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### Callahan County Veterans News

by Tom Ivey

**Correction**--- An earlier column regarding the new enrollment procedures stated that enrollment was not necessary if a Veteran had been seen by a V A medical facility since October 1, 1997. Please be advised that if the Veteran has been seen by V A Medical since October 1, 1996.

**Gulf War Illness**--- The operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm "Yellow Ribbon" Commission invites all Desert Storm Veterans and any other interested persons to participate and provide program information at a "Yellow Ribbon" Commission Hearing being held at the Holiday Inn, 441 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Tx (915-658-2828).

This activity will be held on December 5, 6 and 7, with the goal of allowing the Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict and their families to communicate their revelations and experiences in regards to the Gulf War, and their treatment since.

A presentation by Dr. Bill Baumzweiger, Neurologist and Psychiatrist, also a leading independent Gulf War illness researcher, who is active

ly treating Gulf War Veterans at his private practice, will be scheduled for Saturday, December 6.

Representatives from three V A Medical facilities have been requested to attend along with reps from state and local government Veterans and active duty personnel from Dyess AFB, Goodfellow AFB and Fort Hood. Gulf War Veterans should find a good audience for their statements.

**Co-Payments** --- More and more Veterans are using the Abilene Out-Patient Clinic. Most are aware of the co-payment charged for prescriptions. This applies if the single Veterans income is more than \$13,573 per year and his combined income and net worth exceed \$50,000. A charge of \$45.80 is made for the office visit if the Veteran's income is \$21,611 or above and combined income and net worth exceed \$50,000.

Allowance is made for the previous twelve months medical expenses paid by the Veterans and dependents. These expenses, which include Medicare premiums and other health insurance premiums, are

used to reduce the Veterans income and net worth in an attempt to avoid charging the co-payment.

**Texas Best Again**--- Fifteen percent of Texas' 1,647,000 Veterans receive benefits from the U S Department of veterans Affairs. The national average is 12.5%. Texas has the highest percentage of V A benefits recipients of any of the major large states. In absolute numbers, Texas' 284,041 Veterans receive compensation of pension from Veterans Commission allows that County Service Officers play a very big role in helping the Veterans and their dependents receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

#### Cross Plains Christmas Village '97

Project Pride's Christmas Village '97 will open at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, and again on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Interest has grown each year and this year is no exception a the business area involved has extended from West Texas Utilities on N. Main St. south to the intersection of Highway 206, east to Coyote Flat and west as far as Country Kin. Streets and buildings will adorned with thousands of Christmas lights.

"Christmas Around The World" is the overall theme and you will see customs from a number of different countries depicted in decorations and live presentations as you visit each business. Refreshments will be offered at various locations and admission is free to all.

The Kiwanis Club will be bringing Santa Claus on Friday evening to the area south of Higginbothams with goodies for the children and the usual drawing for prizes. Visit participating merchants to register.

No need to prepare an evening meal for your family as local restaurants will be offering good food at great prices in a festive atmosphere. Plan now to spend time on December 4, 5 and 6 at Cross Plains Christmas Village. Admission is free to all activities.

#### Cowboy Christmas show Dec. 6

The Baird Mothers, Fathers and Teacher's Association will host its 6th annual Cowboy Christmas Craft Show and parade on Saturday, December 6, at the Baird school cafeteria and gym, located at 400 West 7th Street, Baird. The day's festivities will begin with a parade at 10:00 a.m. Santa Claus will be a very special guest. The day's festivities will also include lively entertainment, photos with Santa, and hay rides for the young at heart. Along with the usual assortment of beautiful arts and crafts, there will also be fabulous fajitas and delicious homemade cakes and pies for sale at the M.F.T. concession stand. All proceeds from this annual fund raiser will go to help the Baird I.S.D. purchase equipment and resource for the students.

There are still a few cater's booths available. The cost of an indoor booth with table is \$20.00. Indoor space without a table is \$15.00, and weather permitting, we will be offering spaces outside for \$10.00 on the day of the craft show. (Sorry, we are unable to provide tables for any outdoors booths.) The cafeteria will open at 7:30 A.M. for crafter's to set up. It will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Spaces are limited and will be issued as payment received, so make reservations early! For additional information or for reservations, please contact Sharon Jones at 854-1851. Reservations may be made by mailing a check or money order to:

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**Baird Bears 1997 Class A Bi-District Football Champions**

(Seated, from left to right) Jim Scott, Lee Harle, Shane Devenport, Justin Rivera, Shannon Campbell, and Jeremy Riney. (Kneeling) Dusty Barron, Jason Hooker, Britt Johnson, Ty Wilson, Kolt Da Pron, Robert Gunn and Lee Reyna. (Standing) Junior Gomez, Jason Gomez, J.J. Carillo, Robert Mendez, Willie Reynolds and Jeremy Gonzales. (Back Row) Coaches; Ryan Lewis; Kelly, Head Coach; Doug Thompson; and Tony Koch.

#### Baird Bears bow out of state playoffs to Munday

by Sarah Hatfield

The air was full of excitement as the Baird Bears burst on to the playing field at the Pied Piper Stadium at Hamlin Friday, November 22. The Bears were there to meet the Munday Moguls. Both the teams were anxious to pursue their goal in the state football playoffs.

Munday's opening kickoff was returned by Baird Bear Logan Russell.

The Bears began their campaign with a couple of keepers by quarterback, Jim Scott. Following an incomplete pass, Kolt DaPron stepped up to punt the ball.

The Moguls took over and Baird's defense went into action. Robert Gunn, Jeremy Riney, Shane Devenport, Britt Johnson, Jason Gomez, Shannon Campbell, and Mike Rudder were there to hold the Moguls.

The Bears played their cards right as they pressed down the field using the strengths of their good offensive line and the rushing talents of Shannon Campbell and Jeremy Riney. Campbell's 45-yard run set up the first score of the game. Jim Scott tucked the ball away and dashed 14 yards to cross the goal line and put the Bears in the lead 6-0. Baird's PAT failed.

The Moguls responded right back with a counter score. Munday's Jonathan Reagins raced 78 yards on the kickoff return to score for the Moguls. Their PAT was good

and suddenly the score was Munday 7, Baird Justin Rivera returned the Moguls kickoff. Scott, Campbell, and Riney tried carries for the Bears, but had to

rely on Kolt DaPron to punt again.

The Bears defended their position well as Jeremy Riney, Robert Mendez, Kolt DaPron, Shannon Campbell, and Jason Gomez made key tackles to force the Moguls to punt.

After four plays, the Bears punted back to the Moguls. This time the Moguls' drive was altered by Shane Devenport, Logan Russell, Dusty Barron, and Lee Michael Reyna. But, the Moguls continued to push on and when they were in possession of the ball on the 1-yard line, Baird's Britt Johnson made a key play for the Bears as he recovered a Mogul fumble.

The Bears anxious to raise their mark, once again resorted to punting to the Moguls. This time the Moguls kept on pressing until Jonathan Reagills stepped across the goal line to increase Munday's lead to 14-6.

With 5:41 left in the second quarter and Baird trailing, the Bears were looking for the key to raise their score. Jim Scott chose a couple of keepers and completed a pass to Logan Russell, but it was not quite enough for a first down so the Bears called on Kolt DaPron for the punt. Reagins, punt returner for Munday, was stopped by Logan

Russell on the 49-yard line.

Bears, Jason Gomez, Jeremy Riney, Jim Scott, Robert Gunn, Ty Wilson, and Robert Mendez were instrumental in specific tackles. Then, as a score saver, center, Britt Johnson stopped Munday's drive for a touchdown as he intercepted a Mogul pass that

was tipped at the line of scrimmage.

Johnson brought the ball out 6 yards to rest on the 11 yard line.

This was what the Bears were looking for. Taking advantage of the turnover, the Bears drove 80 yards on 11 plays.

Shannon Campbell picked up good yardage on a pair of carries. Then, Scott completed passes to Logan Russell and Dusty Barron, before he threw the 20 yard touchdown bomb to Russell for Baird's second score of the night. Scott connected with Shane Devenport to add two

extra points. With 32 seconds remaining in the second quarter, the score was tied, Baird 14 and Munday 14.

The second half opened with the Bears kicking off to the Moguls. This return was stopped by Logan Russell. After tackles by Shane Devenport and Jim Scott, and the Moguls being pushed out of bounds by Shane Devenport and Robert Mendez, Munday's Robert Nunez maneuvered around and managed another touchdown. The PAT was good and the Moguls led the Bears

The sixth annual Cowboy Christmas Show and Parade will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Baird School cafeteria and gym. The Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.



**Star Attraction** ..... Mrs. Corns second grade Baird Elementary class stop to pose for a snap shot jasm they get prepared to perform their Thanksgiving skit last Tuesday. (Photo by Melinda Hill)

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A number of students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97*.

*Who's Who*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

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*High School Students, 1996-97*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

*Who's Who* students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include:

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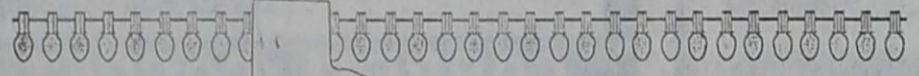


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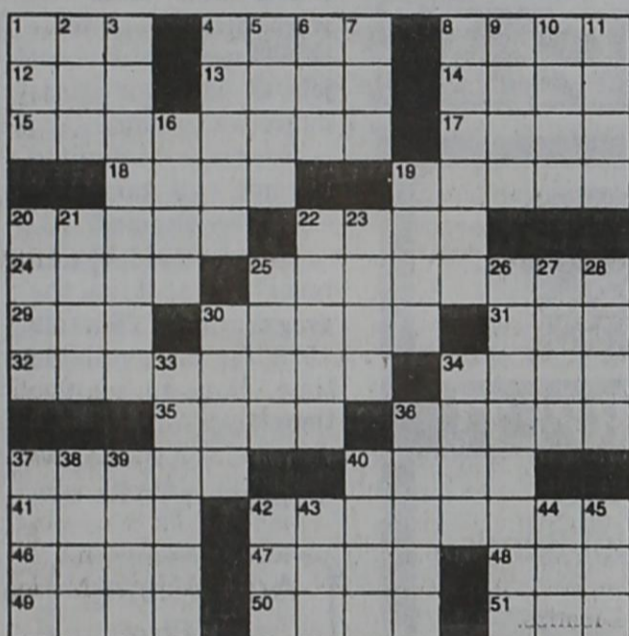
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## Moran News

By Mrs. Luke Huskey

The temperature in and around Moran changes very fast. Some rain has fallen last week, but not enough. The sun has shined and warmed things up, but the clouds Monday keeps the temperature cool. As we prepare for Christmas, let us keep the weather conditions in mind.

Farrell Gray and family from Pratt, Kansas, Bobbie Gray of Lovington, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and son of Longview, Mark and Dusty Holliday from Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holliday of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberts for Thanksgiving were their daughter, Mrs. David Bridges, Mr. Bridges and daughters of Abilene.

Mrs. Johnnie Har-

grave and children of Dripping Springs spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Juanita Boyett and other relatives.

The Moran Clean and Proud Committee met last Tuesday evening for a pot luck supper at the Moran Community Center. A discussion was held following the meal for the improvement of the appearance of the city. Plans are still in progress for improving the park, with several items to be considered. Christmas lights will be put up in downtown, which will add to the Christmas festival. No lights have been on the streets in several years, and we are looking forward to seeing them again lighting the streets. Let us all work with the committee and keep our town clean and proud.

Mrs. Elaine Shelton had the misfortune of falling and cracking a

bone in her hip. She is receiving treatment in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hawkins and daughters and Dean Tollefson of San Antonio spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tollefson.

Mrs. Gladys Matthews spent Thanksgiving in Abilene with her daughter, Mrs. Leroy Mason, and family.

Miley Blue is receiving treatment in Hendricks Hospital, Abilene.

## Classical Chorus Of Abilene To Present Program Dec. 6

The Classical Youth Chorus and the Classical Children's Chorus will present VIVA LA COMPAGNIE!!! - an evening of international songs and holiday favorites- December 6, 8 p.m., at Cullen Auditorium, Abilene Christian University campus. The choruses have students from Abilene, Anson, Buffalo Gap, Hawley, and Merkel.

December 6 is the first concert performance for the new Classical Children's Chorus. Dr. Dawn Willis, McMurry Uni-

versity, and Ms. Terry Graham, Taylor Elementary music specialist, co-direct the chorus, which held its first rehearsal September 17. The 47 singers, who are eight to ten years old, will perform by memory *Caroling, Caroling* by Alfred Burt; *Cameron* by Dorothy Masuka, arranged by Michael Scott; and *Dona Nobis Pacem*, arranged by Harry Wilson. *Cameron* is a lively, contemporary African song with lyrics in Zulu and English.

The Classical Youth Chorus, directed by Dr. Betty Karol Wilson, will perform familiar holiday songs such as *Little Drummer Boy*, *Dashing Through The Snow*, and a medley of Christmas carols. They will also present *Laudamus Te* from Vivaldi's *Gloria*, *Prayer* from Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* and *Mbiri Kuna Mwari*, an original composition of Lee Kesselman based on musical styles heard in Zimbabwe and sung in the Shona language. The Chorus will also perform the poignant compositions *When I Am Silent*, inscribed by the composer Joan Varner as "a song for the girl at Auchwitz," and

*Mid Winter* by Bob Chilcott, a song using a Christina Rossetti poem as text. The humorous song *Fair Warning*, text by English poet Jenny Joseph, music by American composer Shirley McRae, is subtitled "A Testament to Independence in Old Age." The song describes the fun-loving choices the singer intends to make. A gospel spiritual will also be performed-*Go Where I Send Thee*, arranged by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory. The spiritual features spirited, driving rhythms and uses numbers to refer to Bible characters or stories.

The Youth Chorus, now in its fifth season, has 67 singers ranging in age from 10 to 15. The Chorus is preparing for a trip to York and London, England, in July 1998, for the International Children's Choir Festival.

Tickets, \$5 and \$10, are available at the door, or by calling 676-4100 for reservations.

## Musical At Scranton To Be Saturday

Scranton Country Musical will be held on Saturday, December 6th. Concession opening at 5:30 p.m. Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

LD and Katie Baird, Hugh Shrader will be in charge of the kitchen - with homemade soup, cornbread, sandwiches, pie and an assortment of drinks available. Frances Bishop and Betty Olson of Clyde will prepare the soup. Anyone who can please bring pie or sandwiches please do so.

Our musical in November was a huge success with good music and food. We were pleased to have some new musicians join us - and our attendance was great.

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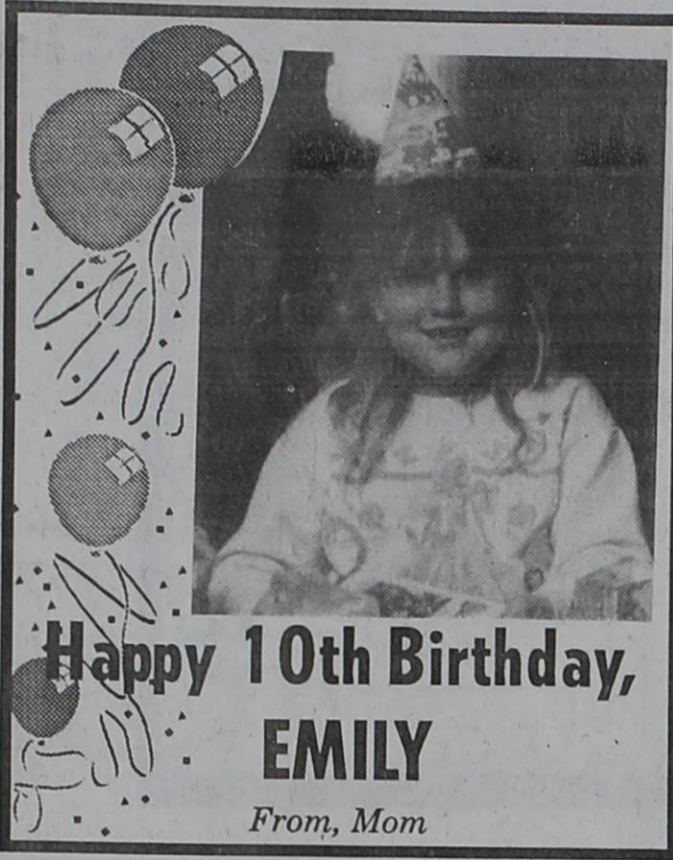
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**Christmas Lighting contest**

The Baird Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Christmas Lighting contest this year. There will be two categories, one for businesses and one for residents. First, second, and third place will be given in each category. Judging will be done the week of December 8th thru 12th.

You will need to make sure your lights are on that week between the hours of 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Judges will be from out of town. Everyone is encouraged to decorate and add to the lights that have been put up downtown.

All business are encouraged to decorate, not just those on the main street. All business and all residents who have lights on will be considered.

Read The Classifieds

**Texas homeowners can protect themselves in case of illness**

By Susan Lamphiear Dallas--A Heart attack. A job loss. And to top it off, worry about losing his home. If you think it couldn't happen to you, think again.

It happened to Mike W. His last name is not being used to protect him from his creditors. Only 44 years old, Mike and his wife bought a new home and in the next breath he suffered a heart attack. A mild heart attack, it still kept him from work, and he lost his job.

A nightmare scenario at best, but there is good news. Mike received information about a law, little known by many people, called Designation of Homestead, which people often confuse with another law which allows a Homestead Tax Exemption. They are separate laws, however, under the terms of the new amended law, homeowners who file for a homestead tax exemption may be eligible for and automatically receive the protection for their home under homestead designation about 10 months or later. The amendment was part of an effort by legislators to merge the two homestead functions of tax exemption and homestead protection. However, waiting for this

automatic protection can be risky because the homeowner may be vulnerable to creditor claims during this time frame.

People should know that the instant Homestead protection (still available under the current law) not only will protect your property within the 10-month time frame under the amended law. It also will protect you every year.

The Designation of Homestead law allows homeowners protection for their property when times get tough financially. It ultimately protected Mike and his wife from losing their home, and it can also protect owners other circumstances such as bankruptcy, divorce and lawsuits.

Because of this law, Homestead Recording Services who be reached at (800) 400-1693, offers a service for \$25 will prepare the documents to be filed to protect homeowner's property; for another \$22 the company will even file those documents in your local circuit court.

For most people, their home is the biggest investment they ever made in a lifetime. With the help of Homestead Recording Services, homeowners can take advantage of a law which provides extra protection for this important investment.

**Cowboy Christmas Parade fund raiser**

The Mothers, Fathers and Teachers Association is having its annual fund raiser for the Baird Public Schools, "Cowboy Christmas."

This function will be kicked off with a Parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th of December. We would be very grateful if you would come help make this a big success, again this year.

The Parade will line up down at the baseball park on Walnut Street, at 9:30 a.m.

If you can join us, please show up that morning and you will be given the order of the parade at that time. There will be food stands, craft booths and entertainment, not to mention historical downtown Baird the Antique Capital of West Texas.

**Baird C of G to sponsor lighting contest**

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**Look for Chalk Art at Baird's Cowboy Christmas**

Shirley Photides, who recently was appointed to the CPS Board, plans to complete tow chalk drawings during the day, Saturday, December 6, at the Cowboy Christmas Festival at the Baird Elementary School.

The Callahan County Child Protective Service Board will be accepting donations and drawings will be held to determine the winners of the pictures. Free literature will be distributed on parenting tips, child abuse/neglect, and other subjects. The mission of the Board is to inform the public concerning these vital issues, provide for interim needs of children in foster care, and help to affirm and encourage the work of the caseworker assigned to our county.

If your club or organization is interested in a presentation, please contact Gary Williams in Baird, or Garlon Sampson in Clyde and make an appointment. Any suspected child abuse or neglect must be reported to the authorities or call the Hotline Number 1-800-252-5400. IT'S THE LAW!!

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## KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is a holiday of feasting that celebrates the harvest. It is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 this year. Kwanzaa is a Swahili word that means "first fruit." Kwanzaa is a holiday for families to spend time together, and also for communities to come together and feast.



Spending time together and eating together help people to understand each other and to get along better. But many people are very busy all year long, so it's important to have a time that is just for visiting, talking and being happy. That's why Kwanzaa is important.

The last day of Kwanzaa is celebrated with a feast that is called karamu. Karamu is a big meal that is served not just to one single family, but to an entire neighborhood. Sometimes it's even open to everyone in the community.

Do people near you celebrate Kwanzaa? How do they celebrate?



Happy Birthday,  
Mr. President

WOODROW WILSON

Woodrow Wilson was the president of the United States during the early part of the 20th century. He guided the U.S. through World War I and was instrumental in developing the League of Nations, the forerunner of today's United Nations.

Wilson was born on December 28, 1856. He taught college for many years and eventually was the president of Princeton University. He became the governor of New Jersey in 1910 and enacted a number of laws designed to protect people from corruption and dangers in the workplace.

In 1912, Wilson ran for president. He beat Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft, and was sworn in in 1913. He was immediately faced with many international problems, the greatest of which was the outbreak of the first World War in 1914.

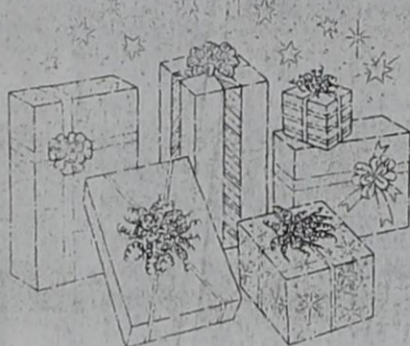
Wilson was reelected in 1916, and helped lead the U.S. through World War I. He worked very hard after the war to bring peace to Europe, and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1920 for his efforts.

He died in Washington, D.C., on February 3, 1924.

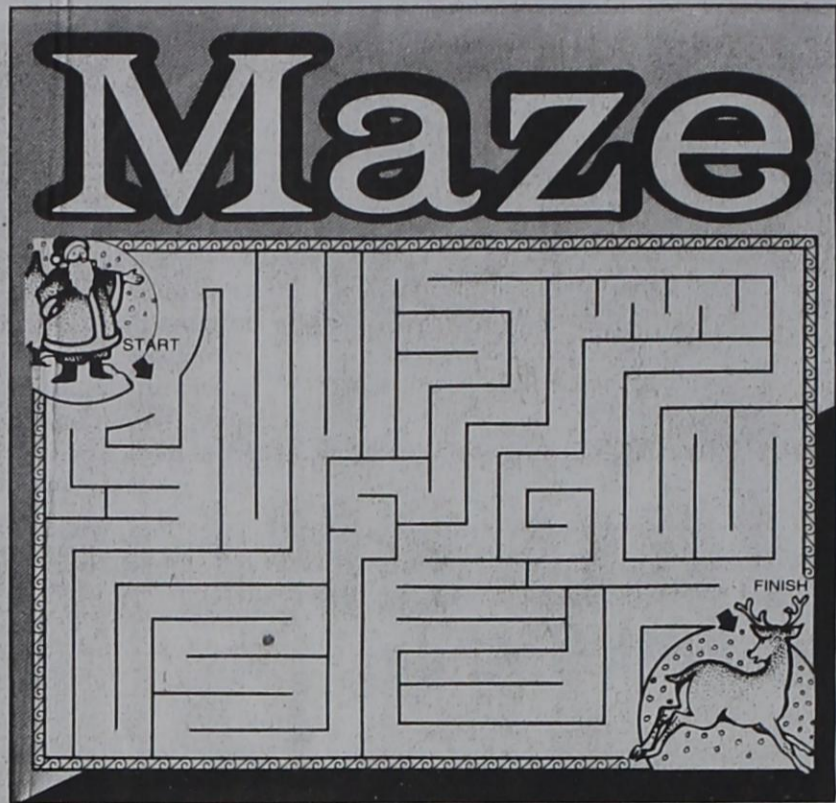
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Rearrange the letters to find out what we found under the Christmas tree:

1. BYBA GYUGB
2. ORABD AMEG
3. KABETABLSL
4. YILCBCE
5. WASERTE
6. OIDVE



Answers: 1. BABY BUGGY, 2. BOARD GAME, 3. BASKETBALL, 4. BICYCLE, 5. SWEATER, 6. VIDEO



## Merry Christmas!

Christmas is an important holiday for Christians all over the world. It is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Today, many people celebrate Christmas by spending time with family and friends, through giving gifts and cards, and by attending church.

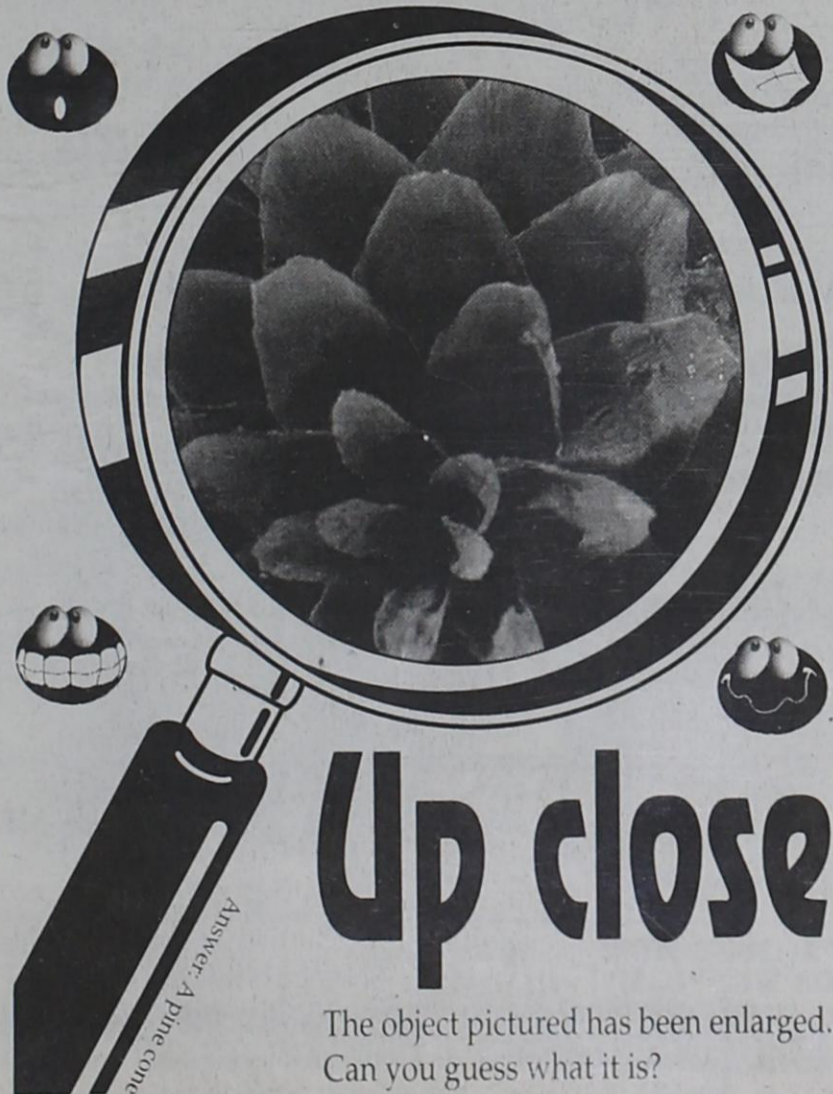
Have you heard of the song "The Twelve Days Of Christmas"? Did you ever wonder what it was about? Did Christmas ever really last twelve days? In some places, it still does!

That's because some people believe that Christmas lasts until Epiphany, which is January 6. Epiphany is another Christian holiday that celebrates the arrival of the Magi, or the Three Wisemen, at the birthplace of the Baby Jesus.

It can be hard to wait for Christmas. Many people make the time go faster by having parties, singing carols, baking cookies and opening windows or doors in an Advent calendar. Advent is another word for the time before Christmas.



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Answer: A pine cone

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## VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

On December 7 — which so many of us automatically associate with the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 — the Discovery Channel will present "Fleet Command," a documentary, about a massive war games exercise conducted by RIMPAC, and filmed off the coast of Hawaii. The exercise involved the military forces of six nations who are part of the Pacific Rim. They include Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, South Korea, and the United States. It involved 40 warships, 300 combat planes, and 30,000 combat personnel using live weapons, including torpedoes that blew up derelict hulls and ground targets that were destroyed by 2,000-pound "smart bombs."

Considering the crucial situation currently with Iraq, it seems to me that our way of preparing for possible warfare makes more sense than Saddam ordering his recruits to bite into lizards and gnaw on raw wolf meat. As someone who respects animals as fellow creatures — or as my nephew says, "fellow passengers on Spaceship Earth" — it makes me kind of eager to have us get in there and make a few long

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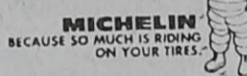
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It's not unusual to find an air conditioning system that has not had service since it was new. It's also true that many units will run for years before a breakdown, but with today's emphasis on energy efficiency, and the desire to save money, it just makes good sense to properly maintain your system. Without it, units fail prematurely, run inefficiently, and cost you more money in utility bills.

Regular maintenance for your cooling system is not something most people think about, so J & J Air Conditioning suggests you let them help you stay on schedule by calling for the Semi-Annual Preventive Maintenance Plan. We call our service agreement an

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By having your system serviced before the really hot or cold weather arrives, you can be assured of cool or warm temperatures inside as the mercury outside changes.

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also make sure the area around the outside unit is clear, to facilitate good air flow to that outside coil. Watch out for ants. They seem to like to build around air conditioning units, and if they get in the unit, can short out contactors and cause major problems. Use ant bait often if ants are in your area. Finally, let J & J Air Conditioning take care of your system for your peace of mind.

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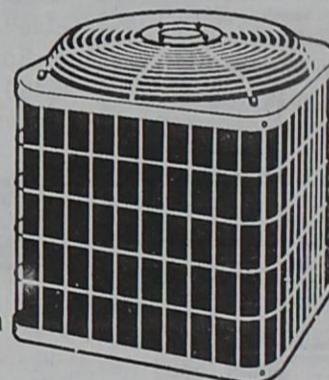
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**The Chopping Block**  
by Philomena Corradeno

Stew is such an ordinary everyday dish that we think there's no trick to it. There is, but it's an easy one.

In a well-made stew, the meat is tooth-tender, the vegetables cooked but firm, and the aroma tantalizing. The trick is in the browning of the meat, adding the

onions and letting them release their fragrance before adding the liquid, then simmering for a relatively long time. The vegetables are added in the last stages and you may add almost any vegetable, fresh, frozen or canned.

Every country has its own

version and choice of meat. The recipes here deal with beef which perhaps is the most widely used in North America. The first is a Mexican-style stew with a bit of heat provided by a picante sauce. For a spicier bite, you might add a finely diced jalapeno. Next is a Moroccan version aromatically spiced with cinnamon and cumin. And the last is a beef stew lifted out of the ordinary and enriched with sliced mushrooms.

**MEXICALI BEEF STEW**

- 1 pound beef for stew, cut into 1 to 1/4-inch pieces
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 1 to 2 garlic cloves, minced
  - 1 13 3/4-ounce can single strength beef broth
  - 1/2 cup picante sauce
  - 1 large zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices
  - 1 large green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
  - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
  - 2 tablespoons water
- Brown beef in non-stick saucapan over medium heat. Add onion and cook till softened. Add garlic. Cook 1 minute. Pour off drippings if necessary. Add beef broth and picante sauce. Cover tightly and cook slowly 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Add zucchini and green pepper; continue cooking, covered, 10 minutes or until beef and vegetables are tender. Combine cornstarch and water; add to stew. Bring to boil, cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Makes 4 servings.

**MOROCCAN BEEF STEW**

- 1/3 cup unsifted all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pounds boneless beef stew meat, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 3 cups boiling water
- 2 3-inch cinnamon sticks
- 2 4x1-inch orange zest

Stew in a 1-gallon size plastic bag, combine flour, salt and black pepper; add one-third of the beef cubes; shake to coat with flour mixture. Remove meat and repeat twice with remaining meat. In a large skillet, Dutch oven or saucapan, heat oil until hot. Add meat; brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in tomatoes, water, cinnamon sticks, orange peel, garlic, cumin and sugar; simmer, covered until meat is almost tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Add carrots; cook, covered, until tender, about 20 minutes. Stir in chick peas; cook until heated through, about 5 minutes. For best flavor, refrigerate overnight in a covered container. Reheat, adding more water, if needed. Serve over couscous or steamed rice. Makes 4 to 6 portions; about 7 cups.

**DONNA'S DAY: CREATIVE FAMILY FUN**  
BY DONNA ERICKSON

**MAKE YOUR OWN GIFT BAGS AND TINS**

Homemade holiday treats come in all shapes and sizes. When it comes to packaging them as gifts for friends, there's no need to buy expensive decorative tins or hunt for a perfectly shaped box. Instead, present goodies with panache and holiday flair in whimsical gift bags and festive tins the kids create. They're made from paper lunch bags and recycled cans.



- strips
- 1 tablespoons instant minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1 1/2 cups carrots, cut in 1 1/2x1/2-inch sticks
- 1 10 1/2-ounce can chick peas, drained

In a 1-gallon size plastic bag, combine flour, salt and black pepper; add one-third of the beef cubes; shake to coat with flour mixture. Remove meat and repeat twice with remaining meat. In a large skillet, Dutch oven or saucapan, heat oil until hot. Add meat; brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in tomatoes, water, cinnamon sticks, orange peel, garlic, cumin and sugar; simmer, covered until meat is almost tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Add carrots; cook, covered, until tender, about 20 minutes. Stir in chick peas; cook until heated through, about 5 minutes. For best flavor, refrigerate overnight in a covered container. Reheat, adding more water, if needed. Serve over couscous or steamed rice. Makes 4 to 6 portions; about 7 cups.

**RICH BEEF VEGETABLE STEW**

- 2 pounds beef, cut

- into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups red wine
- 1 cup water
- 3 cups thinly sliced onions (about 3/4 lb.)
- 1 1/2 cups cubed carrots
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh oregano or 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/3 cups chopped fresh dill weed or 2 teaspoons dried dill
- 1 pound mushrooms, sliced
- Salt and pepper

In large skillet or pot, brown beef in oil over high heat until dark drippings form. Mix in flour; cook, stirring, about 1 minute. Add wine, scraping drippings on bottom of pan. Add water, bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and cook 30 minutes. Add onions, carrots, garlic, oregano and dill. Bring to a boil. Cook at a lively simmer 30 minutes or until beef and carrots are tender, stirring occasionally. Add water if stew dries out. Add mushrooms and salt and pepper to taste. Return to boil and simmer 10 minutes. Serve with potatoes. Makes 8 servings.

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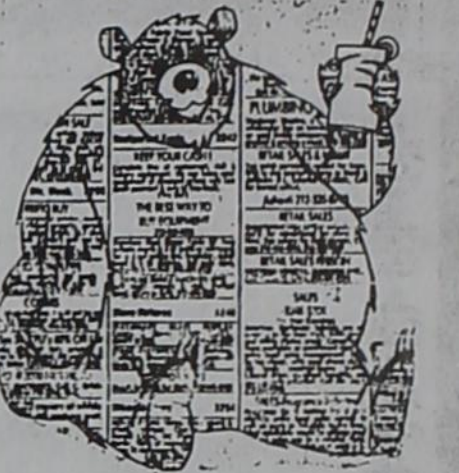
A little fellow was trying very hard to lift a heavy stone. Noting his failure, the father asked, "Son, are you using all your strength?" "Yes, sir," answered the boy. "You're not," replied the father. "You haven't asked me to help you."

Do you know why you often fail? You don't ask your heavenly Father to help you.

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The next time you're tempted or troubled, and you don't know what to do or which way to turn, call on the Lord. He'll help you - just when you need Him most.

**Cool Buys in the Classifieds!**



**Peekaboo gift bags:** The window on these bags will tempt your friends to taste what's inside. On the front of a colored or brown lunch bag, draw and cut out a simple shape of a holiday symbol such as a Star of David or a Christmas tree. Decorate around the cut-out with buttons, sequins and other doodads from your craft box. Cut a piece of colored or clear plastic wrap larger than the opening. Glue the plastic wrap to the inside of the bag to cover the cut-out. Fill the bag with cookies, bars, candies, nuts or dried fruit. Close the top of the bag by folding it down two inches. Punch two holes about one inch apart through the folded top. Run ribbon through the two holes and tie. Add a cookie cutter, ornament or jingle bells and a gift tag.

**Cookie tins:** Save a medium-size vegetable, soup or coffee can. Wash and remove label. An adult or older child should use a hammer and nail to poke two holes opposite each other near the rim. Lay the can on its side, place the nail on the inside of the can and hammer it through to the outside. (Be careful not to hammer a hole into a counter top or table!) An adult should spray gold paint on the outside of the can. Let dry. Decorate with holiday stickers. Tie ribbon or gold cording through the holes for a handle. Set tissue in the can, fill with treats and tuck in a gift tag.

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## 11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas on November 26, 1997:

**Affirmed**  
Esmond Kennard Tunwar v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

Anthony Ortiz a/k/a Anthony Duncan v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

Audie Eugene Couch v. State of Texas, Stephens. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

**Reversed & Remanded**

Suzanne Kay Doubrava v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

Glenn Dale Gray v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

**Appeal Dismissed**  
Norman Charles Kyle v. State of Texas, Erath. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright)

**Motions Submitted & Granted**

Jose Valencia Medrano v. State of Texas, Smith. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Terrance Ravenell v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's fifth motion for extension of time to file brief.

Anthony George Hypolite v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for per-

mission to file late brief.

James Tyrone Hoskins v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Walter Byron Sexton a/k/a Rusty Sexton v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Cory Adams v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

John Walton Alexander v. State of Texas, Erath. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

City of University Park, Texas v. PATCO Utilities, Inc., Dallas. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Pines of Westbury, Inc. and 12,500 Dunlap, Inc. v. Paul Michael Construction, Inc., Dallas. Appellant's motion to postpone mediation.

Jerry Duane Martin v. State of Texas, Collin. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Texas Industries, Inc. v. City of Dallas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file reporter's record.

Maria Elena Delmar v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion to transmit exhibit.

In re: B.N.R., a child, Scurry. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal.

**Motions Submitted & Overruled**  
Will R. Clack v. Texas Department of Mental Health and

Mental Retardation (Abilene State School), Taylor. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Dickenson, and Justice Wright) Appellant's pro se motion for order to proceed without payment.

Ex parte Michael Scott, Taylor. Appellant's pro se motion for appointment of counsel. Appellant's pro se motion to appeal bill of costs. Appellant's pro se motion for physical ex-

amination (blood groups) Appellant's pro se application for subpoena. Appellant's motion for evidentiary hearing.

**Cases Submitted**  
Aaron Fisher, III v. State of Texas, Harris. Durrell Collins v. State of Texas, Dallas. Cesar Eduardo Castro v. State of Texas, Harris.

Marshall Briggs v. State of Texas, Trinity.

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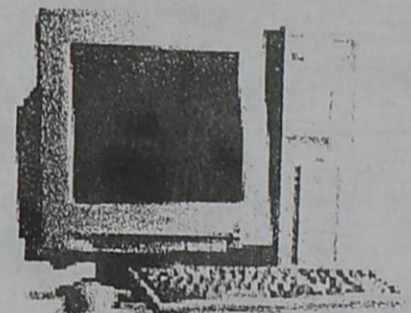
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Obituaries

Lester "Red" Cochran

Clyde - Lester J. "Red" Cochran, 68, died Saturday at an Abilene hospital.

Services were at 3:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Morgan officiating. Burial was at the Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Cochran was born in Merkel and moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1990.

He was a retired oil field worker and a member of First Assembly of God Church in Clyde. He married Cherry Goza in 1950 in Sweetwater.

Survivors include his wife of Clyde, one son, Les Cochran of San Antonio, one daughter, Shelia Maxwell of Abilene, four brothers, Cleburne Cochran of Grand Prairie, Gene Cochran of Merkel, Ralph Cochran of View and Larry Cochran of California, two sisters, Betty Berryman and Eva Pechacek both of Clyde and three grandchildren.

Jose Agapito Tello

Baird - Jose Agapito Tello, 39, died Saturday in Throckmorton County from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Services will be in Guanajuato, Mexico, directed by Ricardo Garcia Funerales of Guanajuato. Arrangements were made by Merriman-Archer Funeral Home of Throckmorton.

Mr. Tello was born in Atargea, GTO, Mexico, and moved to Baird several years ago. He worked as a woodcutter and was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Soledad Casas Tello of Mexico; one son, Fransisco Tello of Mexico; two daughters, Erika Tello and Antonia Tello, both of Mexico; and two brothers, Merced Tello of Mexico and Rafael Tello of Clyde.

Railroad Commission urges Winter gas safety check

Will this be a particularly hard winter? No one knows for sure, but the old scout motto about "being prepared" certainly can't hurt.

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief agency, says the top best ways for homeowners with propane gas heating systems to be prepared are: scheduling a gas check of all the gas system, including appliances and making sure the propane tank stays full all winter long.

Propane gas provides home heating, water heating and cooking for millions of Texans in every part of the state.

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He or she will also check the tank, piping, regulator, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners and appliance controls to make sure they are

in good working condition.

The railroad Commission also encourages homemakers who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane to have their local dealer put their delivery account on "automatic." That way a homeowner never has to worry about having an adequate supply of propane no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions.

Homeowners should check all gas appliances intakes and exhaust vents for the clothes dryer, furnace and water heater to make sure they are kept clear of debris, snow or ice.

And the home's propane tank should have a protective cap or "dome" to cover the regulator, relief valves and fill valves.

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By SUSIE WYLIE

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What if you couldn't confess your sins. If you could; would you let him in? Of all the things you have said or done.

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Railroad Commission stresses space heater safety review

Anticipating "frost on the pumpkin," the Texas Railroad Commission says it is a good idea to review safety guidelines for propane gas-fueled space heaters at the outset of cold weather.

Colder fall and winter weather means Texans again will be relying on such heaters to provide to specific areas of the home.

In recent years, propane gas-fueled space heaters have grown in popularity because they offer high energy efficiency and fuel savings.

There are two types of space heater: direct vent or vent free. Direct-vent heaters require outside air to support combustion and are typically installed on outside walls.

Be sure to check the location of the outside vent to make sure it is free of debris.

Vent-free space heaters rely on inside air to support combustion and vent directly into a room.

Newer types of unvented space heaters must have an oxygen-depletion sensor, which will automatically turn off the unit should oxygen levels in the room drop below a specified level.

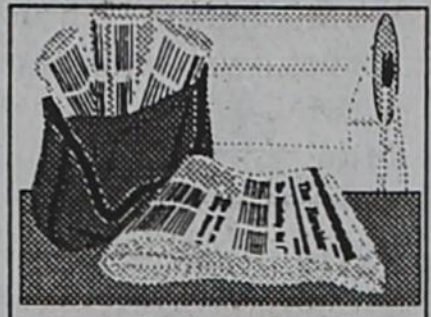
The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief agency, says space heaters should be checked periodically by a local delivery company.

A trained technician will inspect the unit and clean the control compartments, burner and check for

son. If you lift up your hands. God will lift up your head. Jesus is the savior, Lamb of peace. If you listen closely, you can hear him say "I love you dearly I'll never go astray.

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whether the heater is operating or not, follow these steps: do not touch any electric switches, light matches or use the phone; exit the structure immediately; if there is an outside tank, turn off the gas valve; telephone your propane supplier or fire department from a neighbor's phone.

The Railroad Commission also suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer about having their propane delivery account put on "automatic," so there is always an adequate supply of gas no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions.

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**Bear football continued ....**

21-14. Again, the Mogul's kickoff was returned. But in two short plays, the Bears had fumbled the ball and the Moguls were on the go again. Munday kept their drive going. Tackles that hindered their progress were made by Robert Gunn, Shannon Campbell, Logan Russell, Shane Devenport, and Robert Mendez. On the 1-yard line, a pack of attacking Bears caused the Moguls to fumble. The ball was recovered by Baird Bear, Robert Gunn.

The Bears trudged on, but after runs by Jeremy Riney, Shannon Campbell, and an incomplete pass, DaPron was punting to Munday once again.

This time, in spite of good defensive efforts by all the Bears who were led by Kolt DaPron, Jim Scott, Robert Gunn, Shannon Campbell, J.J. Carillo and Jason Gomez, the Moguls managed to connect on a pass from their quarterback, Brandon Sosa to Jonathan Reagins. The PAT was good and they pushed on ahead of the Bears, 28-14.

To get the Bears started in this series of downs, running back, Shannon Campbell surprised the Moguls and executed an 8-yard

half-back pass to quarterback, Jim Scott for a gain. The third quarter ended as this play closed and the teams swapped ends of field.

The Bears, still in possession of the ball, gained yardage on pitch-outs to Shannon Campbell and Jeremy Riney. The Bears tried to advance, but were detained by some incomplete passes and then experienced a fumble.

The opportunity to seize the loose ball was taken by Munday Mogul, Ray Bradley, who made an 85-yard run for the touchdown that separated the Munday / Baird margin by 6 more points. The PAT failed and at this point, Munday led 34-14.

With 9:23 left in the fourth quarter, Baird concentrated mostly on their passing game. Jim Scott completed two passes to wide receiver, Shane Devenport. Then, Scott slipped the ball to Shannon Campbell for some good yardage. The Bears failed to connect on several passes. Campbell was good for some rushing, then Scott completed a solid pass to Logan Russell. As the Bears were getting close to the goal line Baird managed one fourth quarter score, a 1-yard touchdown run by Shannon Campbell, who finished the night

with 145 yards of rushing. Baird's PAT was invalid and the reading changed to Munday 34 and Baird 21.

The Moguls could not let things rest until they advanced close enough to the Bears' 20-yard line for Jason Key attempt a field goal. It was stable and score changed to 37-21 in the Mogul's favor.

By now there were only three minutes left

on the clock. The Bears had possession of the ball, but their efforts were in vain. Scott completed a pass to Dusty Barron, but other passing failed and the ball went over to the Moguls. Their time with the ball was short and their quarterback kneeled to close out the game. The Munday Moguls evolved as Regional Champs, but the Baird Bears definitely played a tough, respectable game.

Other Baird Bear team members supporting the Bears were Lee Harle, Jason Hooker, Dustin Watson, Junior Gomez, Rhett Vestal, Curtis Lehew, Jack Pruet, T. J. Hunter, Coleman Vestal, Franklin Gomez, Jonathan Parr, Clay Smith, Kelby Robinson, Jeremy Gonzales, Brandon Frankens, Josh Curtis and Chris Spinks.

The 1997 football season has been a good one for the Bears. They have collected trophies

for District and Bi-District Championship titles, a season record of 9-3 and a 5-0 district record, and a football field full of great memories. Thanks to the coaches, Kelly West, Tony Koch, Ryan Lewis, Rob Londerholm, and Doug Thompson for the time and effort spent with the boys.

Also, thanks to the members of the Baird Bear football team, who have represented our school and town with good sportsmanship, showing great respect to all, and entertained us, your fans, with many hours of fun and excitement. And most of all, thanks to the senior members of the team who have given many years, gallons of sweat and timeless effort to the cause of "Big Red". These senior guys include Shannon Campbell, Kolt DaPron, Shane Devenport, Robert Gunn, Britt Johnson, Lee Michael Reyna, and Jim Scott.

Leading the rushing for Baird was Shannon Campbell with 145 yards, followed by Jim Scott with 31, and Jeremy Riney with 24. Munday's rushing was headed up by Jonathan Reagins with 118 yards, Robert Nunez with 111, Ramiro Nunez, 41 and Brian Urbanczyk, 27.

Jim Scott led the passing yardage for Baird with 111 yards. Shannon Campbell had 8. Brandon Sosa represented Munday with 77 yards of passing.

Logan Russell had 42 yards of receiving for Baird. He was followed by Shane Devenport

with 28, Dusty Barron with 26, Jeremy Riney with 15, and Jim Scott with 8. Receiving for Munday was Donald King with 30, Eric Beaty with 27, and Reagins with 20.

Scoring summary: Baird, Jim Scott - 14-yard run. (kick X); Munday, Jonathan Reagins - 78-yard kickoff return; Munday, Reagins 1-yard run.

Baird, Logan Russell, 20-yard pass from Scott; Shane Devenport (20-yard pass from Scott); Munday, Robert Nunez - 10-yard run. (Key kick); Munday, Reagins 20-yard pass from Brandon Sosa (Key kick); Munday, Ray Bradley - 85-yard return of fumble recovery; Baird, Shannon Campbell - 1-yard run (Britt Johnson kick); Munday, Key 20-yard field goal.

**Basketball Scores**  
**GIRLS**

Snyder 57, Clyde 54  
Clyde 12 15 11 16 - 54  
Snyder 6 24 17 10 - 57

Clyde - Simonau 6, Vamer 8, Lehman 2, Franke 2, Stephenson 14, Nigar 6, Vinson 16

JV Score Snyder 33, Clyde 31

**BOYS**

Clyde 58, San Angelo Lake View 43  
View 8 6 15 14 - 43  
Clyde 16 11 16 15 - 58

Clyde - Hawk 2, Cauthen 15, Brewer 11, H. Watts 8, Hamil 9, C. Watts 13

Record - Clyde 4-0

**Hawk wins USTA National indoors singles title**

Clyde's Brandon Hawk has won his first national singles title after defeating Bo Hodge from North Carolina, 7-6, 3-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, at the Boys 18's singles in the USTA National indoors tennis tournament at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas on Sunday.

Hawk, who was top-seeded, defeated Hodge in a 3 1/2 hour finals match.

After trailing 4-2 in the forth set, Hawk rallied to win 7-5.

**Baird Lunch Menu**

**Dec. 8 -12**

**Monday**  
Breakfast - Donuts, juice, milk. Lunch - Pizza's, tossed salad, milk and fruit.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast - Cheese, toast, juice and milk. Lunch -Vegetable soup with meat, cheese sticks, crackers, milk and chocolate cake.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast - Cereal, raisins, bread and milk. Lunch - Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk, apple sauce and jelly.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast - Hot rolls, apple sauce, milk. Lunch - Frito Pie, tossed salad, milk and cobbler.

**Friday**  
Breakfast - Pancakes, juice, milk. Lunch - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, milk and cookies.

**Clyde and Cross Plains basketball schedules will be released soon!**


**Baird Independent School District 1997-98 School Calendar**

<p><b>AUGUST 1997</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>August 11 - Staff Development Day 12 - Staff Development Day 13 - Teacher Preparation Day 14 - First Day of School</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 1997</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p> <p>September 1 - Labor Day Holiday 24 - End 1st Six Weeks 25 - Begin 2nd Six Weeks</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 1997</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>October 20 - Staff Development Day (Student Holiday)</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER 1997</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>November 5 - End 2nd Six Weeks 6 - Begin 3rd Six Weeks 26, 27, 28 - Thanksgiving Holidays</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 1997</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p> <p>December 18, 19 - Early Release Days 19 - End of 3rd Six Weeks End of First Semester Dec. 20-Jan. 4 Christmas/New Years Holidays</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY 1998</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>February 11 - Early Release Day 12 - Staff Development Day (Student Holiday) 13 - Stock Show Holiday 18 - End of 4th Six Weeks 19 - Begin 5th Six Weeks</p>
<p><b>JANUARY 1998</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>January 1-4 Holidays 5 - Begin 4th Six Weeks Begin 2nd Semester</p>	<p><b>APRIL 1998</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>April 9 - End 5th Six Weeks 10 - Good Friday Holiday 13 - Begin 6th Six Weeks</p>	<p><b>MAY 1998</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>May 8 - Weather Day/Holiday if not used 15 - Weather Day/Holiday if not used 25 - Memorial Day Holiday 27, 28 - Early Release Days 28 - End of 6th Six Weeks/ End of 2nd Semester 29 - Commencement/Teacher Prep. D.</p>

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