, ridiculed, scorned and are generally the objects of fun-poking by the "intelligencia" in Eastern and Pacific time zones. Folks on the left and right coasts feel that cutting-edge topics apply only to them. They are the national trend-setters—on the go and in the know. We in Central and Mountain time zones are viewed as but furniture on life's stage.

Poor ole' us. We've been badgered so long by so many. We examine bruises, thinking that we did ride in on turnip trucks over rough roads. We answer "here" upon hearing words like "country bumpkin, mountaineer, hick and rube." We figure "dumbo" fits many folks outside the circus. We confess to being central figures in those stories of shortages—you know, one grape short of a cluster, one bulb short of a string, one sandwich short of a picnic, etc.

We're somehow faltering under the assault of insinuations and derisions. We feel way behind on the IQ scale. Sadly, it is ours to trudge along, living out lives of geographically challenged mortals. Down deep, we sigh, figuring that second class is better than no class at all.

A joke, e-mailed from California to New York, tells of a pair of bumpkins who married. Their offspring, predictably, is a show-class bumpkin, the object of much ridicule. He grows accustomed to "last in his class" status but somehow manages to graduate.

Friends are shocked when the young man's father brags

at church that his son is going to medical school! "What's he gonna study?" friends question.

"Oh, he ain't gonna study nothing," dad answers, "They're going to study him."

Some of us nod. Alas, if there's any studying to be done, we'll be the objects of it, not participants.

Admittedly, the topic is being approached gingerly. In keeping with Jack Nicholson's suggestion that "we can't handle the truth," I am taking into account that you are stressed by bad news in general and the crush of holidays in particular. Mentioning networks and friends in the same sentence too early in this treatise would be tantamount to suggesting that you skip this week's epistle. So, I move forward ever so slowly.

Media folks have taken much on the chin this year. In some instances, they've led with their chins.

Television had wardrobe malfunctions. A noted news man "got it wrong" and wound up apologizing. Foul-ups big and small abounded. We had too little flu serum, and now we have too much. We wonder if we're the only people in the world NOT on steroids.

Then, just when we're ready to "sign off" on their messages hits home. It seems as a lightning bolt gift from on high, one deserving acknowledgment years ago. It is not one of frankincense and myrrh, nor can it be touched, eaten or smelled. The message is not subliminal and long has begged for dissection.

Indeed, the networks extend a gift of affirmation—a tribute to superior intelligence—for those of us in the Central and Mountain time zones.

If you want to take "getting it right" a step further, the networks believe that the "intelligence" on the east and west coasts is more fragile. It is these folks who need the most help. And TV moguls know that we in the south (and the mountains, too) can extrapolate.

"Extrapo-WHAT?" you might ask, figuring if your mama ever caught you at it she'd wash your mouth out with soap or have pa take you to the woodshed. Never mind that we may not know the exact definition; the important thing is that we're good at it.

And the networks know it. They discovered, years ago, which time zones can handle a barrage of reminders calling for extrapolation.

OK, so what in blue blazes am I talking about? Networks are always promoting upcoming sporting events. In these days, when we're in the midst of 29 football bowl games, there are thousands of announcements trumpeting upcoming games with time reminders like: "8 p.m. Eastern, 5 Pacific."

Networks KNOW that we in the middle states can extrapolate—"inferring an unknown from something that is known"—thus determining when to tune in. If they thought people on the coasts could extrapolate, they'd give equal time with alternates like: "6 p.m. Central, 5 p.m. Mountain."

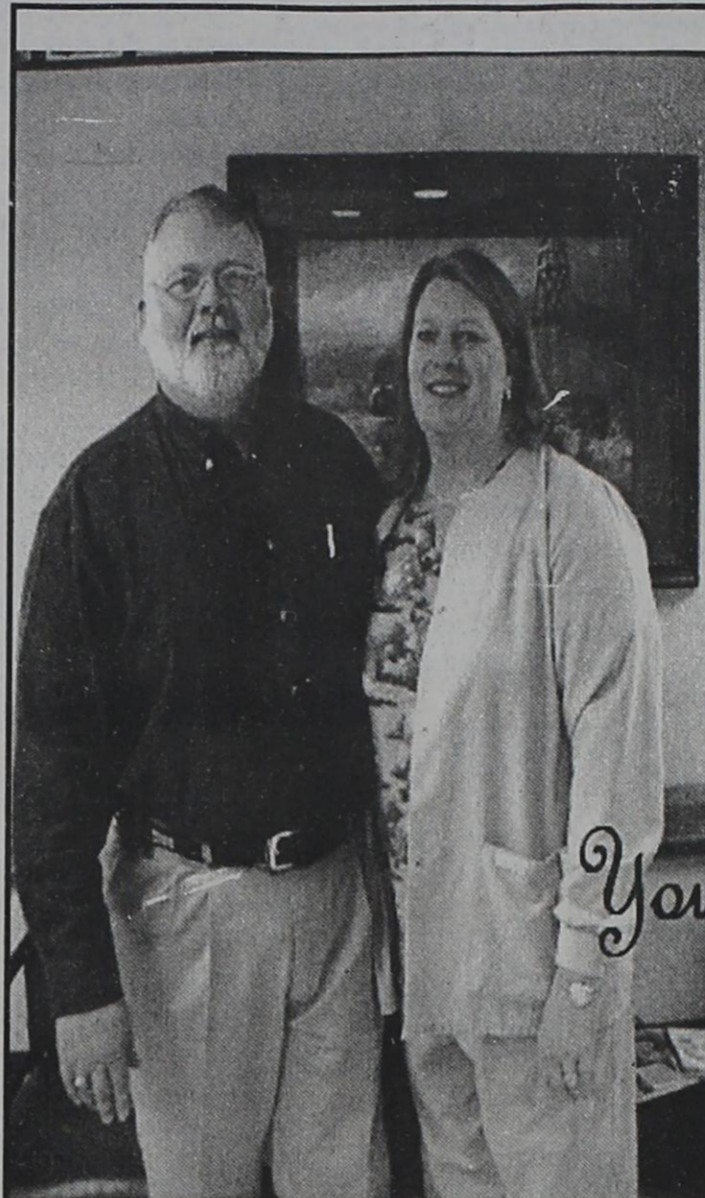
No, they dare not. This could short circuit folks in the coastal time zones who don't even realize the networks are coddling them. Such flies right over their heads.

The rest of us chuckle with heads held high, trying to remember where we put our Confederate money—just in

case the South is rising again.

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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I want to wish all who read the Kokomo News a very Merry Christmas. As we celebrate Christmas with family and friends may we remember that Jesus is the reason for the season and it is His birth that we celebrate.

A large crowd attended the Christmas Program at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night, December 15. The program began with congregational singing of Christmas Carols led by Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano

and Glynda Bond at the organ. Then the choir presented several carols. As we sang "Here comes Santa Claus", Santa appeared through the door much to the delight of the children. After passing out bags of fruit and candy to each one attending, Santa was ready for the children to sit on his lap for a visit and so pictures could be taken. Several of the older children helped Santa pass out the gifts from under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and what a wonder-

ful time all had unwrapping their gifts.

Bro. Clarence Wilson thanked everyone for coming and closed the program with a prayer and voiced the prayer of thanks for the fellowship and food to follow. Then it was time to go to the fellowship hall for a Christmas dinner of Barbecue sandwiches, chips, cobbles and cold drinks, and a wonderful time of visiting with friends.

The Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church began with the congregation singing Christmas Carols directed by Woodrow Browning, with Helen Browning at the piano and Ruby Lee Kinser at the organ. Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove was a visitor. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Jimmy and Verna Lee Little who were celebrating their 51st anniversary on Sunday. The special music, "Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem" was rendered by Aletha Burgess, Norma Webb, Leona Wilson, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Raegan, and Woodrow Browning with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited in Copperas Cove on Monday night, December 13, with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond and attended the Christmas pageant at the Faith Temple Church in Killeen. The pageant was the combined presentation of twenty area churches. Stephanie Bond was a member of the choir.

Joe and Glynda Bond and Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond attended the Wilson Family Christmas get-together at the home of Glynn and Debbie Wilson in Stephenville on Saturday, December 18th. Raegan came home with her grandparents for a visit until Monday when Joe took her home and then went to Uvalde to join Shannon for a deer hunt.

The Snider Family had their Christmas "get-together" on Saturday, Decem-

ber 18th at the home of LaVon Snider. There were 37 who were able to attend. Everyone had a fun time visiting and eating. Those attending were LaVon Snider; Ted and Charlotte Snider; Gene Snider; Dan Snider; Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider; Belinda, Audriana, Isaac, Daniella, and Isabella Segura all of Gorman; Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville; Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, Craig, Matthew, Anna, and Andrew Snider of Hollis, Ok; Justin Snider of Pierre, S.D.; Toby, Angie, Karina, Karle, and Klarissa Snider of Lake Brownwood; Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay; Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin, and Kyann Wheat of Ranger.

Those who were unable to attend and were missed were: Kay Snider who was not

feeling well, Sandr Snider was at home recovering from a broken bone, therefore she and her mother, Dianne Snider were not able to attend; and Erik Segura was working. We also missed Lisa Snider of Raleigh, N.C. and Sheri and Brandon LaBonte of Fairfax, Va. who could not come to Texas for Christmas this year.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were shopping in

Abilene on Thursday. Word was received in the community on Sunday of the death of L.V. Collins. We extend sincere sympathy to her family. L. V. was a former member of the Kokomo Baptist Church and later visited in the church with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brown. Have a wonderful holiday season. Please call me with your holiday news.

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
Remodelers are required by state law to register themselves and their remodeling projects with the Texas Residential Construction Commission (commission). As of March 1, 2004, any individual or entity that fits the commission's definition of a builder, which encompasses some remodelers, is required to register with the commission.

A builder is defined by state law as "any business entity or individual who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage, or other compensation, constructs or supervises or manages the construction of: a new home; a material improvement to a home, other than an improvement solely to replace or repair a roof of an existing home; or an improvement to the interior of an existing home when the cost of the work exceeds \$20,000."

Based on the definition, remodelers are subject to registration requirements if involved in any remodeling projects involving interior renovations exceeding \$20,000; and, material improvements meaning, a modification to a home that either increases or decreases the home's total square footage of living space. Material improvements do not include modifications to an existing home if the modifications are designed primarily to repair or replace the home's component parts. If you do not currently fit the definition of a builder, then you are not required to register with the commission. However, if you do any work in the future that fits this description, you

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There is a house in Rockport Massachusetts, built entirely of newspaper. The Paper House at Pigeon Cove, as it is called, is made of 215 thick newspaper.

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You may learn more about the commission and your

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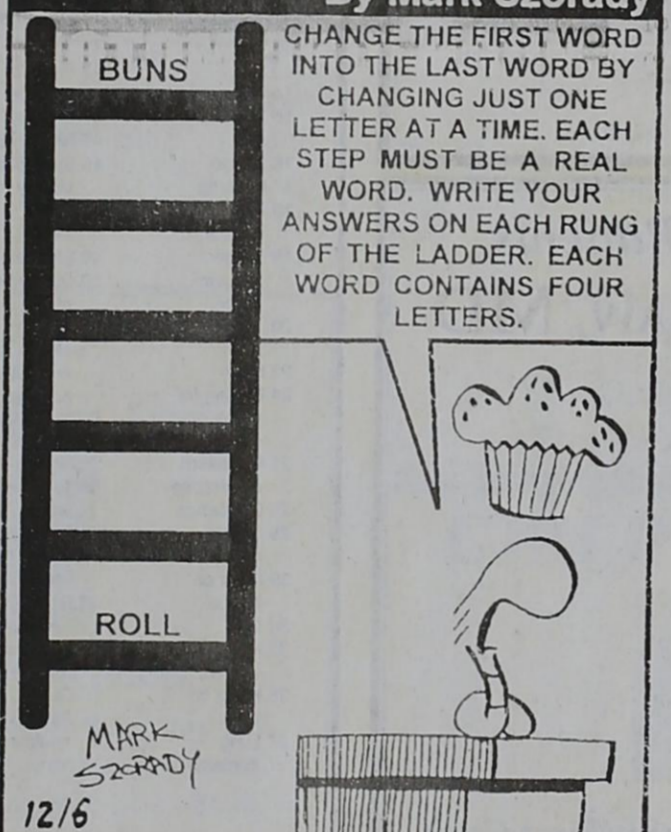
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## 11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas  
Proceedings (En Banc)  
December 16, 2004  
**Affirmed**

Tony Bennett Polley v. State of Texas, Harris. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

**Reversed & Remanded**  
David Lee Jarman v. State of Texas, Ector. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

**Motion Submitted & Granted;** **Appeal Dismissed**

HBK Investments, L.P. and HBK Master Fund, L.P. v. JP Morgan Chase Bank, Dallas. Joint motion to dismiss. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

**Original Proceedings Denied**

In re R. Wayne Johnson, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se petition for writ of mandamus.

In re Joaquin Banda, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se

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petition for writ of mandamus.

**Motions Submitted & Granted**

Daniel Joseph Doshier v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's motion for leave to file late motion for rehearing.

Frank Steven Buesko v. State of Texas, Eastland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

John Wayne Woodall v. State of Texas, Eastland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

William Lawrence Wint v.

State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

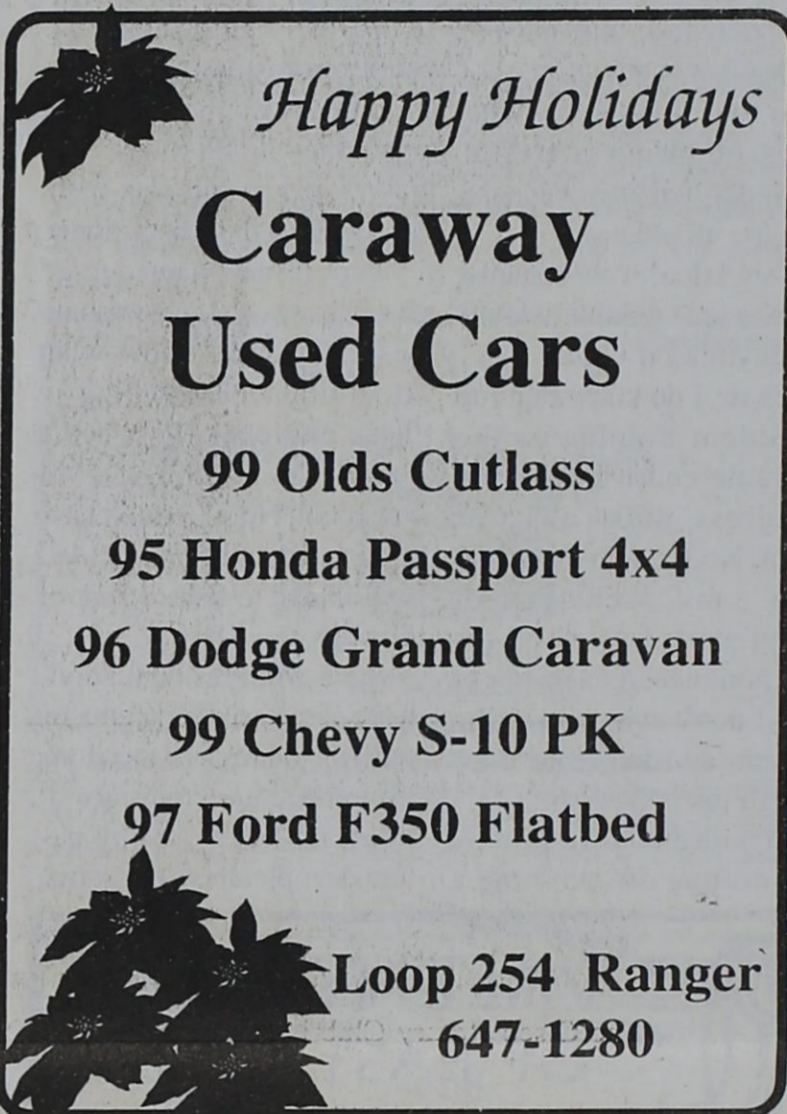
Rosa Sifuentes Vidal v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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Terry Lee Evans v. J. Scott Smith, Midland. Appellant's motion to amend notice of appeal.

**Cases Submitted**  
Eric Jerome Gilmore v. State of Texas, Taylor.

Martin Rios v. State of Texas, Ector.



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## A Redneck's Conversation With The President

By: B. Johnson  
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With all due respect Mr. President you have got to do something about these atheist taking God out of our schools.

Yes sir, I know that this was done by the supreme court but I believe you could do something if you would just try. Yes sir, I know that we still have some good Christian teachers in the system that try to teach our children good moral values without mentioning God but we also have a lot of others that do the opposite.

No sir, I have never run for a seat on the school board and voting is just a waste of time. They always elect some rich dude that doesn't know what is going on.

No sir, I don't know who my board members are but it wouldn't matter because they are all alike.

No sir, I don't vote because my one vote wouldn't count for anything if I did.

Yes sir, I do know that the president nominates the supreme court judges and congress must approve them. No sir, I do not know how my senator or congressman voted on the last nominee. As a matter of fact I don't even know who they are and don't care. They are all just alike.

Sir with all due respect we are drifting off the subject.

You really need to do something about this matter of taking God out of our public schools. We can't even have the 10 Commandments hanging in the school.

No sir, I don't know exactly what the 10 Commandments are but they must be good since God gave them to us. No sir, I don't attend church, for several reasons. I have to do honey dos on Saturday and Sunday is the only day that I have to fish and hunt. And besides the churches are full of hypocrites. I don't think my attending would help one bit.

No sir my children don't attend Sunday School or church either. I have never asked them if they wanted to go. Besides I don't have time to take them because as I said Sunday is my day to fish. Yes sir, I know that several churches in Eastland run basses and would pick them up and bring them back home. I figure if they wanted to go that they would tell me, and besides I don't know what they might be teaching in these churches. I've heard some bad things Mr. President. No sir, I don't have time to go and find out. As I said I have to fish or hunt on Sunday.

No sir, Mr. President I don't have the 10 Commandments hanging on my walls at home either because they are all taken up by my trophy bass and deer pictures. You should

see them sir, I know that you like to hunt and fish. Yes sir, I know that you still have time to go to church but you see sir you are not as busy as I am. I have to work for a living.

No sir, I don't teach my children about God. You see sir, I don't think that I am qualified to do that. I don't know sir, just how they will know but I'm sure they will know when the time comes. Maybe they will find out as I did, from a friend who cared. No sir, I don't know if their friends are Christians or not. We don't talk about religion in my house.

Like I said sir, you really need to do something about taking God out of our public school.

### BEAUTY TIP

Plus-size women can look great in anything, provided it fits well. That translates into buying clothes for your current size, no matter how much weight you plan to lose. Buying a size smaller may seem motivating, but seeing those pieces sit unworn in your closet may frustrate you. Plus, as you lose weight, you can ask a tailor to size your current clothing down.

Look for wear-everywhere staples, such as a pair of straight-leg pants and a straight skirt. Buy side-zip styles, which add less bulk to your belly and keep the lines of your body smooth, and fabrics with a bit of stretch to ensure comfort. Go for any color you like, from basic black and brown to peacock blue and red.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In Thursday, Dec. 9th paper, there is an article and obituary about H.G. Henderson.

Many years ago, I worked for H.G. He had Henderson and Gipson refrigeration-heating and airconditioning in Abilene. That was many years ago.

Now, if that makes me sound old, and I've worked for the air force long enough to be retired from Dyess for a good long while.

Graduated from Cisco High School in 1947 and graduated a bit older than my classmates, that made me born in nineteen hundred and none of your business.

One time H.G. wanted me to go out to the little air port just north of Abilene where his plane was, to put in runway lights and a clearance light on top of a pole. I knew there was a climbing rig in the back of the shop. For what reason, I don't know. I was getting real nervous because I had to put conduit on the pole and a breaker box at the bottom.

I said, "H.G. I've never had a climbing rig on, and never climbed a pole."

He laughed and said, "the pole is laying on the ground."

We'll have a company to go out and put the pole up when you are finished." H.G. could get around at that time, even tho he fell a lot.

I was working on an air conditioner here in town when I heard a grunt and looked around to see H.G. getting up. I could tell a lot about working for H.G. but won't take up your space.

I knew him, the girls when they were small and Donna before she and H.G. were divorced.

Also, Jack Gipson, the Gipson in Henderson & Gipson. Jack was H.G.'s father-in-law.

Frank Strawn  
Abilene, TX

Have a  
Very Merry  
Christmas

## New Year's Eve Party For Singles To Be Held December 31

The River of Life Church Singles and the Eastland County Singles are sponsoring a New Years Eve Party on Friday night, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

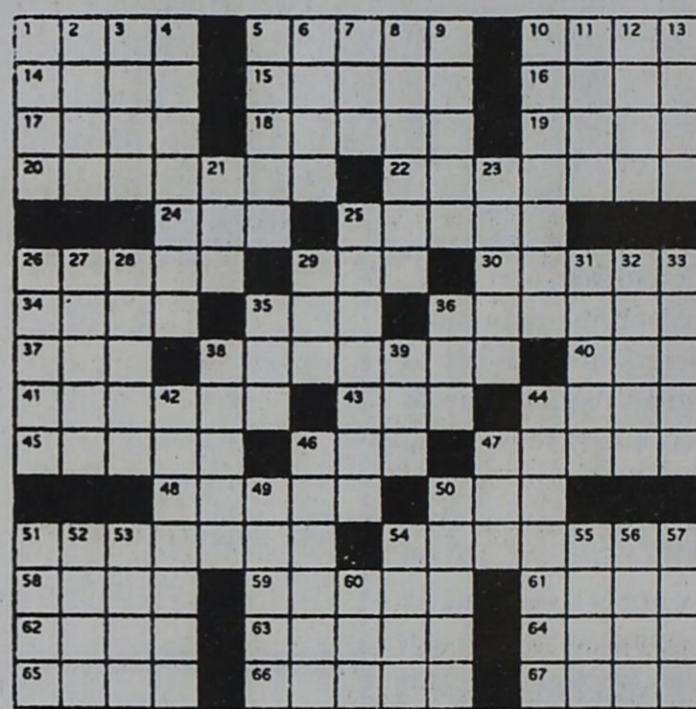
This will be held at the River of Life, 103 Pogue Ave., on the east side of Eastland.

Everyone is welcome to bring games and favorite snacks and party food.

Some of the time will also be spent in singing and devotions. A traditional meal of black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served about midnight.

All area singles are welcome to attend. For more information you may call the River of Life Church at (254) 629-1015.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- 1 Mark on the skin
  - 5 Decelerator
  - 10 Chicago
  - 14 Bear
  - 15 Takes a bus
  - 16 Shape
  - 17 Leaning
  - 18 Tiny diagram
  - 19 1st-century emperor
  - 20 Young plant
  - 22 Poem
  - 24 Ending for graph or social
  - 25 Opposite of verbose
  - 26 Quenches
  - 29 Jungle gym piece
  - 30 Units of speed
  - 34 Oaf
  - 35 Not backwards
  - 36 Hang on to
  - 37 Lung contents
  - 38 Diew one's own horn
  - 40 Truth: Chin.
  - 41 Yen
  - 43 Piece of chicken
  - 44 Country
  - 45 Night noise
  - 46 Symbol of victory
  - 47 Small weight
  - 48 Slackened
  - 50 Supportive of
  - 51 Burn slowly, without a flame
  - 54 Ulcerates
  - 58 O'Hara home
  - 59 Two cents' worth
  - 61 Copy, abbr.
  - 62 M\*A\*S\*H star
  - 63 One of The Judds.
  - 64 Lazarus for one
  - 65 Curve
  - 66 Assisted cockney-style
  - 67 Method: abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Train
  - 3 steps
  - 2 Drink
  - 3 Preposition
  - 4 Wrote back
  - 5 Pickling solution
  - 6 Piece of jewelry
  - 7 Commercial
  - 8 Word with zoo or bee
  - 9 Organic compound
  - 10 Approval
  - 11 Part of the eye
  - 12 Nag's home
  - 13 Opening
  - 21 Common contraction
  - 23 Queried
  - 25 Twisted
  - 26 Great quantity
  - 27 Strange
  - 28 Portion of the body
  - 29 Wraparound accessory
  - 31 Cowboy movie
  - 33 Pig's
  - 35 Italian numeral
  - 36 Law, abbr.
  - 38 Universal staple
  - 39 Whiz's forerunner
  - 42 European nation
  - 44 Political divisions
  - 46 Pertaining to spring
  - 47 Business orgs.
  - 49 Net
  - 50 Foul-smelling
  - 51 Pierce
  - 52 Virile
  - 53 Algerian seaport
  - 54 Become enraged
  - 55 Award
  - 56 Borders
  - 57 Nurse's ASAP
  - 60 PTA member

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|---------|---------|--------|
| SCAR    | BRAKE   | CUBS   |
| TOTE    | RIDES   | OVAL   |
| ALOP    | INSET   | NERO   |
| SPLING  | PEASANT |        |
| ITE     | TERSE   |        |
| SATES   | BAR     | KNOTS  |
| CLOD    | TON     | RETAIN |
| IR      | BRAGGED | TAO    |
| SIRE    | LEG     | PERU   |
| SCORE   | VEE     | CARAT  |
| EASED   | FOR     |        |
| SMOLDER | FESTERS |        |
| TARA    | INPUT   | IMIT   |
| ALAN    | NAOMI   | EMMA   |
| BEND    | ELPED   | SYST   |

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850 acres some high game fenced, mostly wooded, oak timber, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 0 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, **SOLD** Cisco, mostly wooded w/Post Oaks, creeks, 2 ponds, deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$125,000.  
172 acres w/3BR home, barn, **SOLD** water well, deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$189,200.  
\*\*\*\*\*HOMES\*\*\*\*\*  
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, \$12,500.  
3 BR, 1 bath home, large room, **SOLD** dg., corner property, \$17,500.  
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, shop and other outbuildings, \$19,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly wooded floor, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000. **SOLD**  
2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, 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.  
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 repainted and carpeted, fenced yard, \$35,000. **SOLD**  
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, reduced to \$34,000.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, \$39,500.  
3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.  
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.  
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property.  
\*\*\*\*\*LAKE CISCO\*\*\*\*\*  
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.  
3 BR Home, many cabinets, woodburning heater, wooden deck, boat dock with boat house, large trees. Reduced to \$20,000. **SOLD**  
2 BR Home, CH/A, fireplace, detached guest room, patio, boat dock, 2 car carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$42,000. **SOLD**  
2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake from LR, 2 BRs. Some landscaping with sprinkler system, deck and boat dock.  
Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, 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.  
\*\*\*\*\*COMMERCIAL\*\*\*\*\*  
Restaurant with large dining room, eqpt. and furniture, \$38,500. Owner would sell bldg. without eqpt. & furniture for less. Call for details.  
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## New Student And Pre-Kindergarten Registration Is January 3 - 7, 2005

Parents of students who need to enroll their children in Baird Elementary School may come by the school's office from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the week of January 3-7 to register.

Baird Elementary School will also take applications for the Pre-Kindergarten program on these dates.

All parents registering new students for school will need to bring copies of the child's birth certificate, shot records, and Social Security card.

All applications for the Pre-Kindergarten program must submit proof of income (such as a pay stub, etc.)

The Baird Pre-K program will begin on January 10th for children that have turned

4 as of September 1, 2004.

Baird elementary School offers Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-school Program for Children with Disabilities, Kindergarten, and First through Sixth Grade classes.

Please call 854-1400 Ext. 308 for additional information.

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## Baird Elementary To Hold 2005 Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Baird elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2005 school year beginning on Monday, January 3 and ending on Friday, January 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. The registration will be held at Baird Elementary School in the office.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age and is 1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; or 3) homeless. In order to qualify for the program based upon #2, students must meet the criteria of financial need as determined by a formula provided by the state (which is based upon eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced lunch program).

To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income. (Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly wages or a paycheck stub.)

The pre-kindergarten program has limited spaces, so parents are urged to register their children as early as possible. The first 22 children that meet the requirements listed above will be enrolled in this semester's class. After the 22 spaces have been filled, those children meeting the requirements will be placed on a waiting list.

If you have any questions concerning registration or this program, please contact Mrs. Kamie Pruet at 854-1400 Ext. 308.

El registro de Pre-Kinder-

garten para el ano 2005 a la escuela de Baird Elementary es en miercoles, el 3-7 de January de 8:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. y de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. cada dia en la oficina.

Los ninios puede asistir Pre-Kindergarten si tiene 4 anos antes del 1 de Setiembre, 2004, y no puede hablar o entender ingles, o tiene una necesidad economica, o si no tiene hogar.

Necesita traer la partida del nacimiento, del inyecciones, la tarjeta de social security, y papeles del del trabajo.

La clase tiene espacio limitado (solamente nay 22 ninios), pues las parientes necesitan registrar sus ninios tan temprano.

Si tiene preguntas, por favor llama a la oficina de Baird Elementary a 854-1400 Ext. 308.

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## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar and a Scooby Doo DVD.

Thank you very much,  
Matthew Farley

Dear Santa,  
I would like a horse, leapster, camera, stuffed puppy and kitten, bed tent, play make-up, dress-upclothes, new skates. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Tori Miller

Dear Santa,  
I would like a guitar, power Ranger, Scooby Doo toy. Also if my pet Sammy could have a brother. Oh, yeah, could you please bring Zoey some toys, too.

One more thing, Santa. I could also use a new skate board.

I guess that's it.

I have been a good kid this year.

Love, Zane Torregrossa

Dear Santa,  
I would like to see you, but I can't. I would like for you to bring me some make-up and a new desk for Christmas. Could you please bring my baby sister something, too.

Thank you,  
Kalyn Smalley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a dog named Biscuit, also a house, a big house .... a little trampoline, a room for everyone, and a picture of Rudolph. And I want 10,000 dollars and a sleigh like your and new shoes.

Ceasan Cartwright

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a cow and a horse. I also want a real lizard and a real garden snake.

Thank you Santa,  
Kyler Banon

Dear Santa,  
All I want for christmas is a four wheeler, a motor cycle, a ..... a go-cart.

The End,  
I love you Santa!  
Arturo Gomez

Second Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gameboy, S. P., Video Now, Chalkboard, journal, stuffed pillow, and a scarf.

Thank you Santa Caluse.  
Love,  
Dominique Bond

Dear Santa,  
I hope you can find all these things for me this year. I have been good all year.

Bionicle Ultimate Dumerater, TV, Play Stations, radio, transformer energon, Sponge Bob movie, belt, The Hobbit computer game, new rubber boots.

Love,  
Preston Clark

Dear Santa,  
I want a helmet for my four-wheeler, goggles, gloves, boots, a motor cycle rally shirt, and some pants.

Love,  
Jackson Hare

Dear Santa,  
I want a Digiman, Game Boy Sp, Pokemon,

Thursday, December 23, 2004  
Playstation, and Digiman board game. I've been so nice this year.

Love,  
Shane Lang

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year. So please Santa could I have a bicycle and a go-cart. I hope this letter gets to the Northpole in time so the elves can put it together

Thanks Santa,  
From Devan Malaspina

Dear Santa,  
I want a personal video player, Game Boy advance, radio controller vehicle, rail and road system, Yu-gi-oh Duel Dis. accessory, Teehage Mutant Ninja bike, Ground Force go-kart, robot.

Blake Magee

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a DVD player and a big game hunter for me and James.

I would also like some new games for my game boy.

Please don't forget my family and my god Bo.

Lot's of love,  
Coby McGonagill

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas please bring me Bulls eye ball, Sponge Bob the movie, Game cube game, Tak 2 staff of Dreams game, cube game, Icee maker, Twister moves, Operation Shrek, Nicktoon movies, farm set and safari set, Sponge Bob joy stick, Jumbo Shrek and Donkey, ESPN Game Station.

I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you!  
Kara McIntire



# BAIRD BEARS

## Baird HS Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

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  
H.S. Principal: Sandra Carter  
Head Boys Coach: Clay Barnett  
Assistant: Luke Moody  
Head Girls Coach: Lane Loyd  
Assistant Coach: Lauren Rodriguez

## Baird J.H. Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

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 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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