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First Flight To Visit In Baird Saturday November 23rd

Billy Harris-Baird correspondent

BAIRD - "First Flight" Helicopter will make a scheduled visit to Baird Saturday, November 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The landing will be just West of the old T&P Depot on railroad property. The public is invited to come and see the aircraft.

Emergency personnel from around the area will receive instruction from the flight crew on setting up an "LZ" or landing zone along with safe approach when loading patients for transport.

Callahan County utilized "First Flight" four times in the first six days of November when a rash of serious vehicle accidents occurred in various parts of the county. The Air Ambulance transports six patients to Abilene Hospitals during this

time and their Paramedics & Flight Nurses assisted local personnel with treatment of the injured on the ground.

"First Flight" has been in operation for about two years and has been a great benefit to our rural area with highly trained personnel, advanced equipment and short transport times to the hospital. When a person involved in accident has a "Golden Hour" to receive hospital treatment until their chances of survival diminish greatly and takes ground personnel half an hour to reach the accident scene that is 30 to 45 minutes from the hospital, one can see the point. A ten minute helicopter flight can literally mean the difference between life and death in some cases.

48 Study Club To Hold Tour Of Homes

The 48 Study Club met Monday, November 18, 1996. The meeting was held in the school library for the annual creative auction. Members and guest had the opportunity to view all the items from 7:00 to 7:30. Items for the auction were contributed by all club members. All proceeds from this go toward a yearly scholarship that is awarded to a Baird student each spring.

Contributions for the Abilene State School and Wichita Falls State Hospital were also collected.

Refreshments were served to guest and members. The cold punch was refreshing on a warm evening along with sandwiches, sausage balls and cookies.

A Christmas Tour of Homes will be sponsored by the club on

Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission will be \$3.00. Tickets will be available in advance from club members. Tickets will also be sold at second time around, 309 Market the day of the tour. Watch for further information next week.

The following members were present: Dana Barton, Tina Betcher, Lynette Bowen, Dorothy Clark, Barbara Corn, Joy Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Frances Greenway, Judy Gulley, Rosemary Johnson, Georgie Manion, Minnie Martin, Jane Ringhoffer, Joanie Shrader, Joyce smauley, Dyanne Thompson, and Joann Vestal.

Reported by: Joanie Shrader.

YSIS ESPANA To Give Gospel Concert

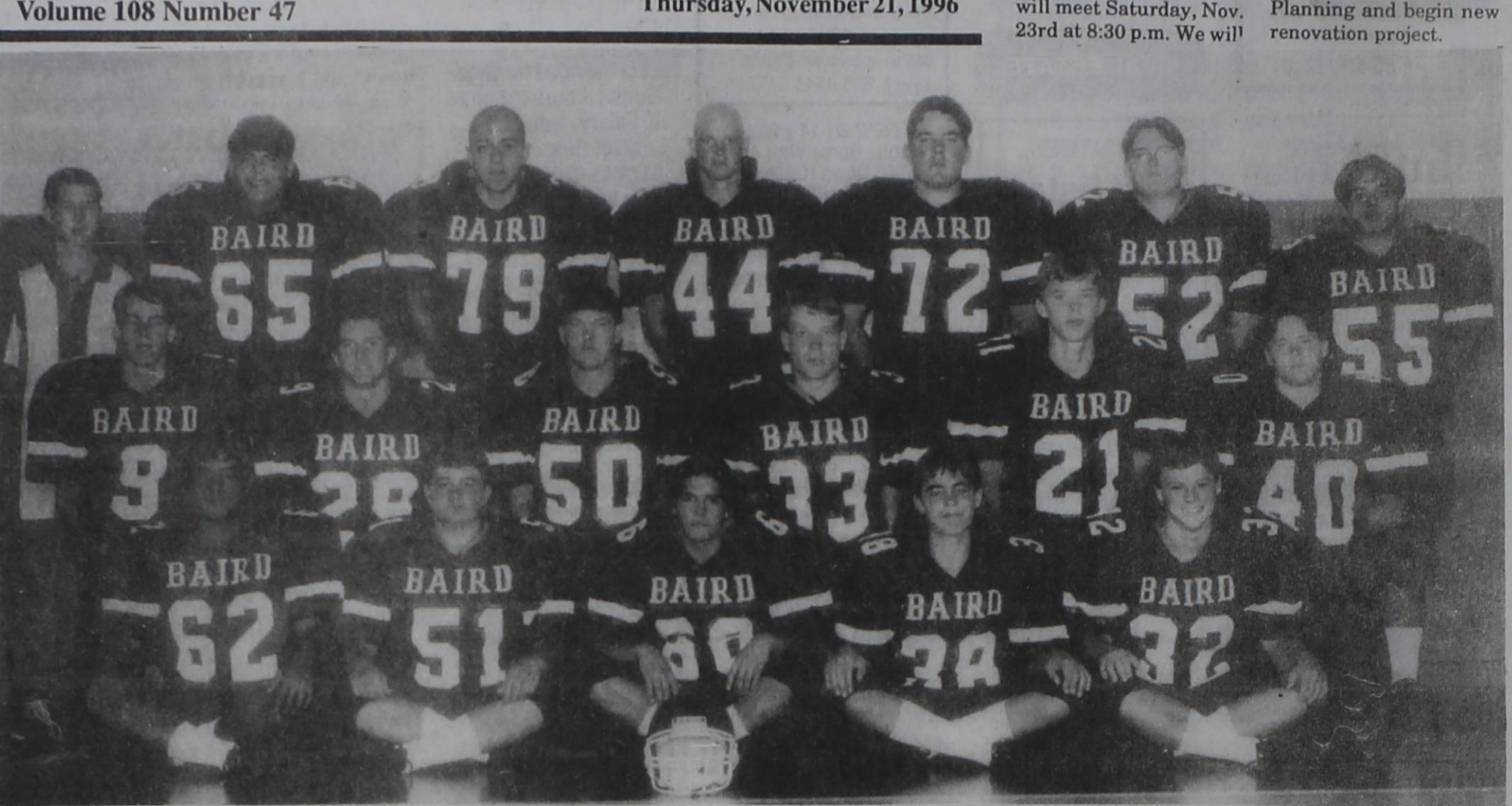
Noted singer Ysis Espana will be presented in a Gospel Concert at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Breckenridge on Saturday, Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m.

The public is invited, and there will be no admission charge. An offering will be taken.

The Church is located at 405 S. Sunset. In Breckenridge turn left on West Walker at the light, go 19 blocks, and turn left on Sunset.

Ysis Espana sings with a warm soprano voice. She was born in Cuba, but educated in the U.S., Costa Rica and Mexico. At age 15 she returned to Cuba with her missionary parents, and continued.

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Members of the 1996 Baird Bears Football Team (left to right) are standing Chad Barron, Sr., Chris Mendez, Sr., Eric Wall, Sr., Steve Crow, Sr., Kolt DaPron, Jr., Robert Gunn, Jr. Middle row are Jim Scott, Jr., Shannon Campbell, Jr., Britt Johnson, Jr., Travis Kerbow, Sr., Shane Devenport, Jr., Todd Rodriguez, Sr. Front row are Lee Reyna, Jr., Ryan Ward, Sr., Stephen Koch, Sr., Dusty Barron, Soph., Jeremy Riney, Soph.

We would like to give special recognition to our "Senior Bears" who have put up a never ending fight and have played so well. Our hats off to these guys. They will be missed greatly on the football field next year.

2 Weeks Left Until Drawing For County Commissioners Jeep Cherokee/Or \$15,000 Cash!

There are only 2 weeks left to be able to get your name in on an opportunity to win your choice of a 1997 Jeep Cherokee or \$15,000 Cash, or one of 12 other cash prizes. Time is running out and there are only a few chances left.

For a \$100 donation towards Baird's Project Graduation you will get a chance at winning your choice of the Grand Prize of either a Jeep Cherokee or \$15,000 cash.

If you feel that you cannot afford a \$100 donation, there are many people going together and pooling their money for a chance at the cash. If you cannot find anyone to go in with you on a ticket, if you will contact a parent of project graduation and let them know that you would like to purchase a 1/2 of a ticket for \$50, a 1/4 of a ticket for \$25.00 or a 1/5 of a ticket for \$20, we will match you up with someone, or a team in order that you might split the grand prize cash.

Several people are doing this so that they can help out our Project Graduation, but just do not have a \$100 to do so.

Any contributions are greatly appreciated.

So take advantage of being a part of this and contact a senior parent now before all the tickets are gone, only 300 tickets will be sold and we are nearing that goal fast!

You may call Sharon or LaVerne at 854-1165 or Bun or Debbie at 854-1020.

Drawing will be December 7, during Cowboy Christmas.

Billy Harris-Baird Correspondent

BAIRD-Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, November 14, at 9:30 a.m. County Judge Bill Johnson called the meeting to order with the following officers present: Commissioners; Precinct 1 Harold Hicks, Precinct 2 Bryan Farmer, Precinct 3 Tommy Holland, Precinct 4 Charlie Grider and County Clerk Darlene Walker.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

On a motion by Holland and seconded by Farmer Commissioners approved setting County Holiday's for 1997. These include:

- New Years Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Presidents Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas

Commissioners discussed improvements to the Courthouse Elevator to bring it into compliance with state regulations. On a motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland commissioners approved the following improvements which carry a \$4,500 price tag.

- Purchasing and installing interior light switch
- Purchasing and installing Emergency Lighting
- Purchasing and installing a phone and cabinet.
- Purchasing and installing pit ladder.
- Purchasing and installing rope tags.
- Lowering the counter weight guard to the proper height.
- Judge Johnson stated that the elevator is in a safe condition at this time and these improvements were to be made to further add to users safety and convenience.
- Commissioners canvassed and approved the votes from the November 5th election.
- Bills were discussed and approved on a motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland.

Postal Service To Open Entrance Examination

The Rural Carrier examination will be open to the general public November 18 though November 22, 1996, for the Abilene Area eligibility register.

Offices included in the Abilene AER are Abilene, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Knox City, Lawn, Loraine, Lueders, McCaulley, Merkel, O'Brien, Roby, Roscoe, Roatn, Rule, Snyder, SDtamford, Sweetwater, Tucloa, and Winters, Texas.

Individuals interested in applying to take the examination may complete one Application/Admission Card, at one of the postal locations listed above.

No applications will be accepted before or after the above dates.

Cowboy Christmas Craft Show To Open Library's Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive at the Baird I.S.D. in just a few weeks. This year the book fair will open with the annual Cowboy Christmas Craft Show (December 7th) so we have decided that our theme for this year's fair will be Cowboy Christmas Reading Roundup. Everyone is encouraged to come to visit our Reading Roundup and take advantage of the reasonable prices on the outstanding selection of children's books, videos and computer software offered by Scholastic Books Inc.

As in previous years, the book fair will feature hundreds of quality children's books. Many are award winning titles. Among those featured in this year's Reading Roundup are the popular books upon which the PBS series Author and the Magic School Bus are based. Also included are timeless classics, biographies, holiday titles, accelerated reading titles, and Christian books. You will also find the following entertainment series books: Goosebumps, Hank the cowdog, Boxcar Children, American Girl, Baby Sitter's Club, Animorphs, and the Babysitter's Little Sisters.

For the bargain hunters there will be value packs priced at \$1.99 and accelerated readers value packs for \$2.99. (A value pack is a prepackaged combination of at least two almost new or overstocked titles which sell for one low price).

For those interested in computers, there will be a nice selection of educational software at prices comparable to Wal-Mart or the Mall. Some of the software featured will be the Oregon Trail II, Geo Safari Platinum Edition, Indiana Jones And The Fate of the Atlantis, NFL Math, Algeblaster, Where in Space is Carmen San Diego? and the Magic School Bus inside the Earth. Scholastic has software priced from \$14.95 to \$45.95.

Busy shoppers can make their search for the perfect teacher gift much easier this year by purchasing books from the teachers wish lists. Free gift wrapping will be available on all gifts for teachers. Of course, Scholastic's great books, computer software, videos, posters, pencils, erasers, and bookmarks make great gifts or stocking stuffers for the family too!

Reading Roundup hours will begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 7th and run until 5:00 PM that day. It will close on Sunday, December 8th, but will reopen on Monday, December 9th. Hours of operation on December 9th and 10th will be 8:30 AM until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11th, we will be open from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM only, to allow our volunteers time to attend their evening worship services.

To encourage student and parent participation (Cont. on back page)

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Moran News

By Mrs. Luke Huskey

Twelve members of the Moran Birthday Club met Thursday night at the High Lonesome Cafe in Albany for the November meeting.

The "Happy Birthday" Song was sung to Elma May Huskey, who has a birthday in November.

Nadine Brewster brought a very interesting program on Thanksgiving, with comments from those present. Members stated what they were or had been thankful for, during their lives.

Due to conflicting events, the Birthday Club will be held on Tuesday night, Dec. 10, at 5:30 at the High Lonesome Cafe in Albany. A Christmas program will be held and the members will exchange gifts. Come and enjoy the group for Christmas program.

Those present were Ray Spurgeon, C.L. Miller, Nadine Brewster, Hubert Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kays, Mae Delle Jones, Mildred Smith, Florence Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Midkiff and Elma May Huskey.

Word has been received in Moran of the death of Edward (Buzzy) Hayden of Dallas. Buzzy visited in Moran during the year, as he had ranch holdings in the area. He was a nephew of the late Mrs. Pearl Roach. The funeral was held in Dallas. with burial in Greenville.

Lucion Brooks is recuperating at home after a stay in the Breckenridge hospital.

Jimmy Brooks will return to Scott and White Hospital in Temple on Tuesday for further treatment.

Mrs. Margie Hammons is receiving treatment in Hendricks Hospital, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Smith of Allen spent Sunday night with his

MS Support Group To Meet November 21

The Breckenridge Multiple Sclerosis, (MS), Support Group Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Tower Room at First National Bank, Albany/Breckenridge, located at 101 East Walker, Breckenridge.

Anyone in the Eastland or Callahan County area, who has Multiple Sclerosis, (no matter how advanced the symptoms are, or how long they have been diagnosed), or anyone who is a caregiver or who is a friend of someone who has MS, is invited to attend.

The Breckenridge MS Support Group meeting is held every third Thursday of each month. For more information call Wanda Hallmark, 1-817-559-5412.

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Breckenridge Craft Guild Show Nov. 23-24

The 24th Craft Guild Show will be held at the Stephens Co. Ag Center on Nov. 23 and 24. Show hours on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds of the show will benefit local charities. The admission charge is \$1 for adults, with no charge for children age 12 and under. Organized in 1984 to promote quality craft shows to showcase work of Craft Guild members and area craftsmen. The Breckenridge Craft Guild Shows have gained the reputation of being "the good little show."

Craftsmen from Lubbock, Fort Worth, Granbury, Cisco, Tolar, Abilene, Weatherford, Strawn, Graham, Wichita Falls, Paradise, Burkburnett, and Lewis-

ville will join the Craft Guild and local craftsmen for the 24th Craft Guild Show. One will find silver jewelry, rag rugs, vests, pottery, ceramics, wearable art, jackets. There are Bonsai, Christmas trees and decorations, potpourri, pies, "cats" and bears, country wood craft, clocks, personalized mugs, and a "Make It Take It" booth for kids, are a few of the things to do and see at the 24th Craft Guild Show.

Answers to King Crossword

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A baked goods sale by the CWF will be on Saturday. Stephens Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will display and accept donations on "Raggedy Ann and Andy" dolls. St. Andrews Episcopal youth have "Buckaroo Spirit" "nite-lites" at their booth. Students of the Life Skills Center are back with Christmas ornaments, cookies and bread. Make a donation for the SDA Church kitchen, and choose from sneakers or the plastic wrap dispensers at their booth. Ginger-snaps Caterers will service the food concession. Serving chicken spaghetti, lasagna, broccoli cheese soup, chili and cornbread, hot dogs, nachos and choice of desserts, drinks and snacks will be available during show hours. Plan to spend the day.

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Kimberly Acosta, new PATH Community Liaison for Abilene and thirteen surrounding counties, provides information and technical assistance on laws, rules, regulations, programs, services, parent support groups, and handicapping conditions to parents of children with all types of disabilities including ages birth through 21.

The PATH Project is a statewide program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education to provide training and assistance to parents of children with disabilities at no cost to parents.

Mrs. Acosta is a registered nurse and is parent of two children who have disabilities. She served as

a PATH volunteer parent assistance specialist prior to her employment as community liaison for the

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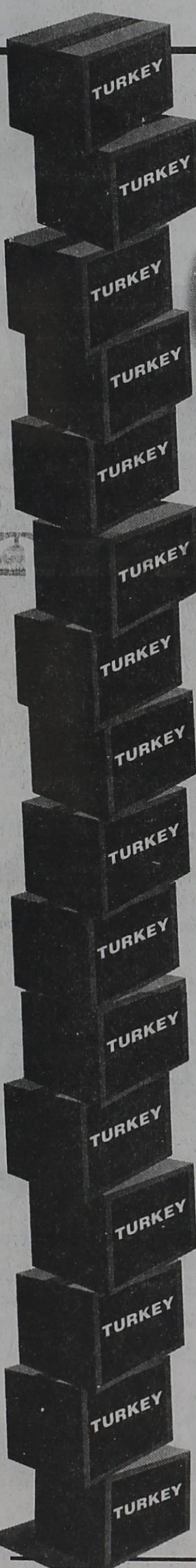
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11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas on November 14, 1996:

Vacated & Remanded

Pine Street Salvage Co., Inc. v. Central Appraisal District of Taylor County, Texas et al., Taylor. (Opinion by Justice Dickenson) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice

McCloud).

Relator's Pro Se Petition for Writ of Mandamus Dismissed

Todd W. Altschul v. Hon. Ernest Cadenhead, Judge, Orig. Pro. (Per Curiam Opinion)

Appeal Abated

Mark Session v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Order)

Motions Submitted & Granted

Kurt Thomas Chase v.

State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's fifth motion for extension of time to file brief.

Ernest Lee Moore v. State of Texas, Jones. Appellant's tenth motion for extension of time to file brief.

Betty Beasley Daffron v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's fourth motion for extension of time to file brief.

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Joe Henry Anderson v. State of Texas, Scurry. Appellant's fourth motion for extension of time to file brief.

Joseph Lynn Sneed v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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Eastland Telegram

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Thursday,

November 21, 1996

'That Thing You Do' To Begin At Majestic Friday

A current Twentieth Century Fox comedy called "That Thing You Do" will open at the Majestic Theatre in Eastland on Friday, Nov. 22, and show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, Nov. 25. Admission will be \$3.50 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults at \$5. The picture is rated R.

This movie turns back time to the 1960's, when new bands were coming in like shooting stars. It features a mythical group called "The Wonders," who become a part of the pop culture.

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Guy Patterson is a salesman at his father's appliance store in Erie, Penn. By day, he sells toasters and transistor radios. But at night he retreats to his basement, sits down at a set of drums, and disappears into a cloud of jazz percussion.

Then a local rock band loses its drummer, and asks him to sit in at a college talent show. One month later "The Wonders" are stars in the Play-Tone Records galaxy, with a recording contract, a state fair tour and a trip to Hollywood.

As their signature song "The Thing You Do" rockets to the top of the charts, The Wonders embark on

a humorous journey with a close look at the halcyon days of rock and roll.

Two-time Academy Award winner Tom Hanks makes his directorial debut on "That Thing You Do!" which he also wrote. In addition, Hanks portrays Mr. White, the Play-Tone Record Executive who manages the band.

The film stars a group of newcomers as The Wonders: Tom Everett Scott as Guy, Johnathon Schaech as Jimmy Steve Zahn as Lenny, and Ethan Embry as The Bass Player.

Liv Tyler portrays Faye, Jimmy's girlfriend, and Charlize Theron is Guy's distracted girlfriend Tina.

Of course there's a lot of rock music in the picture, with an original soundtrack. This movie will bring back remembrances of The Beatles.



(L-R) Tom Hanks, Jonathon Schaech, Liv Tyler, Ethan Embry, Tom Everett, Scott and Steve Zahn star in the comedy "That Thing You Do." This movie will show at the Majestic Theatre in Eastland next weekend.

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WORLD TRAVEL

by Virginia L. Kroll, Hamburg, NY

Match the country to its geographic location. For example: United States to North America.

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| 1. Canada | A. South America |
| 2. Kenya | B. Asia |
| 3. Thailand | C. Eastern Europe |
| 4. Honduras | D. North America |
| 5. Argentina | E. British Isles |
| 6. Italy | F. Africa |
| 7. Romania | G. Central America |
| 8. Wales | H. Western Europe |

ANSWERS: 1. D, 2. F, 3. B, 4. G, 5. A, 6. H, 7. C, 8. E.

November Fun Fact

What is a moccasin?

A moccasin is a poisonous snake that lives in swamps and streams in warm parts of the United States. It often reaches five feet in length. It is light brown or olive green when young and grayish black when it's older.



by Bill Stephani

Jack, Andrew and Mandy slept as Mr. Winklesneezzer drove the family station wagon toward their new home in the north woods. Barry was too excited to sleep. He listened as Mr. and Mrs. Winklesneezzer talked about their new house.

"It's a great big house built by a famous writer named Tom Tickle-Twister," said Mr. Winklesneezzer. "Mr. Tickle-Twister writes happy stories with unexpected twists and turns. When he built his house, he filled it with fun and laughter, too! The man who sold us the house said it has many surprises."

Mom gave a look of alarm. "Surprises? Do you mean it's scary?"

"No," replied Mr. Winklesneezzer, "it's just filled with hidden closets, secret hallways and funny noises!"

"Noises!" said Mom. "I don't think that's very funny!"

"But Mr. Tickle-Twister did. And, for some reason, he thought the number eleven was funny."

As the late-afternoon sun peeked through the treetops, Mr. Winklesneezzer slowed the station wagon down. He turned into a long, snow-covered driveway lined with trees. Barry's eyes lit up to see woods filled with hundreds of Christmas trees growing closely together.

"Wake up, everyone! We're here!" exclaimed Mr. Winklesneezzer. (When Mr. Winklesneezzer speaks in his radio-announcer voice, everyone listens!)

Mom said, "I hope we made the right decision to move here."

Mandy yawned, "Where are the good-looking boys?"

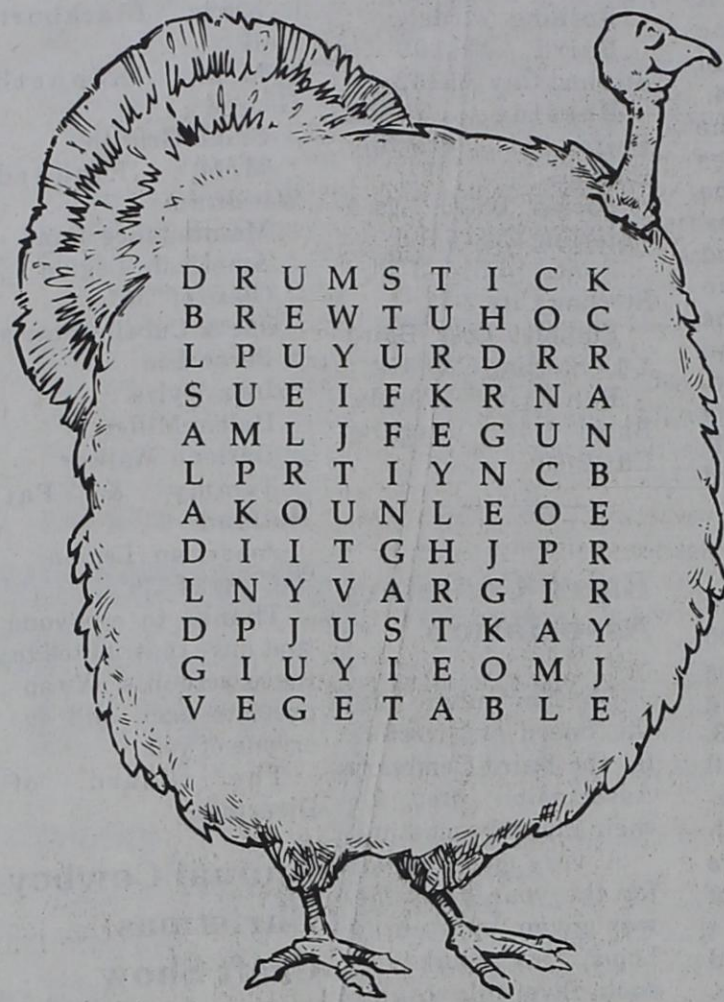
Andrew, Barry and Jack all yelled together, "Let's find the cable hookup!"

By the time they had unloaded the car, it was 15 below zero and dark.

"Brr, it's going to be a cold night! I can see my breath!" said Mr. Winklesneezzer. Then he blew a big white cloud into the frosty air.

Be looking for more adventures with Barry and his friends on the Just Kidding page!

Seek & Find



Thanksgiving Dinner Things

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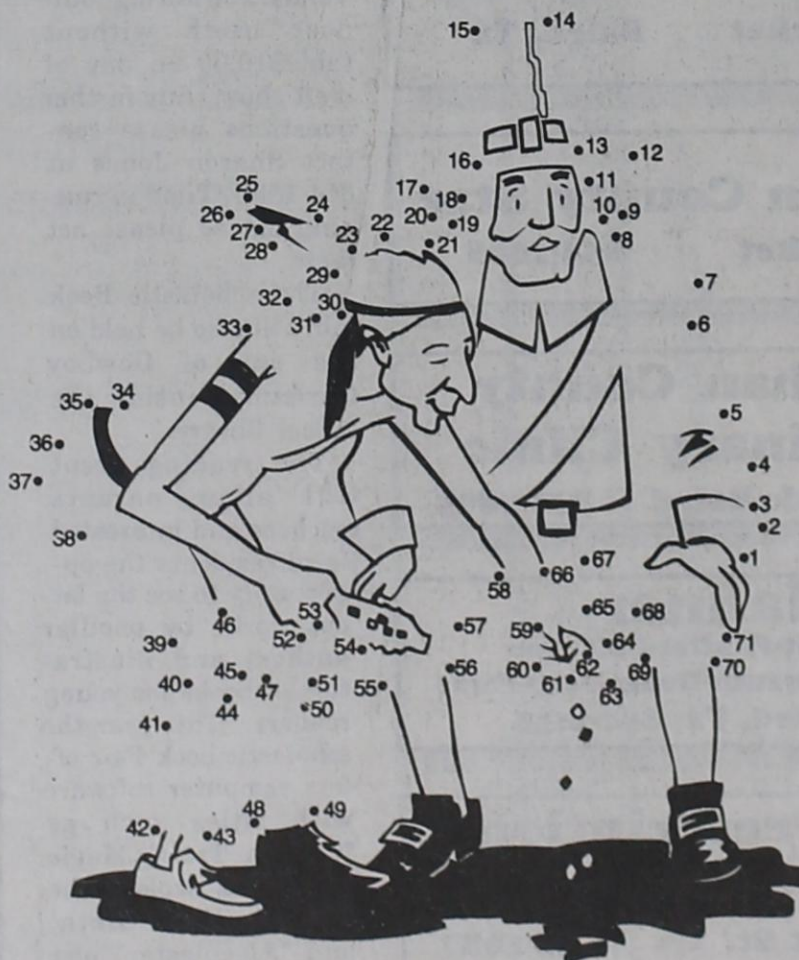
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Kids in the KITCHEN

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- One small can of whipped topping
- One six-ounce package of miniature chocolate chips
- One large package of Oreo® cookies
- Gummi Worms®
- One child's sand bucket and shovel
- Tools: hand mixer, large bowl, measuring cup

Get Set...

- Some instructions may require adult help.
- Wash bucket and shovel thoroughly.
- Crush Oreos to a crumb consistency.

Go!

1 Make the pudding. Mix pudding according to package directions. Place in refrigerator until soft-set.

2 Make dirt. Fold whipped topping and chocolate chips into pudding. Spoon half of mixture into bottom of bucket. Top with half of cookies. Add a second layer of pudding, then remaining cookies. Top with Gummi Worms. Use shovel to serve.

Option: To make individual servings, layer pudding mixture and cookie crumbs in plastic cups. Use narrow chenille stems for handles and plastic spoons for the shovels.

AMAZING ANIMALS

Match the animals in column one to the descriptions in column two.

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| 1. pelican | A. clever cat |
| 2. iguana | B. blind burrower |
| 3. firefly | C. bright bug |
| 4. mole | D. flying fisherman |
| 5. bat | E. lolling lizard |
| 6. cougar | F. sensational spinner |
| 7. spider | G. frolicking fly-catcher |
| 8. frog | H. radar rider |

ANSWERS: 1. D, 2. E, 3. C, 4. B, 5. H, 6. A, 7. F, 8. G.

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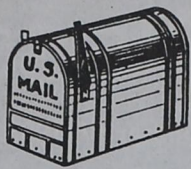
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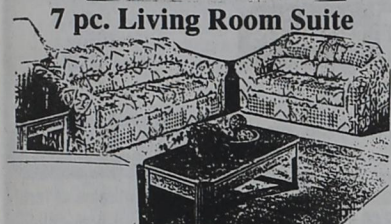


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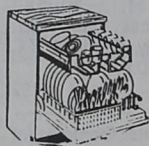
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Feeders: 35.00-48.00

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Can women rely on their husbands' retirement savings? Women who rely on their husbands for economic security would appear to be in relatively good shape financially. In the event a husband dies, private pension plans are generally required to provide benefits for the surviving spouse, and the same rule applies to Social Security. In the event of a divorce, the court may award the wife a portion of the husband's pension benefit. Social Security benefits also would be paid to a divorced wife, based on the husband's earnings, if the marriage lasted at least ten years. But it's also a sad fact that about 25% of elderly, single women live in poverty, compared to 5% of elderly women who are married. It appears that divorce and the death of a husband do take a financial toll.

It only makes sense for a woman to build her own individual savings - the strong "third leg" of a secure retirement. Every woman should realize that the man in her life may not be willing or able to provide her with lifelong economic security.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush isn't jumping at suggestions to cut school property taxes by replacing them with a new mix of business and sales taxes, but he is working on the problem.

Last week, Bush said he thinks there's a way to reduce those taxes by \$1 billion over the next two years. He proposed using state budgetary savings and economic growth to yield a billion dollars in property tax relief.

"By holding the line on spending and insisting on leaner and more efficient government, we can raise the state's share of funding our schools while lowering taxes for Texans," Bush said.

"I view this as a down payment toward what I hope will be even more substantial property tax relief during the next legislative session."

School property taxes are expected to total about \$20 billion during the 1998-99 budget period. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, said he had given Bush a rough draft of his own property tax plan, but released no details.

On Aug. 31, the midway point in its two-year budget, the state government had a cash balance of \$1.4 billion above projections, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

But the cash balance "doesn't really count," said Ross Ramsey, a spokesman for state Comptroller John Sharp. He said Sharp will propose at least \$1 billion in savings when he issues his performance audit of state agencies later this year.

Moving On and Getting Rich
For many Texas legislators, it was well worth burning their candles at both ends during their years as public servants. Especially for those who are now lobbyists.

Texas Ethics Commission records show that 67 former lawmakers are

registered as lobbyists, and some make more than a million dollars serving special interests.

Those lawmakers-turned-lobbyists reported earnings totaling between \$10 million and \$22 million, according to a study released by Tom Smith, director of the Texas office of the government watchdog group, Public Citizen.

"These (former) legislators are using the inside knowledge and contacts they developed while serving the public's interest..." Smith told the Associated Press, adding that the reported earnings are about 15 percent of what has been reported by registered lobbyists, from Jan. 1 through Nov. 4.

State Board OKs Textbooks

New social studies textbooks were approved 12-3 by the State Board of Education after a Hispanic board member called critics of the book racist.

The books, published by Harcourt Brace School Publishers, were attacked by some who said they dwelled too much on minorities and non-Christian religions and complained that the books portrayed whites and Europeans as cruel.

Reacting to those who attacked the books and not addressing her remarks to any specific board member, board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi said, "It is obvious from the protests that racism is alive and well."

"When I read time after time that protesters wanted more about great Americans and less on minorities, and I read time after time again that there was an overemphasis on minorities, I realized that the protesters wanted that minorities be excluded. In other words, we're not considered Americans by the protesters."

Richard Watson of Gorman, who voted not to approve the books, asked that those who voted not be categorized as racist. Watson, Donna Ballard of The Woodlands and Randy Stevenson of Tyler, who also voted no, focused their criticism on factual errors in the books.

Ogden Seeks Senate Seat

State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, is the first announced candidate in an upcoming special election to fill the Senate seat being vacated by Jim Turner, D-Crockett, who won a U.S. House seat on Nov. 5.

The special election could be

held as early as Dec. 10 or as late as Jan. 28, depending on when Turner resigns his Senate seat.

Ogden, who could retain his House seat while seeking the Senate post, said he will quit the House so "I'll have no comfortable perch in the political system to return to."

Other Capital Highlights

■ Texas' 75th Legislature doesn't convene until the second week of January, but go-getter legislators already have filed hundreds of bills. More than 5,000 pieces of new legislation are expected to be filed before the late March filing deadline.

■ The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is investigating contracts that led to pay telephones in state jails, despite a law that forbids convicts' use of pay phones.

■ Now posted on the Texas attorney general's Internet home page is a list of the state's most-wanted deadbeat dads. Texas joins 14 other states that have such means to locate parents who don't pay court-ordered child support.

Read The Classifieds

Abilene Ballet Theatre To Present 'The Nutcracker'

Begin your holiday season at the Paramount Theatre with the 1996 performance of "The Nutcracker" brought to life by Abilene Ballet Theatre.

Showtimes for the full-length production in two acts are Friday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23 at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and again on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m. All tickets are reserved seats sold only at the Paramount Box Office (676-9620) 352 Cypress St. which began Nov. 11th. Prices are: Students \$5.00, Sr. Citizens and Military \$7.00, Adults \$10.00, and Patrons \$15.00.

After Sunday's matinee, the kids are invited to stay and meet the cast, get autographs, and pictures

may be purchased with their favorite dancer while enjoying cookies and punch.

This is the ninth annual production of the Christmas favorite by ABT. Nancy Gore and Mary Abbott Milstead are serving again as artistic directors. More than 80 local dancers will be featured in the ballet based on Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's festive and music-filled work, first produced in 1892.

In addition to the four full performances of the "Nutcracker", there will also be two mini performances for Abilene Independent School District and area schools on Friday, Nov. 22 at 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Both of these performances are already full with over

2,300 children attending. The addition of the "tree" this year, completes the spectacular sets specially designed and executed by Peter Wolf of Dallas for the "Nutcracker" in the historic Paramount Theatre.

With our regular company members we are fortunate to have three male dancers who are adding a great deal to the company — Steve Novak (Fritz), John Demone (Head Soldier), and Stephen Bridgwater (Nutcracker).

The "Nutcracker" is a full-length ballet presented in two acts. Special guest artists Amy Dillard Green from Dallas (the Peacock) always an audience favorite, Mr. Lynn Loomis from Tennessee (Snow King & Cavalier) and Mr. Rob Snow from Kilgore (Dew Drop Cavalier) will perform with the company in each of the performances.

Buster Kelly of Abilene will perform the character of Uncle Drosselmeyer. Mr. Kelly performed with the company in two performances of Copella as Dr. Coppelius. Stephen Bridgwater from Amarillo, a freshman theatre major at McMurry Uni-

versity will perform as the Nutcracker. Three girls will perform the character of "Clara" - Ashley Hortan, Erica Roland, and Alicia Strong - all of Abilene. Also this year, we have in our company a foreign exchange student from Germany, Suzanne Albrecht. Suzanne will perform as one of the dolls and be in the core dances with the company. Our local company dancers include, Beth Anne Forrester as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Britni Downs as the Snow Queen, Holly Wright and Madge Chambers (double cast) as Dew Drop, Steve Novak as Fritz, Jane Guitars as Mrs. Stahlbaum, Chuck Estes as Dr. Stahlbaum, Barb Stockdale and Sarah Doty (double cast) as the Maid. Abilene Ballet Theatre is a full performing member of the Southwestern Regional Ballet Association.

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16 Chinese American entree
18 Close up again
20 Iron and aluminum
21 Tulip, once
23 Comprehend
24 They talk turkey
28 Barbecue meat
31 W. Hemisphere nation
32 Holy song
34 Arles affirmative
35 Slave of yore
37 Tournament tally
39 Les hommes

DOWN
1 Cupid's forte
2 Hitchcock tour de force
3 Genesis victim
4 "The Georgia Peach"
5 Unfortunate
6 Tray contents
7 Time of prosperity
8 Poultry chef's gadget
9 Algebra expression
10 Swordfight

11 Emulates Simon?
17 Cribbage gismo
19 "I Spy" star
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"THE LINKING Ring" is the monthly publication of I.B.M.-- International Brotherhood of Magicians. It's not a union, nor Big Blue, but a highly-respected organization and journal for professional and amateur magicians. It is for the "do'ers" and those who appreciate the do-ers and the doing.

As a member since the late '50s, we've read it a long time, and the November issue is special to us in many ways...A number around here remember that there was a time when we "performed" in public, as would-be entertainment for others and a personal diversion. Time, responsibilities and the realization that there wasn't talent sufficient to expect much in that field left it as little more than a passive hobby. So, like many others, our interest has been maintained and we've kept abreast of developments in the field and watched others' careers develop. Most of the David Copperfields, Lance Burtons, Sigfreid and Roys, Harry Blackstone Jr., Mark Wilsons, and other big stars of today were once, like the rest of us, amateurs. The difference is that they had raw, innate talent, skill and showmanship enough to make it to the big time of Las Vegas and the television networks. It's big business now and growing again.

Other than nursing homes, birthday parties, family gatherings and all the rest, our one tiny claim to fame was the time we were once part of the entertainment for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Lone Cedar Country Club some years ago. The late and beloved Col. Homer Garrison, original director of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety was the speaker. We realized a lifetime ambition to ask a Highway Patrolman, (in this case, the Boss): "Sir, your driver's license, please." As he looked at it, we "read his mind" and mysteriously revealed its number. It was No. 75, not one, as might be guessed. Our one moment.

The current Ring is full of nostalgia. The Parade section is always

a learned piece done by professionals and others revealing in explicit details the secrets of their favorite tricks and routines. The book, naturally is for members only and carries the explicit admonition not to share with non-members. The Parade writer this issue is Gerald Edmundson, an Abilene native we worked with back in the '50s. We were rank beginners then; today Gerald is a working pro. He lives in Denton and has his own entertainment company. We remember him as an expert slight of hand artist, and this major publication proves that our evaluation wasn't wrong. In reading his account, in which he pays tribute to another West Texan (now deceased) who was an encourager and inspiration, we were reminded of many "magic" occasions: we put on shows together, went to state conventions together and practiced, learned moves and read every magic catalog, article, book or bit of instruction available. Most of us (and beginners today) start with a "magic kit" gift set, and go from there. Johnson Smith's novelty catalog was a beginner, as was Douglas Magician in Dallas, where Mark Wilson was a demonstrator. We saw Wilson, Blackstone (Jr), Walter Gibson (magic book writer/creator of The Shadow radio series) and others at conventions. We saw Walter Zany Blaney of Houston; he's profiled in this issue. Sadly, this issue has the obituary of Danny Dew, Phoenix magician, who used to marvel us at conventions. Royal Brin, Dallas, fooled us -- 1,2,3 card trick.

Magic in general is enjoying a genuine resurgence of interest at this time and emphasis is on entertainment. Like everything else, the art has seen changes over the years; more casual & up-beat. Certainly technology changes, but the successful performers still depend on personality and presentation to entertain, not just fool.

Viewing a "miracle," a spectator is prone to ask: "How did he do that?" The classic answer, which reveals no secrets, is "Very professionally." (By the way, magicians are generally the easiest to fool and youngsters, the hardest.) As it has done to entertainments, tele has taken its toll on the traveling full evening shows we used to enjoy locally. Too bad.

the cavalry out with whips to compel reluctant voters to the polls.

The only thing I am sure of now is that there have been many democracies in history but few survived as long as the USA and how much longer it will last without radical readjustment is anyone's guess.

I don't mind admitting that if a revolution were to start today I would support it. But of course this country no longer has the five percent or so who made the original break from England.

Today the people just lack the guts and those in control are glad of it.

Those in control are glad the vast majority don't know the difference between the national debt and the deficit.

A deficit in time of war or national emergency is understandable but to have a deficit added to the national debt every year without an emergency is treason!

Why the deficit and trillions in national debt?

I submit that the chief cause is foreign aid. Congress and officials have gone Washington one better. They say George Washington threw a silver dollar across the Patomac River but Congress threw the entire US Treasury across the ocean.

What has been poured into foreign aid plus the interest on the debt thus created and the compounded interest growing would be equal or greater than the national debt but still it continues as they talk of deficit and ignore the debt.

Well hear me now and hear me good! When interest owed is more than income you are busted. That's right citizens, this country is bankrupt beyond recovery I defy anyone to show that the debt can ever be paid.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Maybe I should agree with Mr. Hazel's opinion of the election.

It does seem an exercise in futility for us who keep on voting for a change but see the same old stuff always.

A friend from Ft. Worth said he voted with the majority and when I asked which was the majority he said that was the fifty one percent WHO DIDN'T VOTE. He said "We indicated NONE OF THE ABOVE." Well, I guess you could look at it that way.

Politicians credit a low turn out to voter apathy when in fact a lot of them do care but they decided it was useless as they have no real part in deciding who runs, who the media pushes, etc.

Some say we should have a system like some countries like Greece where any adult who doesn't vote pays a fine. Now I will admit that there are a few times it would be worth something to ignore the party offerings. However, if we had

such a system our politi-

cians would just see it as another way to get into peoples pocket and keep increasing the fine. I understand that in ancient Greece they sent

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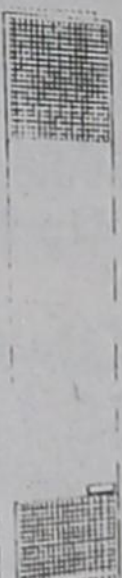
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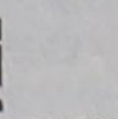


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Reading Roundup
 tion in the Reading Roundup, the M.F. T. is reviving two contests. The first involves correctly guessing the number of dog biscuits in Clifford's cowboy boot. Contestants may only submit one guess per visit to the Roundup. The winner will be announced on Thursday, December 12th. If multiple correct answers are received, a drawing will determine the winner, who will receive his or her choice of paperbacks valued at approximately \$10.00. There will be a second contest to determine the class which can recite the largest number of adult relatives and friends to

come preview the great selection of Scholastic products. The winning class will receive \$25 worth of paperback books for their classroom library. As you know, the Christmas holidays are the focus of many fun filled family memories. For many of us, our childhood memories include our parents reading us our favorite stories at bedtime or holiday favorites like The Night Before Christmas on Christmas Eve. As chairperson of the Reading Roundup, I hope each of you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to make your own family memories while making an investment in your child(ren)'s education and completing some of your holiday

shopping at the same time.
 Catherine Brock.
From Pg. 1
Gospel Concert
 ued with piano and voice training.

She always sang in church, and during college toured with various groups with the music department. After moving to Texas with her husband, Ysis continued taking voice lessons at the Music Department, Southwestern Adventist College, as well as training in the Fort Worth Metroplex. She has toured throughout North America, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Her inspirational programs have

been heard in many settings, including prisons in Mexico and the United States. In addition, Ysis Espana has made a number of recordings. All are encouraged to come out and enjoy her concert in Breckenridge.

Project Pride's Christmas

Project Pride's Christmas Village in downtown Cross Plains will officially open on Thursday, December 5, at 6:00 P.M. The general theme will be Christmas In The '50's. The village will re-open on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 6 and 7, with activities beginning at 6:00 P.M. and continuing until 9:00 P.M. The Kiwanis Club will be bringing Santa Clause to town on Friday evening with goodies for the children. Prizes will be awarded by merchants.

You will want to visit Higginbotham's upstairs attractions, Charlie Brown's Kid's window, live nativity and bakery. Citizens State Bank will be hosting an exhibit by artist, Bonnie Ree White. Hobbies and collections will again be featured at the Library. Musical entertainment will be under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce. The Senior citizens will sponsor a cake walk on Friday evening at the Senior Center and West Texas Utilities will hold open house. A Special Christmas cancellation will be offered at the Post Office during this time.

New this year, will be a Health Fair, con-

ducted by Columbia One Source at their clinic at 200 Noth Main St.

Christmas lights and decorations depicting the '50s will be evident throughout the city as there will be both home and business decorating contests with awards to be presented.

Details will be available in upcoming issues of the Review or you may contact the project chairperson, Margaret McNeel at 817-725-6100 or 817-725-6498.

Make plans to be downtown in Cross Plains all three evenings and get into the Christmas Spirit. There will be no admission charges.

FEMA National Weather Service Encourage Winter Preparation

WASHINGTON - With the winter weather upon us even before winter officially begins, officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS), part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA) are encouraging individuals, families, and businesses to be prepared for winter storms and flooding, and severe cold.

FEMA Director James Lee Witt emphasized that "preparing in advance and knowing what to do will save many lives, including a great many of those who die every year in fires caused by improperly used space heaters, faulty furnaces or the like."

"You should know the winter hazards you face in your region or when you travel, how to avoid or reduce those hazards, and you should take steps now to be prepared," Witt said.

According to Kay Goss, FEMA's executive associate director for Preparedness, Training and Exercises, "many preparedness measures are the same for winter flooding, Nor-easters, ice storm, blizzards and deep freeze." Goss recommends having provisions to get by without help, and plans to cooperate with neighbors or evacuate if necessary.

In addition, Goss said that keeping home heating oil and vehicle

fuel tanks full will help avoid becoming trapped without heat when storms move in swiftly. Winter emergency kits for every car or truck are also potential life-savers.

Last winter, most of the northern and eastern sections of the United States were blanketed with ear-record snowfalls and extreme low temperatures. Nearly 15 major cities set all-time seasonal snowfall records.

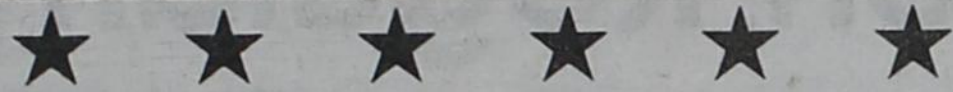
The new England states are expected to be colder than normal

this winter. Colder temperatures are also forecast for the Great Lakes, across the High Plains and into eastern Montana. The NWS Climate Prediction Center's (CPC) seasonal outlook for this winter forecasts slightly above normal temperatures across the south and southwest portions of the country. Outlooks for the remainders of the country do not provide enough data to determine temperature variations.

Across much of the Southwest United States, the CPC is forecasting above normal.

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