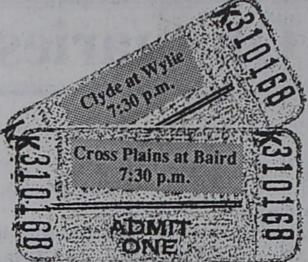
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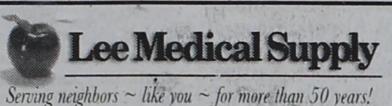
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# Letters to the Editor

the Citizens of Baird,

my views with the voter's, so they may better understand how this could affect the financial stability of our district.

There is a 98% chance of our district losing two of our top ten taxpayers in the next five years. The total amount these two companies pay into our local revenue is approximately \$30,000 a year. When we have a penny increase in our tax rate, it brings in around \$6500 a year. If we lose the revenue from these two companies alone, we will need a \$.0461 increase, just to offset the loss of income.

I have talked to the TEA in Austin concerning the Tier 11 funding for the next fifteen to twenty years. The school administration has said, "The state will not change the Tier II funding, because they do not want to go back to court." What the administration did not say is that if the state has a budget short fall, Tier 11 funding would be reduced by that amount. Also, the \$15,000 dollar homestead exemption is only guaranteed through 1999. As it stands, if we lose our Tier 11 funding our tax rate would be \$1.42 per

approved by the voters. The administration

Voting has said, that the air conditioning in the elementary would cost I would like to share \$30,000 to \$40,000 dollars to repair. Actually, only two rooms are having air conditioning problems. I have checked on brand new central air and heat units, and the cost was around \$700 dollars per unit. or \$1400 dollars, we could have the air conditioners working in the rooms for a lot less than we have been told.

I don believe that there is anyone in our district who does not believe we need a new elementary, and some other improvements to our school. But we need to have some forethought, as to the finacncial stability of our district for tyhe years to come. Our school has the highest TAAS scores in the county but our tax rate is the lowest. This tells me, that it isn't a building teaching our children, but the men and women that have decated their lives to giving children a quality education.

Rising Star has built a new elementary, without a bond, and paid cash. Gorman has just built a new junior high and paid cash as well, without having a bond election.

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bond. Our interest is going to be well over

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administration and the board has chosen, our district could very well be bankrupt in the next five to eight years. We as a district have a very important decision to make on November 8, 1997. We

can jeopardize the financial stability of our district by passing the bond. or, we can go back to the drawing board and make a sensible plan to make the improvements needed, and not break the backs of the taxpayers.

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Tony Robinson

TO THE VOTERS OF BAIRD ISD:

In the article I wrote in last weeks paper, I said Gorman ISD built a new junior high school, without a bond election. I was mistaken, they built onto their high school without a bond election, and paid cash.

I would alo like to add that it was Gordon ID that buill a new elementary school in 1981. They also built a wing onto their high school in 1992, a track and football field in 1994, a baseball field in 1997, and they built a field house in 1996 that

5000 square feet, at a cost of \$20 dollars per \$100 dollar value. Then you add the revenue lost from two of our top ten taxpayers, and our tax rate would be \$1.4661

per \$100 dollar value. Our tax rate now is \$1.06. We have not even considered the unfunded mandates ent down from Austin. We will have unfunded teacher pay raises for the next five years, if they average \$100,000 like this past year, we will need to have a \$.1 54 tax increase per year, just to cover the mandates.

There has been a lot said about the rural water line helping our district financially.

In reality, the taxes these new home's will pay, will not cover the ependitures required to educate their children. The fact is that it will probably hurt our district instead of helping it.

I do not believe in \$1500 dollar toilets, \$250 dollar shower heads. and many of the other cost figures in our bond proposal. I realize that the prices are padded to ensure for cost

overruns. But the administration and board have said that they would not put the excess money back on the loan. If the elementary cost \$1,900,000 dollars to build, then the board and the administration could spend the other\$500,000 dollars anywhere they want to. If the bond should pass, I think that any excess money should be applied to the loan, rather than be spent on extras, that were not saved and put money back to build the facilities needed, or had a sizable down payment. Having no money to put towards the bond, the interest will be over \$1,000,000 by the time the bond is paid.

How many of us have \$1500 dollar toilets, \$750 dollar lavatories, and \$250 dollar shower heads in our homes? The cost figure in the bond proposal are astronomical and are out of logical reason.

We need to consider all options that are available to us, and make a sound business decision that everybody can live with.

Lets vote NO on November 8, and keep our district financially sound.

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Vote On The Bond Election on wheteher or not to build a new elementary

school

# Baird mothers, Fathers and Teachers Assoc.

The Baird Mothers Fathers and Teachers Association sponsoring a Troll Book Fair beginning Monday, November 10 through Thursday. November 13. The book fair will be located in the school library It will be open to students teachers and the public on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. New books for young readers will be showcased and admission is free! As an added incentive to visit the book fair, visitors may enter their name once daily for an opportunity to win door prizes. Winners will be chosen at random at the close of each day of the tair Adults will be notified by phone Students and faculty will be notified the following day.

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Busy shoppers no longer need to make a trip to Abilene and fight those holiday crowds in order to find that perfect (and affordable) Christmas gift for loved ones, or for their children's teachers

This year why not make a selection from the book fair? Free gift wrapping will be available on all purchases that are identified Christmas gifts. To make it easier than ever to select the perfect teacher gift, you can choose something from the Teachers' Wish List These gifts will not only say "Merry Christmas" year after year but they will also create a richer learning experience

# Baird Bears spook Evant The Baird Bear's Evant's turn with the venture to Event on ball was short as

Halloween proved to be both a trick DaPron, and Lee a treat for the Bears. Michael Reyna forced The Evant Elks even the Elks to punt. Jim showed up dressed in Scott returned the kick black, but Coach Kelly to Evant's 47 yard line. West's Bears tricked Substantial rushing by them for a score of 40- Shannon Campbell and 12 and got the treat of Jeremy Riney set the climbing the District 8. stage for Baird's next A ladder to 5-0.

less than three minutes, they had scored. Quarterback Jim Scott and the rest of the Bears moved the ball down the filed with completed passes toe Dusty Barron, Shane Devenport, and Logan Russell, and rushing yardage made by Jeremy Riney. After Baird's touchdown, made by Shannon Campbell, was called back because of a penalty, the Bears backed off; and did a repeat performance. Scott pitched to Campbell on an option and Campbell ran 22 yards to cross the magic line. Britt Johnson's kick was good for the extra point and Baird took the lead,

7-0. Robert Mendez stopped the Elk's return, them Bears took charge of the ball after the Elks fumbled. Faster than anyone could say "Boo", Jeremy Riney sneaked across the goal line for the Bears to boost their points to 13. Britt Johnson's PAT was good and suddenly, Baird had 14.

for your child As an added token of appreciation every teachers' gift will be recognized with a bookplate identifying your child or family as the benefactor.

Once again, the M F T has decided to take the profits from this book tair in books which will be

donated to the school library and individual classroom libraries If the gross sales trom our fair are

between \$750 and \$1 999 the M F T will be able to select 55% of the amount sold in books. If our gross sales exceed \$2,000, as they have in previous years we will be able to make even greater contribution to the school libraries and childrens education because Troll Books will allow us to select books totalling 75% of the dollar

night Jeremy Riney, Kolt touchdown. Jim Scott The hosts's kickoff sneaked the ball to to the Bears was re- Shannon Campbell, turned by Justin Rivera who scored on a 5 yard to Baird's 34 yard line. run. Once, again, Britt Baird, in control of the Johnson's toe was goldball and the game, en as he kicked the started off with a no- extra point. With 5:29 huddle offense and in minutes left in the first quarter, the score was Baird 21, Evant 0.

The Bears kicked to Evant and the Elks were brought to a halt by Mike Rudder of Baird. Good defense by the Bears, crucial tackles by Logan Russell and Shannon Campbell, and a pass deflected by Jim, forced the Elks to punt again. On Baird's second down, Jim Scott connected with Shane Devenport on a beautiful 82 yard touchdown pass, which was called back because of a Bear's penalty. Shannon Campbell managed a nice 49 yard run to put the Bears in great position to raise the score another notch. Jim Scott laid off 24 yards to make the Bear's fourth touchdown in the 1st quarter. Baird's PAT was not good. The score was Baird 27 and Evant 0. With good defensive tackles by Britt Johnson, Kolt DaPron, Robert Gunn and Jason Gomez, the first quarter

The second quarter brought in Lee Harle as quarterback for the Bears. The Evant faced

was over.

amount of books purchased at the fair tor the school s use. We hope that the entire community will come by and support this important fund raiser. With your help this will time and took advanbe our best book fair tage of an opportunity to ever!

Lupe has looked into his crystal ball and he predicts thescore of the Baird-Cross Plains will be the Bears 24, Cross Plains 16. I'll be there, and so will you to cheer on the Bears!



many of the young Bears for the entire second quarter and most of the third. These guys did a very good job, both offesnsivley and defensively. The Elks met with great opposition against Harle, Jason Hooker, Kelby Robinson, Jonathan Parr, T.J. Hunter, Dustin Watson, Jack Pruet, Mike Rudder, Ty Wilson, J.J. Carillo, Logan Russell, Coleman Vestal, Jeremy Gonzales. Junior Gomez, Robert Mendez, Justin Rivera and Jason Gomez. Rushing yardage

made by Lee Harle, Justin Rivera and Robert Mendez Kept the Bears moving during the quarter. Tankles by Shane Devenport, Logan Russell, Shannon Campbell, Jason Gomez, Robert Gunn, Jim Scott, and Lee Michael Reyna held off the Elks. Then, an exciting interception by Dusty Barron, just as the half-time buzzer sounded, brought the crowd to their feet. Barron covered considerable ground for the Bears, but the Elks would not allow a score. The halftime marks showed Baird 27- and Evant zip.

The Elks' kickoff return was stopped by T.J. Hunter and Robert Mendez. The first cracker out of the barrel, Evant's pass was intercepted by Baird Bear Jim Scott, who took the ball deep into Elk country. Even with a penalty, Baird took over on the Elks' 28 yard line and with the help of rushing by Riney, Jeremy Shannon Campbell completed a 13 yard carry to score his third touchdown of the night. Britt Johnson's PAT was aimed accurately through the uprights and Baird charged ahead, 34-0.

The Elks wasted no scratch for the game. On the first down, Keith Martin raced 57 yards to put Evant on the scoreboard with 6. The PAT failed.

The Elks' kickoff was returned by Logan Russell of Baird. Baird Bears Robert Mendez, Justin Rivera, and Lee Harle executed the Continued on Sports page



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Funeral services will be held Thursday in the Parker Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Rodney Watson will officiate. The body will be cremated after the service.

He was born May 20, 1939 in Lela, Texas. He had lived in Baird 16 years moving here from Dallas. He was the manager of the Walnut hills Apartments. He was a Methodist.

He married Rose Parks Feb. 14, 1982 in Clyde. He is survived by his wife of Baird; two sons, Jay Hurley of Clyde, Jeff Hurley of Abilene; two daughters, Jami Pisasale of Abilene, Julie Jenkins of Abilene; one brother, Dan R. Glover of Dallas; one nephew and several grandchildren.

# Letter To The Editor

was recommendation that no school board members attend the recent meeting of the Citizens for Better Schools. School board members are active on such a committee concerning the schools, it is my understanding that those meetings may then become subject to the Open Meetings Act. Those meetings would then have to meet the same criteria as any meeting of the Board of Trustees such as posting an agenda, recording minutes, etc. It is not the place of the school board to try and run or control such committees. Several of us had planned to attend the meeting, but after deliberation decided it would be best if we did not attend Sometirne it is necessary to do the prudent and proper thing rather than yield.

If some of you expected board members at this meeting I apologize It is always our desire, and responsibility, to be responsive to all the constituents of Baird ISD. Please continue to contact us with your questions or concerns Following I have listed section BBF (local) Board Member Ethics from our Board Policy Manual Hopefully this will explain the board's response or lack of

response, in some instances Board regulations get much more specific and sometimes even more restrictive They explain our actions even more than our Board Member Ethics but are to lengthy to disclose here.

The Code of Ethics for Board members follows.

As a member of the Board I shall promote the best interests of the District as a whole and to that end, I shall adhere to the following educational and ethical standards:

1. Bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures upholding and enforcing all laws State Board Education rules, and court orders pertaining to schools

2. Make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of all children in the District regardless of ability race, creed, ethnicity sex, or social standing

3. Recognize that decisions must be made by the Board as a whole and make no promise or take private action that may compromise the Board.

4. Focus Board action on policymaking goal setting, planning and evaluation. and insist on regular and impartial evaluation of all staff

5. Support and protect school personnel in the proper performance ot theu duties.

6. Vote to appoint the qualified best personnel available after consideration ot recommendations of the Superintendent.

7. Hold confidential all matters pertaining to school that if disclosed, needlessly injure individuals or the schools, and respect the confidentiality information that is privileged under applicable law.

PRAYER CORNER

Psalms 84

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of

hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts

of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to

the living God. Even the sparrow finds a

home, and the swallow a nest for herself.

where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O

Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise! Selah

Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee.

in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As

they go through the valley of Baca they make

it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to

strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

Behold our shield, O God: look upon the face

of thine anointed! For a day in the courts is

better than a thousand elsewhere. I would

rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the

Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O

Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts

in thee!

Psalms 150:6

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

# Christian Poetry & By Susie Wylie

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and peace. There's sorrow and pain, but Lord you are always the same.

You promised you would stand by my side, In what ever I decide.

There will be peace in all my trials, stre-

Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and becone intrmed concerning the issues to be considered at those

meetings. 9. Delegate authority for the administration of the school to the Superintendent.

10. Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings, render decisions based on the available facts and refuse to surrender that judgement individuals or special groups

11. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and seek system atic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of community.

12. Communicate to Board members and the Superintendent at appropriate times expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs

13. Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations.

14. Refrain from using Board position for personal or partisan

15. Make certain the remains Board responsive to the

Remember 16. always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational

# Lt. Governor Bullock's appointments

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock has appointed Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, to an open seat on the Research and Oversight Compensation.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, and Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, both current council members, were appointed

by Bullock to new terms. The council monitors the state's worker's compensation system and makes recommendations for possible legislative changes. Three members are appointed by the Speaker of the House and two by the Workers' Compensation Commis-

sion. San Antonio businessman H. Bartell Zachary has been appointed to the Transportation Public Advisory Committee by Mr. Bullock.

Zachary, the owner of a construction company, will serve as one of Bullock's three appointees to the panel as it advises the Texas Transportation Commission on funding and planning issues.

The committee also will

include three members selected by the Governor and three picked by the Speaker of the House.

The Senate sponsors of legislation authorizing a feasibility study for public school computer networks have been selected to serve on an advisory committee with the Texas Education Agency.

Lt. Gov. Bullock named Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, and Sen. Elliott Shapleigh, D-El Paso, to the Computer Network Study Advisory Committee. Sibley sponsored SB 294, legislation authorizing the joint study between House and Senate members and the TEA. Shapleigh was a cosponsor of the measure.

The committee is required to submit a report Granvel Pierce; Ferne to the Legislature by February 1, 1999.

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Even though it's November, there are still some opportunities to reduce the tax burden on your 1997

business income. Consider the following strategies: Timing. Typically your goal is to defer income and accelerate expenses. Cash basis taxpayers can do this easily by deferring billings so that payments are received after year-end, or by paying bills by December 31st. Timing is more difficult for accrual basis taxpayers. Proper planning for year-end bonuses can

be one way to defer income. Furniture and equipment. You can write off up to \$18,000 of capital expenditures, and take six months of depreciation on any excess amount for business assets put into service in 1997. If you are planning such expenditures, it might be wise to accelerate them into 1997. One word of caution: you will receive less of a benefit if 40% or more of all capital expendi-

tures for the year are made in the last quarter. Capital gains and losses. Corporate capital gains are taxed at the normal corporate rate, while losses to reduce taxes, or vice versa. You should sell capital assets for good economic reasons, nut just to reduce

The most important advice of all: consult with your accountant for expert tax advice before making any moves. A brief article cannot point out all possible opportunities or pitfalls, but your tax advisor can work with you to minimize your tax liability. If you would like assistance with your year-end tax planning, give me a call.

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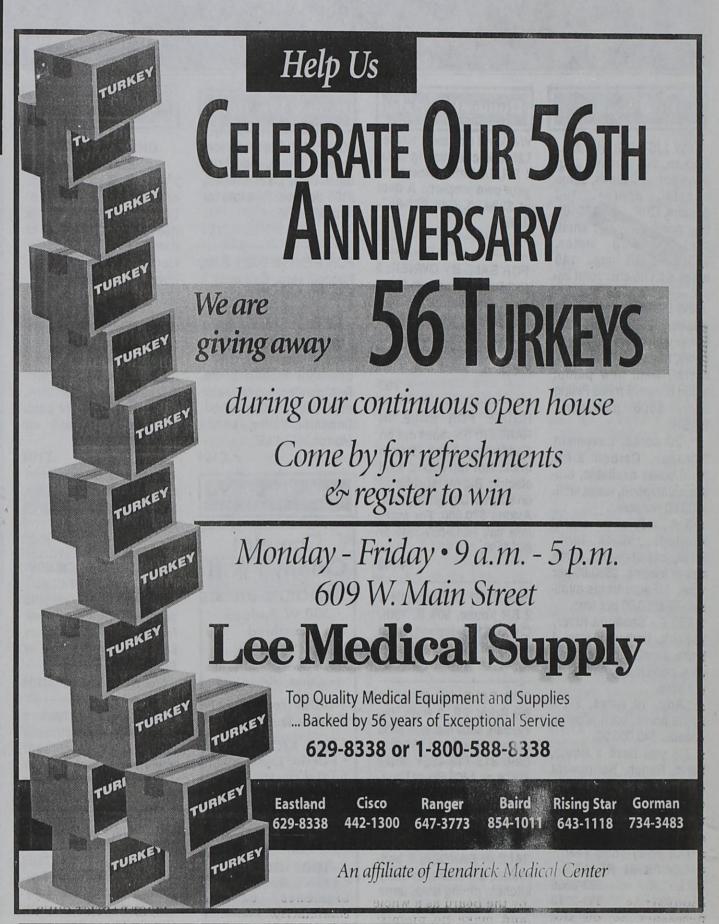
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also make sure the area around the outside unit is clear, to facilitate good air flow to that outside coil. Watch out for ants. They seem to like to build around air conditioning units, and if they get in the unit, can short out contactors and cause 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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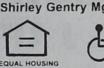
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Letter to Exes & Public Sign-up



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November 8, 1997

Please come join us and help celebrate 100 years of Eastland pride. The town of Eastland was incorporated in 1897 and we can't let this special year, 1997, pass us by without remembering our glorious past.

# Activities on November 8th will include:

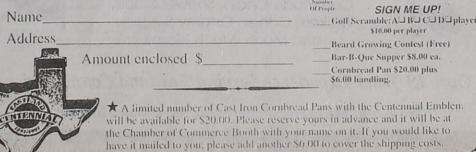
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Thank You, The Tucker Family

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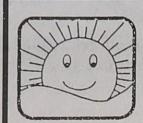
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TriStar - Rated: R) Last Week: No. 2. Father's Day Robin Williams (Warner - PG-13) No. 2

3. Donnie Brasco Al Pacino (Columbi TriStar - R) No. 3 4. Crash Holly Hunter (Warner - NC-17) No. 8 Murder At 1600 Wesley Snipes (Warner - R) No. 5 6. McHale's Navy Tom Arnold (Uniersal - PG) No. 11

7. Dante's Peak Pierce Brosnan (Universal - PG-13) No. 9. Inventing The Abbotts Liv Tyler (Fox Video - R) No.

10. Sling Blade Billy Bob Thornton (Buena Vista - R) 11. Private Parts Howard Stern (Paramount - R) No. 10

12. Love Jones Larenz Tate (Warner - R) No. 13 13. Asteroid Michael Biehn (Live Home Video - NR)

14. Rosewood Jon Voight (Warner - R) No. 12 15. Absolute Power Clint Eastwood (Warner - R) No. 17 16. Keys To Tulsa Eric Stolz (PolyGram - R) No. 18

17. Everyone Says I Love You Goldie Hawn (Buena Vista - R) No. 15 18. Mother Debbie Reynolds (Paramount - PG-13) No.

19. Booty Call Jamie Foxx (Columbia TriStar - R) No. 20. The Relic Penelope Ann Miller (Paramount - R) No.

# Critic's Corner by Rick Wilson

THE PEACEMAKER: This is the first DreamWorks offering and it's a real doozy! However, what else would you expect from the awesome likes of Steven Spielberg, David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg? These are sure to be pushing out some great flicks. Judging by this

debut, it's a given.

Nicole Kidman portrays Dr. Julia Kelly, a nuclear scientist who is dispatched to Russia to investigate a suspicious train crash. Her expertise is needed because as a result of the collision, some nuclear weapons are missing. Who stole them and why?

Working with the Army's Special Forces, she requests someone to help her who isn't bothered by taking orders from a woman. Unfortunately for her, what Devoe (George Clooney), a man's man, if you will. from a woman than he will three stars in my book! anyone else for that matter.

The two are studies in complete opposites. Kelly is cool, calm, collected and makes rational decisions. Devoe is a hothead, more ruled by his emotions and passions than anything else. Yet, incredibly, the chemistry between them is good three heavyweights who are and actually abets them in their investigation. Of course, somewhere along the way, the two become romantically involved.

Make no mistake about this. "The Peacemaker" is an action movie very much in the James Bond mold. There's lots of chases, explosions, sabotage, etc. What's intriguing, though, is that all this "machismo" was directed by a woman, Mimi Leder. Does she ever give the lie to that tired old cliché, "the weaker sex." She can blow up a building with the best of them!

If there is such a thing, she gets is Lt. Col. Thomas this is an intelligent action ' flick. Whether or not you're a fan of such fare, you'll He'll no sooner take orders still enjoy this one. It rates © 1997 King Features Synd., Inc.

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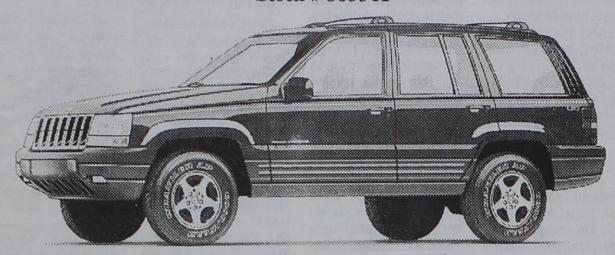
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# The Need For The Right Guy In The Middle Of Your Camp

know a person. I lived with him, ate with him, slept with him, even had 2 children by him and then bang-he gets up one morning and says he wants a divorce. Apparently, something younger and prettier came along. I'm devastated. And our children-well, they're confused and very angry. My whole world has imploded and I don't know where to turn. My husband has since moved out of our house and into her apartment. I prayed for a reconciliation up until I was served with divorce papers 3 days ago. Now I have no choice. He might have walked out of our lives but I'll be horse whipped if he takes anything more. He's drained our bank accounts so I don't have access to any money except that which I earn at my job. I'm financially strapped and an emotional mess. The very person I thought would protect me in this world has turned on me like an ugly monster. Where do I go from here?

om here? Mrs. S. M. ... Duluth, MN

Dear Mrs. M.: You've embarked on a roller-coaster ride and somehow you're going to need to find the wherewithal to get off. First, you need to protect the assets from your marriage that you're entitled to. To achieve this end, you'll need to secure an attorney who can sift through this mess and direct you in divorce proceedings. To help you get started I'm sending \$500 as a retainer for services. Remember, just because your marriage failed doesn't mean you're a failure as a person.

Dear Percy Ross: I'm in my late 40s, on Social Security and have met someone in the same age bracket. I love this individual and want to marry her. However, there are some problems and it would be quite expensive to take care of the major one. We have no money and she needs to go to Portland for surgery. She is half man, but has 3 times more female hormones than that of a male. She has female ovaries, pelvis, mammary glands, etc. This was a birth defect, just like someone born retarded. I do love this person. She

Dear Mr. Ross: After 15 years you'd think you'd loves me and has wanted a man for a long time. If you a person. I lived with him, ate with him, slept with even had 2 children by him and then bang—he gets

I loves me and has wanted a man for a long time. If you can't help, can you give me some suggestions?

Mr. G. N. ... News-Tribune, Tacoma, WA

Dear Mr. N.: The type of surgery your sweetheart needs will cost thousands of dollars. As much as I'd like to help you, I'm a poor millionaire and financially it would shorten the life span of this column. I suggest if you really love this person you get married regardless. There are more facets to marriage than just sex. It's all about companionship—learning to nurture and support each other. May you both find happiness.

Dear Mr. Ross: I wrote you a few months back about my 13 year old son who needs a suit for preaching. We have continued to search thrift shops and Goodwill stores, but can't find one large enough. He's 5 feet 4 inches and 240 pounds. There is a shop in Columbus which sells large suits at good prices and they can also alter it for him. My son has preached 2 sermons since I wrote but he really wants a suit so he can look like the other preachers. He's a sweet boy who lives his life for the Lord. I wish I could afford to furnish him this request but with my income it's not possible.

Ms. T. M. ... Good News, Smiths, AL

Dear Ms. M.: Yours is an unusual request, in that the 13 year old boys I hear about generally want skate boards, key boards, snow boards and just about anything else to keep them from getting bored. Not so with your son. If he were to gain a couple more inches he might be football recruitment material, but evidently the Lord has other plans for him. Please accept my \$250 for a suit that will put him in the Big League with the Big Boys. And may his call to ministry aid many.

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# **Guest Slot**

By Becky Arnold The 'side trips of guilt

Isn't marvelous the way our attitudes and spirits Abruptly change with the entrance of warm Spring weather? It's a sudden burst of I-feel-good-enough-to-conquer-the-world energy, not unlike that jump-higher-run-faster syndrome we kids used to get upon doning a new pair of sneakers. I didn't think they still had that feeling since sneakers are out and athletic shoes are in, but they do. Nearly Perfect Grandson acted as if he swallowed a pogo stick a few weeks ago after getting a new pair. And had to stick his foot out and show them to everyone with whom he came in contact as well.

Unfortunately, just as sneakers got dirty, reducing we children to our mortal selves, that springtime burst of energy is also short-lived, forced down by the ever powerful, ever present GUILT COMPLEX.

As the sunny skies beckon me to the outdoors, my

computer chides, "You have responsibilities right here." The yard and the flower gardens plead with me to spend time with them while the housework murmurs, "Prior commitments must come first."

It's a no-win situation. If I succumb to the calls from

outside, guilt prevents me from enjoying myself; if I turn toward responsibility, my pouting gets in the way, preventing me from working as quickly as I could.

How easy it was for me to feel empathy with Nearly

Perfect Grandson the other day during the recent turn of warm and sunny, God-must-be-happy-withus weather. He pressed his tiny chicken-pox-covered noes to the kitchen window, watching the kids in the court riding bikes, playing ball, and laughing and raising ruckus as only children can properly do.

"Side 'side" he chanted while pointing to the door

"Side, 'side," he chanted while pointing to the door and smiling at me in his most beguiling way. How do you explain to a two-year old that he can't go 'side

when he can infect the entire juvenile population of the neighborhood, thereby ensuring his Momo not being nominated for Neighbor of the Year anytime in the near or distant future?

How do you explain to a 42-year-old that she can't go 'side because responsibilities and deadlines loom on the horizon and, if not met, there goes the car payment? Well, the correct answers could be that our yard isn't well-kept enough for Neighbor of the Year anyway (we try, we really do), and dragging out the old bicycle would certainly be healthier for me (where did I put my oxygen bottle?). Sense and sensibility, not to mention right and responsibility, demand that the chicken pox kid take a nap and the pouting Momo plop her hiney in front of the computer.

It just occurred to me: Sense and sensibility and right and responsibility are cousins of patience and prudence and I never did like any of that family. A bunch of snooty goody-two-shoes if I ever saw any. They're always whining "I'm gonna tell," if anyone even thinks about having any fun. What's worse, I've been making Youngest Daughter hang around with the whole bunch of them.

Well, let me tell you, Nearly Perfect Grandson and I aren't going to let them boss us around anymore. No Sirree! We're taking advantage of the sunshine and going 'side and play. We're just probably going to wait until after dark to do it.

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She is the daughter of Scott and Brenda Mitchell of Baird. Lauren Garduno, Abilene district director of operations, presented the award to Mitchell during an awards ceremony in Abilene.

Sibley to lead governor's study on illegal gambling

State Sen. David Sibley on Thursday was appointed chairman of a special committee to study Brown, R-Lake Jackson; pointed by Gov. George the relationship between David Cain, D-Dallas; W. Bush to lead the the state's civil justice laws and the cost of insur-

includes any recommended changes and draft legislation.

Also serving with Sibley on the committee are Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; J.E. "Buster" Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; and Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso.

Sibley also is chairman of two other interim committees, the Senate Interim Committee on Economic Development and the Senate Interim Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring. In addition, he has been ap-Governor's Task Force on Illegal Gambling.

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Subject: Whose Expectations?
Date: For the Week of November 3, 1997

It happened in connection with a movie I plan never to see. And I'd never the New York Times due to a plane being held for an hour on the Nashville runway because of bad weather. Here's the story...

John Calley was asked by a friend to make a brief appearance in his film. He had never done a cameo before and wasn't particularly excited about it. "Are there any lines?" he asked. Indications are that a speaking part would have been turned down. When told there were no words to his role, he agreed. A wardrobe person came to his home to fit him with a suit for the role. It is here that the story gets interesting. "She had all this Armani stuff, and I don't wear that," he said. "I have all

these Brooks Brothers suits that I haven't replaced in 25 years." The wardrobe person, he vows, warned him his career in show business would go nowhere if he didn't upgrade his clothing. "The whole thing was utterly degrading from that perspective," he laughed. And well might he laugh, for John Calley is the 67-year-old president of Sony Pictures Entertainment. Oops!

Congratulations to Mr. Calley for wearing comfortable clothing he likes rather than status clothing meant for everyone else to like. And congratulations to you when you resist the temptation to indulge, impress, or intimidate. Being secure in who you are, the decisions you make, and the life you live seems to be rare.

Too many of us try to live for too many others. We are inveterate "pleasers" and want every body to like us. Thus we make decisions like the stereotypical politician who doesn't know his or her mind until a poll has been taken.

That spirit is particularly dangerous to Christians. There are some issues where polls are not only irrelevant but downright dangerous. When God has spoken to us in Holy Scripture, political correctness goes out the window. When Jesus Christ has marked the path for his disciples, no other path can be holy for us.

The wardrobe person had a set of expectations based on externals. Most people do. You will be wiser and happier - not to mention holier - this week if you remain true to the right values you embrace. Internalize what God has said, and live a principle-centered existence. In other words, live this week for an audience of One.

Be careful of the costumes others offer. They can rob you of your true

# Letters to the Editor

TO THE CITIZENS IN BAIRD ISD

As a citizen, I would like to address some of the concerns that our tax payers may have concerning upcoming school bond elections and the future of school funding. I verified with the

appraisal district, that if a taxpayer in a pipeline or utility business were to pull out of our area, at least half of the revenue we pull from them would remain with us as those companies type routinely leave their infrastructures behind as opposed to spending more money to dismantle it. That infrastructure remains as taxable property The appraisal district expects our tax base will remain stable with new properties moving into the area.

funding, I talked with Helen Daniels from John Sharp's office and unfunded mandates Joe Wisnoski from TEA (Texas Education over the last six years Agency). Both of these The district has been people recommended to me through conservative "as the people to talk to" spending and use of concerning school entitlements Teacher funding. Ms. Daniels pay increases for our stated that, historically, school for the 1998-99 Tier II funding has school year are increased \$1 Billion estimated to be \$40,880 Biennium. She stated that is that trend is expected speculation on possible continues to grow and legislature li regards

that, regardless of wheteher our local population grows, our Tier II income should increase because Tier Ii is distributed based on district wealth. Cenus figures indicate that the population in Texas is expected to double in the next thirty years Joe Wisnoski, with TEA, stated that Tier 11 funding or something comparable, will be around as long as the supreme court is of their same mind. He sees no danger in the loss or reduction of this funding.

I talked with Paul Dyck, legislative assistant for Jim Keffer, and he stated that the \$15,000 homestead exemption is permanent and that it can only be changed another constitutional amendment Valenzuela, legislative Concerning Tier 11 director for Troy

Fraser, confirmed that. In regards to there have been several were able to absorb these

dollars plus each Anything beyond purely continue as Texas action by the other questioned items the estimates include the ground work and all plumbing to install such items As a citizen who has served the last 4 years with the men on your school board I can assure you that these men are very careful with our money These gentlemen thoroughly scrutinize school bills and expenditures before, and at each board meeting insisting that budgets remain tight with no waste. I can guarantee you that an item as outlandish as a \$1,500 toilet fixture would never be purchased by these men. It's easy for me to be sure of that because I see them rake over items of much smaller value at every board meeting.

I understood that the

to the \$1,500 toilets and

construction estimates were to be as accurate as possible without underestimating so that voters wouldn't be asked to approve borrowing rnore money than was needed and unnecessary interest wouldn't be paid If there is money left over it is myunderstanding that the board could apply that money to the principal of the bond or use it to reduce the tax rate in a bad year I believe these men would not ask us for our money to complete a given project and then spend any leftover funds in a manner we wouldn't appropriate I feel that the intent of this Board is to use this bond revenue towards

paying tor the item that this bond is for and for nothing else I, like many of you and the men on the board, want taxes kept as lo d possible while providing the best possible education for our children I believe that this bond Issue is the cheapest most cost effective way, to accomplish needed tacility improvements old structures with problems are difficult to maintain and will require very costly items to continue to operate several more years Tier 11 will make it possible to fund

these projects with approximately 000,000 of state funds and \$1,200,000 of local funds (\$2,100,000 principal + \$1,100,000 interest on a 1 year bond). In essence Tier 11 will pay the principal if we pay the interest I have been reassured by knowledgeable people mentioned above that Tier 11 or a form there of will be available throughout the life of the bond I think we will be getting a good return on our money.

The Board has put a lot of thought and study into this project and I feel that their decision to call the bond election is sound I think they would have been derelict in their duties as a School Board if they hadn't called this bond election The question that remains is do we need the construction bad enough to spend \$1,100,000 of our local

funds? All of us will answer that question when we vote in the bond election.

The approximate tax effect of the total bond package passing would be: for Baird and for our children Although approaches may be ditferent the goal is the same It is encouraging to me to get these calls and to be a part of a board the last 4 years on which each member has the childrens' best interest at heart 1 feel this bond issue was not called to split and damage the community I believe this election was called because these projects are what is best for our community our school and our children I have confidence in the men on the school board, the men and women in the administration, and in the citizens in our communities I know that as we work together we can make whatever the outcome of this election is, to be the best for all of us. My prayer is and I know that we will all continue to work side by side for what is best for our community.

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rushing for the team for the remained of the quarter. Ty Wilson, Mike Rudder, and Dusty Barron led Baird's defensive tack-

Although Evant had the ball at the beginning of the 4th quarter, the Bears took over when Mike Rudder recovered a fumble. On the Bears first down, there was another fumble and Evant was in charge again. The Bears' defense held the Elks off for a while. But after a few plays, Keith Martin made the Elks'

Score by quarters:

Team Totals:

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Total yards

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second and final touchdown for the night. The PAT was void and the scoreboard showed 34-12 in favor of the Baird.

The Bears, not appreciating the Elks' progress decided to cinch the victory up a little more. Jeremy Riney cut loose and outstepped the Elks for 44 vards to make the Bears score show 40-12. The PAT failed.

Baird held Evant tight, not even allowing another penetration. Baird's aim to impede any further progress of the Elk's was carried

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out by stopping the ball carriers dressed in black. Lee Michael Reyna, Dustin Watson. Mike Rudder, Robert Gunn, Justin Rivera, and T.J. Hunter, with the help of the other members of the Baird Bear defense accomplished this. Baird had possession of the ball for one more short stint and then the game was over.

The Baird Bears defeated the Evant Elks by a score of 40 to 12.

Shannon Campbell led the rushing yardage for Baird with 161 yards on 10 carries. Jeremy Riney had 61 yards on 6. Jim Scott had 39 yards on 3 carries, while Robert Mendez had 38 on 8. Justin Rivera followed with 30 yards on 10.

Jim Scott completed 4 passes out of 8 for 60 yards. Receiving those passes was Shane Devenport with 28 yards, Logan Russell and Jeremy Riney with 15 and 13 yards and Dusty Barron with 5.

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# **Baird Student** Council hosts **Red Ribbon Week**

The Baird High School Student Council organized a week of activities honoring Red Ribbon Week. The Campaign started in 1985 with the death of Federal Agent Enrique Camarena. He was murdered by drug traffickers. Ribbons became the symbol to eliminate the demand for drugs.

During the week of activities, all students were encouraged to wear Red

Ribbons. A drawing was held each day in the High School and Junior High School buildings. Students wearing Red Ribbons won prizes, including money, tee-shirts, and the grand prize winner, Erica Aguirre, won a barrel of gourmet popcorn. Kayla Cardenas and Chancy Pierce won awards in Elementary School for

est anti-drug rd Athletic **Booster Club** 

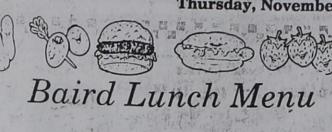
The Baird Booster Club will meet Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm The meeting will be held in Coach Lewis in the high school After a short meeting, the football game film will be

We hope to see you there each Tuesday to

posters. B&B Grocery supported the effort by donating grocery bags. The bags will be returned to B&B Grocery and distributed to the community.

Other activities included the distribution of pencils and erasers bearing the Red Ribbon message. Football players participated by wearing helmet stickers. The Student Council also showed a film to the fifth graders about controlling pressure and emotions. The film was followed by a speech by StuCo members encouraging kids to stay off of drugs. In addition,

"Bear Down on Drug" suckers were sold during the week and on Friday, students wore wind suits to support the slogan "Blow the Wind Out of Dugs.



November 10-14

Monday - Breakfast Donuts, juice and milk. Lunch - Hot dogs, carrot sticks, celery sticks, fruit and milk.

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

Wednesday -Breakfast - Cereal, toast, raisins and milk. Lunch - Turkey

with dressing, creamed potatoes, blackeye peas, hot rolls, jelly and cranberry sauce and

Thursday Breakfast - Hot rolls with sausage, applesauce and milk. Lunch - Spaghetti with meat, tossed salad, garlic bread, jello and milk.

Friday - Pancakes, juice and milk. Lunch - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cookies and milk.



# Baird Independent School District 1997-98 School Calendar



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September 1 - Labor Day Holiday 24 - End 1st Six Weeks 25 - Begin 2nd Six Weeks

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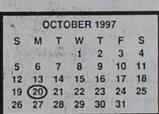
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April 9 - End 5th Six Weeks 10 - Good Friday Holiday 13 - Begin 6th Six Weeks



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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. Day

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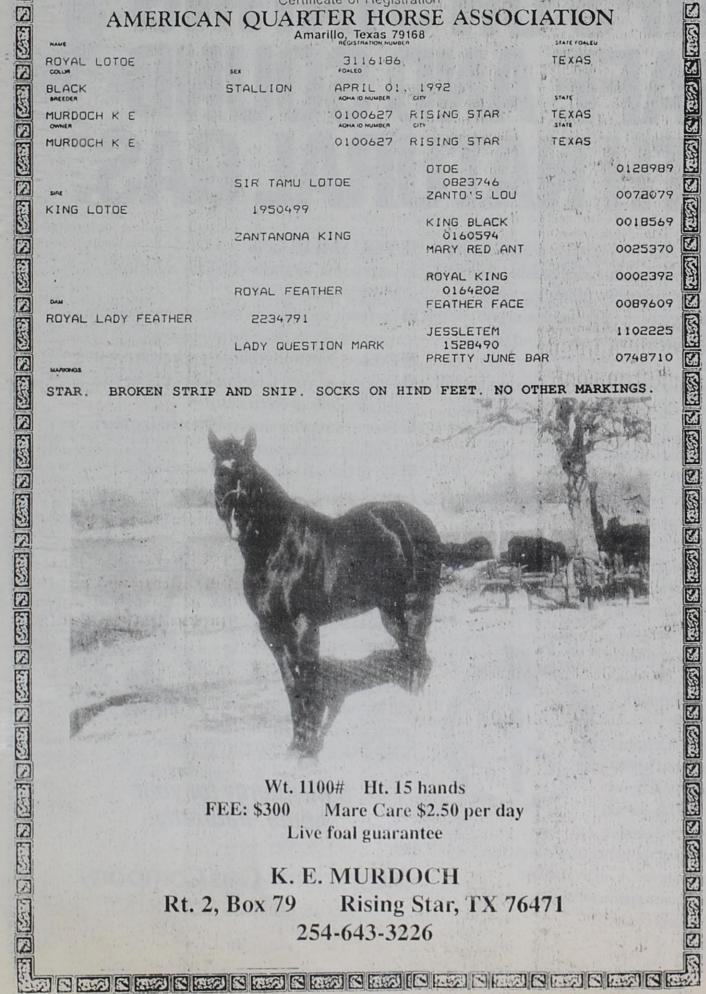
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