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Meals on Wheels In Need of

The Callahan County Nutrition Project as well as the Meals on Wheels is in need of donations, due to the increases in fuel, food and repairs and a need to stay in budget. The project delivers food to those who cannot travel to the Center to have their lunch and serves about 200 meals a day while the Center serves about 150. Donations to the program may be sent to the Callahan County Nutrition Project, Ste. 302 Courthouse Baird, TX 79504.

Your support of this project is much appreciated. Several fund-raisers are in progress at the present time, such as quilts, cook books. If you choose to donate in this way.

You may contact: Project Director Katie Dunn, 854-5658 at the Offict in the Courthouse or one of the site

managers, Bruce Bell, Baird Kathy Anderson, Cros Center 854-1937, Vickey Ploaine, 254-725-6521. Burns, Clyde 893-4556 or

Winter Wonder Land Open in baird Free Admission, Free Pictures with Santa (for Children) Dec. 23-24 Last Night...of 2005

D.P.S. REPORT FROM 12-11 TO 12-17-

CASES INVESTI-GATED: WARNINGS: 86 COMPLAINTS: 88 D.W.I.: 1

ACCIDENTS: THERE WERE8 AC-CIDENTS INVESTIGATED **DURING THIS TIME SPAN**

SANTA LETTERS ARE IN-SIDE THIS ISSUE... PLEASE, OPEN CAREFULLY SANTA!!!

Last Days to Enjoy Village/Wonderland Frid. and Sat.

given to Donna Bell,

our 5000 square foot (Children only please.) The

The Baird Christmas building with thousands of lighting committee will lights and over dozens of be sponsoring the Lights animated displays. It is the of Love trees. They will Winter Wonderland at the once again be placed on Christmas Village, located the courthouse lawn. If at 129 Market St. (1/2 block you would like the name N. of the Depot on the east of a loved one placed on side of the street .) This is a star on top of a tree you the third year for the vilcan do so for \$15.00. A 4' lage, which is a lighted "in-Christmas tree that will be door holiday fantasy--a placed on the Courthouse place for children of all lawn. This is a special ages.". There are new and way to pay tribute to a de- different displays again this ceased friend or relative year. There is no admission or to honor someone fee although donations will while they are living. Your be accepted. Santa will be donations can be sent to there (except on Dec. 24, the chamber office or since this is his busiest night of the year) to visit with the children and they And don't forget to can have their picture made come take a walk through with him at no charge.

village opened the day after Thanksgiving and will be open each Friday and Saturday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The dates are: (were Dec. 9-10, Dec. 16 & 17.)

Dec. 23 & 24.

This project is truly a community effort and a rewarding one also. We have had so much fun working on this project and making new friends and fellowshipping with old friends too. If you would like to help in any way with Christmas projects, contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce

> **Christmas Lighting** Committee

'AND A LITTLE CHILD...'

(Ed. Note: Our Christmas Gift To Readers):

Mr. Bridges was 72, bitter, angry and mad at the world. He had no family and because of his medical conditions, was living out his remaining years in a 'home'. He suffered from numerous ailments: arthritis, failing eyesight and lately he had begun to experience memory loss. He could sense a lack of recent memory but was able to recall events that happened many years ago. Maybe because of this, he was bitter at the world, those around him and even angry with God.

Mr. Bridges had lost his wife and only child, a daughter, early in life. Clarissa was only six when she and her mother succumbed to an illness that today, could be curable. This accounted for his bitterness toward God. 'Why would God allow this to happen?' In his mind, God not only allowed this to occur but also even caused it. 'What had a six-year-old ever done to God?'

His wife, a loving and caring wife, was loved very much but it was no secret that Clarissa was the 'love of his life', 'the apple of his eye', 'daddy's little girl' And God took this away from him. Mr. Bridges was indeed an angry man.

On Christmas Eve the staff and residents were congregating in the large dining room to celebrate a traditional service. There was a Nativity scene prominently placed in the front of the room. It was a beautiful scene, painstakingly decorated by volunteers.

The minister was introducing the guests, which included a children's choir from the local church. But to Mr. Bridges, this just seemed like last year's service and the year before that. It was no different to him and he wanted no part of it. He got up from his seat and left just as the children's choir was about to perform. He knew that the staff seldom locked the delivery door and he decided to leave by that exit. He wandered down the driveway and into the night.'Ah,' he said, 'this cold air is refreshing.'

Then it began to numb his face and hands. He had neglected to put on a coat or gloves. He was cold. As he wandered about through the street in the cold dark night, he lost his bearing, and wanted to go back to his warm room. But which way? It began to snow, making his sense of direction even more confusing. Which way to go?

In his confused state he could not think clearly. He could not determine the way. Then he slipped and fell, hurting his head. This only made things worse. He had lost his way, his County Democratic Party head hurt, he was cold, he could not keep his balance on the slippery snow, and he just got angrier. As he started to get up, it seemed as though someone held out a helping hand. And ing applications for Candia voice called, 'This way, come this way.'

In his anger, he was sarcastic and said, 'It's about time you came out here to get me.' But place on the March 7, 2006 he saw no one. Then the voice called again, 'Come this way.' He turned in the direction of Democratic Primary Electhe voice and again saw no one, and this frightened him. 'This is not funny,' he said.

Then he realized the voice was that of a child. But what would a child be doing out in this weather? OIn fact, what am I doing out here in this weather, O he wondered out loud. 'Who's obtain information applicathere?' he called out. And no one answered, then the voice called again, 'This way, sir'.

'I don't see you, where are you?' he shouted.

He turned and saw a light shining a few feet away. From the direction of the light he heard the small voice again call out, 'You must come this way now.' The light began to move. He was hurting, as the cold had aggravated his arthritis. He yelled out,"wait!" but the light kept moving. Then he finally realized that something or someone was trying to help him and he should follow the light.

The voice was persistent and repeatedly called, "This way" as the light kept moving. He struggled to keep up, but neither the light nor the voice would get far away. When he seemed to get close enough to touch the light it would move just out of reach, never allowing him to get any closer. As the voice continued to call out, he began to think he recognized that voice. If he didn't know better, he would swear it was the voice of Clarissa. But that was not rational. "I must be dreaming", he said. But rational or not, he kept the light in his sight.

Then suddenly he came upon the lights of the home. He was right back to the delivery door. He entered the door unseen, just as he had left. No one even knew he was missing and

NOTICE

Something EXTRA SPECIAL Coming Soon To The Baird Star & Callahan County You'll love it!!! It's Exciting!!!

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES WILL HOLD IMMUNIZATION CLINICS IN CALLAHAN COUNTY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH IN THE BAIRD CAFETORIUM ON 400 W THE CLYDE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON 21/ AUSTIN. PLEASE BRING CHILD'S IM-MUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE **CLINICS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 325-754-4945

Filing Applications for March 7 **Democratic Primary Became** Available Dec. 3rd

Jon E. Hardwick, Callahan Chairman is continuing takdates wishing to file for a tion ballot, beginning Dec. 1.

Interested persons may tions by calling 325-854-1256. And applications will be available at Mr. Hardwick's home office at 613 Cherry St. in Baird.

Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the filing deadline. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and for all other county offices it is \$750.00.

Applications for County or Precinct chairs are available

Tickets For Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2006 are selling tickets for a side of beef to raise money for Project Graduation. The tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing will be in February 2006. You can purchase the ticket from any senior parent or contact Baird High School at 854-1400 ext.

Republican **Candidates** Filing Ongoing

The Republican Chair for Callahan County Republicans started taking applications for candidates wishing to file for the March 7, 2006 Republican Primary beginning on December 3rd, 2005.

Information or applications can be obtained by contacting Pat Chrane at 325-529-3428, or Betty Johnston at 325-529-3396. Applications will be accepted up until the January 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Filing fees for the candidates are \$375.00 for Justice of the Peacej; all other county offices filing is \$750.

Baird Lighting Contest Winners Named:

The Baird Lighting contest winners have been selected and the results are as follows:

Best Over All: Joyce Rogers at 225 W. Second. Most Original: Larry and Sherri Riney at 440 W. Second.

Darlene King at 516 Race. **Best Commercial: Kelton** Flower Shop at 625 W. 4th.

There are many beautifully decorated yards again this year and the judges had a difficult time in making their decisions. If you have a chance drive around town to Kid's Choice: Jack and look at all the lights and es-

pecially look at the winning decorations.

"Oh, yes and" and don't forget the Christmas Village will still be open this Friday and Saturday night on the 23rd and 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Christmas lighting Committee

Continued Inside

Obituaries

Paul W. Goodlett

CLYDE-PAUL W. GOODLETT, age 91, died December 16, 2005 at a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Bailey Chapel with Rev. Oscar Fanning officiating. Burial will follow in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Paul was born on June 15, 1914 in Bastrop County to parents William and Mary Susie Hurt Goodlett. He worked for Schlumberger at various locations, including Wichita Falls, Midland, Abilene, San Angelo and Tyler for 33 years. The friends he made during those years were very special to him.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Betty Goodlett, two brothers, six sisters and one halfbrother. He is survived by his wife, Mary Nell; sons, Donny Goodlett and wife Kay of Wichita Falls and Doug Goodlett of Burleson; daughter, Paula Silvia and husband James of Montgomery, TX;

seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Ken Rogers of Spokane, WA and Sam Rogers of Athol, ID and their famileies; a brother, Clifford Goodlett, halfbrother Richard Goodlett, two half sisters, Eva Miller and Setie Rutland. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Coronado Nursing Center for the Excellentccare he received.

Doyle Lasater

Doyle Lasater, 77, of Brownwood, Texas died Friday, December 16, 2005 in Brownwood, Texas.

Doyle was born on February 29, 1928 in Callahan County, Texas to Bruce W. and Mary White-Lasater. He married Wilma Jean Butler in 1952 in Eastland County, Texas.

Doyle is survived by his wife, Wilma Jean Lasater of Brownwood; two brothers, Max Lasater of Plano; Bill Lasater of Breckenridge; sister, Claudine Boggs of Abilene; several nieces and nephews.

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Jimmy Wayne Harrison,

70,, of Clyde passed away

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005 and

services were held by the

Bailey Funeral Home of

Clyde on Monday, Dec. 12

with Rev. Louis Johnson of-

Jimmie was born Aug. 31,

1935, in Bakersfield, CA to

Alvin Charles and Ellen

(Betzer) Harrison. He gradu-

ated from high school in

Bakersfield and attended

Cisco Junior College and

McMurry University. He

Married Joanne George on

December 30, 1964 at the

Dyess A.F.B. Chapel in

ficiating. '

Jimmie Wayne Harrison

He was preceded in death by his son, Edward Doyle

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 18, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Matt McGowen officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star in charge.

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Abilene. After retiring from the military, where he served in the U.S. Air Force and Navy Seabees in Vietnam, he went to work for the Civil Service at Dyess A.F.B. in refrigeration/air conditioning, retiring in 1981. Afterwards, he worked as a custodian for 17 years at the First Baptist Church in Clyde. They came to Clyde from Abilene on February 14, 1965. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clyde. He was also active in Boy Scouts and Little

League.

He is survived by his wife Joanne Harrison of Clyde, two sons, Guy and Debbie Harrison of Clyde and Gary and Donna Harrison of Dallas; one daughter, Amy and James Bowlin of Kerrville; granddaughters, Jessica Harrison, Rebecca and Matthew Perkins, Kati Harrison, Alyssa Harrison and Emily Bowlin; great granddaughter, Keily and soon-to-be -born greatgrandson, Todd; three brothers, Charles Harrison, Stanley and Sandra Harrison, and Ricky and Bonnie Harrison and a sister in-law, Mrs. Albert (Eva) Harrison, all of California; four sisters, Madeline Henson of Delta, CO, Linda and Glen Howell; Peggy and Rick Huisjen, Susan and Gilbert Wiggle and Debbie and Ray Poulson, all of California; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, William Gregory Harrison, his parents, Al and Ellen Harrison, three brothers,

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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Albert, Donnie and Otto Harrison and one sister-in-law, Lucy Harrison.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Funeral Home.

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DO IT & DIET Dieting's Missing Link

(NAPS)-If you're concerned about your weight and vitality, a new approach may be just what you need.

The idea is something called "Conscious Eating." It's not a diet but an approach to eating created by the editors of Body + Soul magazine, the newest publication from Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. The program can be used to slow down and tune in your body's natural intelligence about what it needs,



Approach food from a mindful point of view and your body knows just how much to eat, says one new program.

while better understanding your emotions and how they affect your appetite.

To help more people find this road to wellness, there's a new book full of simple strategies. The book outlines the principles of Conscious Eating and how to make them work in your life. The 64-page book comes with two CDsone of relaxing music and the other on meditation techniques to use before eating. The kit also includes inspirational cards in an attractive tabletop box.

You can learn more at www. The Relaxation Company.com.

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710 N. Seaman Eastland

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3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage bldg., Ig. trees, \$27,500.

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, \$28,500.

2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LR and den, fenced backyard, detached garage with storage, Ig. trees, \$29,500.

2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, storage bldg., corner property, Ig. kitchen with many nice cabinets. Reduced to \$32,000.

Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CH/A on each side, it can be used as a single family home. \$32,000.

2 BR home plus another room which can be used as a 3rd BR or extra family room, CH/A, 5 ceiling fans, storm windows, patio, attached garage, fenced back yard, large trees, \$35,000.

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3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, CH/A, fireplace, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$36,000.

2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, large rooms, cH/A, fireplace, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$36,000.

2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, separate LR, DR and den, many kitchen cabinets, double carport, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, 3 lots, fenced back yard, very spacious inside & out.

3 BR, 13/4 bath home, recently

ak trees, \$56,000.

Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & Master BR, Ig. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bildg. & many extras. Enjoy life and recreation all year! Lovely 4BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, woodburning heater, dock, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large gameroom. Many extras including inground pool.

Must See! Lafge 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home. 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.

Beautifully landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/A units. Large kitchen with many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.

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Through the Eyes of a Child

Most grandparents have pictures, stories and accounts of grandchildren that are far more important to them than to others. Still, they are ready to share when given the chance.

One granddad, ready to unfurl dozens of pictures for the uncaring eyes of a friend, asked if he had shown him pictures of his new grandson. "No," the friend answered, "And I certainly appreciate

Some accounts, though, are worthy not only of hearing, but also remembering. They are told and re-told at Christmas time, even by distant relatives.

And the one I'm "fixin," to relate deserves "top shelf" status among stories that warm the heart. Imagine it falling from the lips of retired

school counselor Jeanie Brown, a Groesbeck, TX, grandmother who is asked to tell and re-tell the "story of Taylor' several times a year. She's happy to do so, eyes twinkling and smile broaden-

"It was several years ago," she begins. "Taylor was coming up on 10 years old, and soaking up, holiday joys as kids do so well. His Mother, Susan Douthit, was readying their McKinney, TX, home for Christmas, and running behind, feeling "used up," and running low on Christmas spirit.

She was baking, wrapping, decorating, addressing Christmas cards and setting up the manger scene, just as she did the previous year, and the ones before that. She found figurines of the stable, cradle, Mary and Joseph, and

the animals. But Baby Jesus was missing. She couldn't find Him anywhere, so she quit looking, and returned to the kitchen to stir the fudge.

returned to the scene, spotting a small sign attached to the cradle. Printed in crayon, it read: He is risen!

It was Taylor's handwriting, of course, and those three words put a new shine on that Christmas, and all the rest to come.

A Sunday School class of young marrieds in San Antonio, TX, added a warm touch to "bridge ministry" begun earlier in the year. They, ve been taking food and personal items to several dozen homeless people from time to time.

The recipients are easy to find; they're the ones with bridges over their heads instead of roofs. This month, the class made special deliveries of one-hour long distance telephone cards with a plea to the homeless: "Call

The season always brings to mind the mimeographed monthly newspaper a few of us turned out in grade school circa 1950. Our teacher A few minutes later, she asked us to write a piece about merchants, favorite Christmas carols.

> I made a beeline for "The Leader," a mercantile store on the courthouse square. It was operated by N. Bernard Bunin, a respected Jewish merchant. Everyone called him 'Shorty the Jew."

We meant no disrespect. In fact, we revered him, knowing that he gave away clothing and shoes daily to the less fortunate, and extended credit to the rest of us. He operated the crammed-tothe-ceiling store for 37 years until one week before his death at age 66-a half-century ago come February.

To us, reference to "Shorty the Jew" was tantamount to names like 'Alexander the Great' or 'John the Baptist." That he was born in Russia and an immigrant to our

shores was irrelevant indeed.

He bounded from customer to customer, scurrying up and down the ladder to reach needed items that often were way up high. Customers believed that "Shorty" had everything, and knew where everything was.

I interrupted him at "midbound," asking in innocence if he had a favorite Christmas

standing nearby said stiffly, "I doubt very much that he

fuddled, and wished to be someplace else.

Bunin responded, his danclightening the moment as he rang up yet another sale. "It's What a Friend We Have in

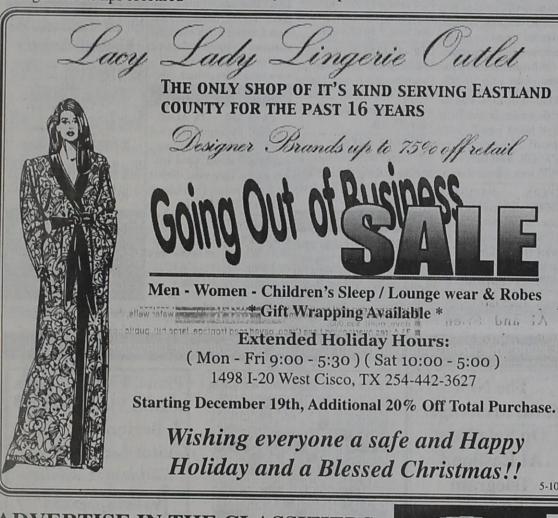
I continue to savor the humor in his response that was unrecognized at the time. I place him on an even higher memory shelf of favorite people who spent a lifetime giving back.

This wee man, who often slept at the store on stacks of overalls, never married. But he looked after a community very, very well. The monument at the park, with names of the county's World War II victims engraved thereon, was placed there by Mr. Bunin, a great American.

He made Christmases "He's Jewish," an adult merry, the very kind I wish

Dr. Newbury is a speaker I felt rebuked and be- and author in the Metroplex, His weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments/inquir-"Of course I do," Mr. ies by phone, 817-447-3872, or. newbury@.... e-mail, ing eyes and quick smile speakerdoc.com. His website: wind www.speaker doc.com

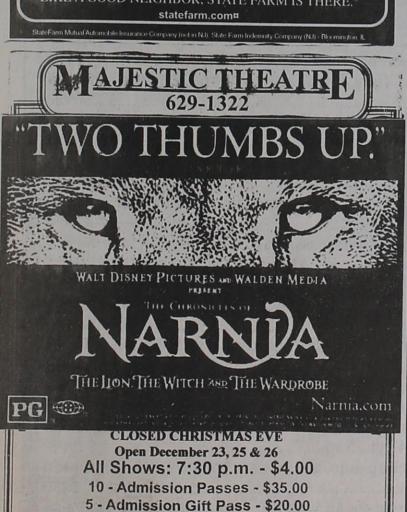
> Season's Greetings And Happy New Year











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By Ed Sterling Judge puts DeLay proceedings on hold

AUSTIN - Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's appeal of a dismissed charge against U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay is slowing down the legal process the former House majority leader's attorneys want to speed up.

Judge Pat Priest put a scheduled hearing on hold until Texas' Third Court of Appeals rules on the merit of a charge of conspiracy he had dismissed against DeLay. Priest's trial court is the venue where charges of money laundering and conspiracy against the Sugar Land Republican will be heard.

DeLay and his attorneys want everything to happen as quickly as possible, because DeLay hopes to win back his role as majority leader when the House reconvenes after winter recess.

DeLay stepped down from the role in September after he was indicted by a Travis County grand jury on charges of conspiracy to circumvent the state elections law and money laundering in the midterm election of 2002.

Also indicted were DeLay's associates John Colyandro of Austin and Jim Ellis of Washington, D.C., the men who ran DeLay's state and national political action committees.

Redistricting cases on horizon

The U.S. Supreme Court scheduled March 1 as the date to hear oral arguments in cases against Gov. Rick Perry and the state of Texas over the redrawing of U.S. congressional district boundaries in 2003.

Party primaries in Texas are scheduled for March 7.

Four plaintiffs, including the League of United Latin American Citizens, Travis County, Eddie Jackson and the GI Forum of Texas, and others, allege violations in the Voting Rights Act in the 2004 redistricting that allowed the Republican Party to pick up five seats in Con-

Former justice files for office

Rumors about another

Democrat launching a gubernatorial campaign came true Dec. 15 when Bob Gammage filed papers with the secretary of state.

Gammage, 67, a former lawmaker, state supreme court justice and educator from Llano, joins two other Democrats in the quest to succeed Gov. Perry.

Gammage was one of the "Dirty 30" - a bipartisan group of Texas House members who mounted an offensive against corruption at the state Capitol in the 1971 Sharpstown scandal.

In his campaign press release, Gammage spoke of "a corrupt political machine which stretches from Washington, D.C. all the way to Austin."

Gammage said that in a few weeks his campaign "will roll out an agenda for change in Texas."

Math, science boost coming

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these sources: \$50 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Susan & Michael Dell Foundation, and the Communities Foundation of Texas; \$20 million from the Texas Education Agency; and about \$1 million from National Instruments.

More time to get situated

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it would comply with a court order to pay for hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees to live in hotels and motels until Jan. 7, but for those actively working with the agency to receive house rent assistance the deadline has been extended to Feb. 7.

FEMA has provided rental assistance to some 653,000 families dislodged from their homes by the August and September hurricanes.

Heflin quits lotto job quest

Former Houston State Rep. Talmadge Heflin, 65, decided to withdraw his name for consideration for the vacant position of Texas Lottery direc-

Heflin, a Republican, said he would instead file to run for his former House seat, which he lost to freshman Democrat Hubert Vo in a close election in 2004.

The lottery job came open after the resignation of Reagan Greer, who stepped down last summer after admitting he had inflated jackticket sales. all samoisw

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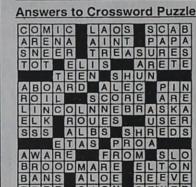
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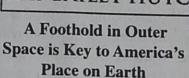
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The United States is facing increasing competition in high-tech industries. At present, just 32 percent of American undergraduates receive degrees in science or engineering compared to 59 percent of Chinese students. The advent of the internet has made it easier for people from other nations to compete with our workers. And other countries are increasing their investments in science research; China has even made significant strides in its own space program.

In order to maintain our leadership in science and science-related businesses, we need to keep our commitment to the Space Station. In crucial ways, doing pioneering work on the frontiers of space contributes to making our scientific community the best on the planet.

Dr. Richard Smalley, a brilliant Texan who won the Nobel prize for his work in nanoscience, was first inspired to take science seriously by the Soviet Union's successful launch of Sputnik in 1957 and the response of the United States: an ambitious space program of its own. After several missions to the moon, the U.S. program became less captivating; and we have since lost the interest of many students during their formative years when they are making decisions that could lead them to a career in science.

The Space Station helps the United States lead the world in science by making it the center of ground-breaking research. While the Station receives funding from 16 different countries, the United States remains at the nexus of the project. With the U.S. leading the project, we receive the lion's share of the credit for discoveries made in its laboratories. Our nation also operates as the headquarters for the scientific and engineering support work for the Station, bringing many of the world's brightest researchers to do

their work here, while also adding numerous valuable jobs to our economy. With the Johnson Space Center located in Houston, Texans have seen firsthand the scientific and economic benefits of space-related discov-

The Station provides our scientists with a unique environment where they can conduct many experiments not possible on Earth. One planned project, led by American Nobel laureate Dr. Samuel Ting, will place a sophisticated particle detector on the Station to learn more about cosmic rays. This research must be carried out in space where researchers can collect data without the hindrance of Earth's

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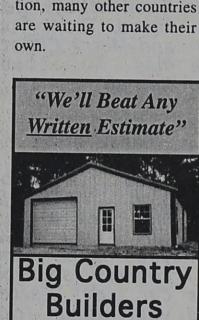
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Then gather the stuff That you'd normally bring And put it right in your big sack on your sled... Then give mine to some kid in New York instead? Or some kid in Jersey?

Or in Washington, too? Wherever, whomever, is of course Up to you. You know who's been crying, or lonely or sad.

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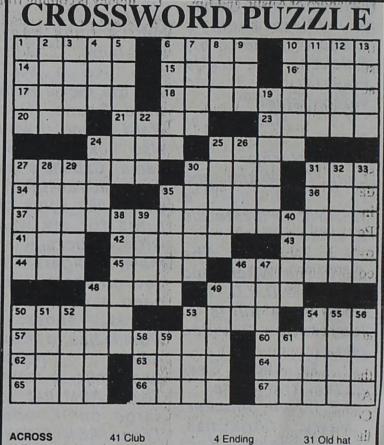
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doil that cries and wears a pink also dress. Barbie want a doll. will leave you some cookies. Love you Santa, p.S. It's my birthday during Christmas. Andrea.

Dear Santa, I have been a girl good this Will year. you bring me a Barbie and train chair? Barbie would also like a purple Barbie will We bike. leave you some chocolate teddy cookies. bear Thanks Santa, love you. Samantha.

Dear Santa Clause,

I have been a real good boy this year. I want Four-wheeler, of lots plus money. Also, video want game. Holley and Hannah have been good too. Bring something them Holley good. an telewants Please scope. bring some nail polish tor my Thanks mother. Santa,

Heath.

Dear Santa. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I want you, Love purple guitar and a toy solalso dier. would like a toy robot that talks, walks, and shoots lasers out, fake ones. My brothsisters, ers, cousins, and parents have been good. Please bring them what they want. I also play want kitchen for boys. Grandma Bring something. Thanks Santa.

Bishop Dear Santa, I've been a good girl this year, I want a big bike, a new locket, a trampoline, Willer play for and a swing set. Thank you, Love Kallem

Dear Santa, I've been a good girl. I want a Barbie, a bike, a purse for my mom, and a telephone tor my sister. Thank you, Love Micha.

Dear Santa, I've been a good girl this year. I want a table set, monster truck for my daddy, pretty tor my game mommy, glasses for my baby sister. A dog that talks, and puzzle. Thank You, Love. Kailey

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation **District Taking Windbreak Tree Orders**

Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first served basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock TX.

This year's selection of available trees include three varieties of evergreens. We have Afghanistan Pine, Italian Stone Pine and Eastern Redcedar. The Evergreen's are priced at 5 for \$12.00 or 30 for \$55.00. In the Hardwood category we have Aromatic Sumac, Hackberry, Black Cherry, Chinkapin Oak, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum and Shumard Oak. This variety is priced at 10 for \$12.00. This year we are also offering several wildlife packets which consist of four different species of trees per packet. Each packet contains 100 trees, twenty-five of each of the

ReThe Callahan Divide four species depending on the packet purchased.

Contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Baird for info on which trees are included in a certain packet. Each wildlife packet is priced at \$60.00 and they have four to choose from Packets for Deer, Squirrel, Quail and Pheasant and Turkey are available.

All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date. Orders will be taken until January 20th, 2006 or until supplies are depleted, whichever comes first. .

Trees will be delivered to Baird on February 172006. If you would like to get more information on our windbreak trees, on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources Conservation service in Baird TX at (325)-854-1349, EXT 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th, Suite B.

Continued from Page one..."A Little Child" about right,' he said. 6No his old angry sarcastic self

Dear Santa, I've been a good girl this year. This year I want toy jeep, brat doll, doodle bear, and a choo choo train. Thank

HANNAH Dear Santa, for would like Dora Kitchen, a 1.V. Dora and markers. A glue stick and some My paint. brother. sister, mom and dad have good been this me like will year. leave you some cookies and milk! Love

Victoria. Dear Santa, I would like hunting Shirt, a hunting guy that shoots bears, a 4-wheeler, and a new watch. I've been really good, cleaned house all day. Give my sisters a dollie that talks and cries. And please give my Brother the same things as me. My mom and dad have been good, too. Bring them huntthings and clothes. Love

Jacob Dear Santa, I would like a pink bike, a real baby tiger, red play dough and paint brush. Dress up clothes. l've been very good this year. I will leave you milk and cook-Love, ies. Savannah

took over again. That one cares anyway.' Then he heard the small

voice again. He looked around, expecting to see the one person who had called out to him and brought him back. But he saw nothing unusual.

He noticed the childrenOs choir was singing. He recognized one voice sounding like the one he had heard when he was lost. It was coming from a little girl Christmas, a Dora in the front row. She was singing 'O come all ye faithfulÓ, with other children singing in the background. But he only heard the voice of the little girl. And the tears began to flow as he remembered the words from his own childhood.

> "And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people, for today, in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior. Who is Christ the Lord."

> And the angels gathered around the throne, rejoicing and singing praises for another soul had been received into the Kingdom of God. And a little child joined in on the chorus.

By Walter Morrison Robertson (Pete) Lake Leon XXXX

"In old days we read of angels who came and took men by the hand, and led them away from the city of Destruction. We see no white-robed angels now; yet men are led away from threatening destruction: a hand is put into theirs, and they are gently guided toward a bright and calm land, so that they look no more backward; and the hand may be that of a little child ... " - George Eliot...From "Lamps and Paths",

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Dear Santa, I' been a good gi

this year. Stop be my house. I'm cooling lot's of coolies. Please bring ma borse. Would you please bring Dady a baby doll!

Love Kalyn Smaller Dear Santa, My namis Cory Mendez, ar I'm a 7 years cand in the secongrade. I have be a very good boy the year. This is Christmas List on Christmas List omwant a laptop ce puter and a gr Christmas. You bood ur's Christmas. You truly, Cory Men dez. Christmas I would like my ears pierced. I would also like a Barbie computer, and a

little pink
Christmas tree.
Santa if you come
to my house I will
leave Chocolate
chip cookie and
egg nog for you. I
will also get some
food for the reindeer. Tell Rudolf
I said Hi, See you
Christmas. Shyanne
Dainer. Dainer.

Dear Santa, I want a lunchbox. I want a Barbie. You are Good Santa. How do you fit in my house to give me my presents? A basketball. Let's see, I want a backpack because I don't know. Thank you Santa for the toys. I want a little dog.

Cara Creech

-Dear Santa, I have been good this year. May I please have a motorcycle, X-Box, X-Box games, bicycle, and tennis shoes. I love you Santa and Jesus. Tell Rudolph hi. Love Riley Wyatt.

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year, may I please have a Barbie computer, dress-up clothes, a Cinderella doll house and a Cinderella horse and Carriage. Oh, and also pajamas, dress-up clothes and earrings. I promise to leave you milk and cookies.! Thank you Santa!! Love Drew Warren.

Dear Santa, Everyone to have a good Christmas and for my dad to come home soonj. Your friend, Arturo Gomez, P.S. I will leave you yea in nd here go-cart and a dirt bike. I hope you have a good Christmas. Arturo Gomez. Dear Santa, I've been pretty good all year. I want to get a dollar. Also a present from you. I love Santa, Ceason Cartwright, See you

Dear Santa, My name is Adam. I have been a good boy. My favorite time of the year is Christmas. l hope you have a good Christmas. I

would like a big screen T.V., Your truly, Adam Mendez. Dear Santa, How are you and Mr. Claus. I've been a good boy this year. I hope non of your reindeer get sick.

l want a 50cc dirtbike and cowboy stuff. Yours truly, Dillon Isenhower, Putnam, TX.
Dear Santa, I have been good. How have you been? Please bring me a remote

bring me a remote monster truck. Your truly, Zane

truly, Zane Toregrossa.
Dear Santa, I've been good all year. I would like a Barblie doll, a stuffed cat. a stuffed puppy, a stuffed rabbit, and a c.d. player. See you soon. Daniel Saenz. Saenz., Merry Christmas Santa.

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I do my chores and

min my manners may l please have a Barbie guitar, a Hide and Seek Amanda doll and a skate-board? I love you very much, Megan Welch. Dear Santa,
I want to see you and your reindeer.
I would like a doll for Christmas, a bathtub for Christmas, a bathtub one that could go in the bathtub. I would like to have you to come to my Christmas dinner so I can see you and give you a present. I would like to see how you make toys. So if you would please come to my Christmas dinner. I would be happy. Really, Please. Love Savanah. lease. Savanah.

Local Basketball Girls' AREA Clyde Lions Club Invitational

Eastland 55, Breckenridge 50 Consolation

Breckenridge14 12 13 11-50 Eastland 19 14 8 14-55 Breckenridge-Shahan 2. Tarver 3, Parks 8, R. Everett 5, E. Everett 9, Caffey 6, Clark 17. Eastland: Thomas 6.

Wells 6, Johnson 9, Simmel 32, Pendley 2. Eastland 62, San

Angelo Lake View

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Comanche 40, Clyde Clyde 61, Anson 49

Brownwood 45, Eastland 32 Eastland 13 5 6 8-32 Brownwood 12 12 4 15-45 Eastland: Thomas 2. Brewer 3, Wells 5, Strube 1, Johnson 5, Simmel 16

New Castle tour-<u>nament</u>

Strawn 43, Henrietta Midway 34

Strawn 62, Gorman

Cross Plains Christmas Classic Winters 64, Cross Plains 51.

Rising Star 46, Sidney 33 Rising Star 13 12 13 8-46 Sidney 9 7 98-

Rising Star: Harris 24, Evans 7. Sidney-Norvil19, Perry 8.

Goldthwaite Tournament: Cisco 63, Gol ithwaite 62 in O.T. Championship

7 15 12 27-63 Goldthwaite 16 15 8 17 6-62

Goldthwaite: Hartley 7, Proffitt 7, Prescott 8, Stephens 16, Padgett 13, Perry 3, Watson 8. Cisco: Walkingstick 6, Harris 6, Koenig 2, Ramirez 3, Williams 6, Chriesman 2, Matthews 10, Dunham 4, Harrison 2, Posey 22.

Goldthwaite 68 14 4 7 7-32 Goldthwiate 15 22 21 10-68 May: Pruitt 1, Jester 10, Brown 2, Hallum 8, Marphee

San Saba: Hartley 6, Profitt 12, Prescott 5, Hamilton 4, Stephens 10, Padgett 14, Perry 6, Watson 11.

Cisco, 64; Zephyr 27 Cisco 12 20 21 11-64 Dear Santa,
Please bring Mortal Combat 3 Video,
Dirt Bike, Hot
Wheels, Amry men,
bells bike, clothes,
guitar and dolls for
my cousin K.K.
Dustin.

Dear Santa, Please

Zephyr 6 9 7 5-27 Cisco: Walkingstick 15, Harris 2, Koenig 6, Ramirez 5, Chriesman 11, Matthews 8, Durham 2; Posey 15 Other at Goldthwaite

Tourney Early 50, May 30 Cisco 44, San Saba 38

Highland Hilltop Classic:

Boy's **Box Scores** Clyde Lions Club Invitat-ional

Clyde 55, Snyder 46 Championship Snyder 8 16 11 11-46 Clyde 20 10 12 13-55 Snyder- Pinson 6, Simpson 3, Tagaba 5, Sanchez 6, Mitchell 8, Gafford 3, Hill 3,

Bollinger 10, Bowen 2 Clyde: Carr 4, Hawk 14, Yates, Watts 20, Poulin 6, Agnew 8, Verzele 2 Tournament M.V.P. Blake

Watts, Clyde All-tournament team: Brett Bailey, Andrews; Wally Dunn, Midland Classical; Chad Madrid, Midland Classical; Logan Newsom Ballinger; Jayton

Buxkemper, Ballinger; Brent Bollinger; Snyder; Ryan Mitchell, Snyder; Jacob Agnew Clyde; Luke Hawk, Clyde.

Clyde, 66; Ballinger 54 Clyde 13 10 25 18-66 Ballinger 10 18 17 9-54 Clyde: Carr 9, Hawk 9, Yates, 3, Liles 4, Henson 4, Watts 17, Poulin 2, Agnew Ballinger: Buxkemper 10,

Vernicek 8, Stewart 6, Henry 5, Burgess 7, 1519 w Newson 12, Congen 2177

Anson 50, Eastland 48 Eastland 10 14 13 11-48 Anson 15 8 12 15-50 Anson: Johnson 4, Bounds 2, Reding 4, J. Ramos 9, Robinson 12, E. Ramos 15. Eastland: Cummings 13, Huitt 13, Felts 4, Williamson 4, Folsom 10, Cox 2, Thomp-

son 2. Goldthwaite Tourna-

ment Goldthwaite 55, Championship Cisco 60 in O.T.

Cisco 11 12 14 10 13-60 Goldthwaite 16 12 6 12 8-55 Cisco: Sellers 4, Johnson 21, Morgan 3, Petree 16, Baxter 10, Jarvis 2, Busby 4. Goldthwaite: Clifton 6, Wesson 9, Moseley 1, Stegemoller 7, Speegle 5, Miller 6, Watson 1, Sides 3,

Hart 11, Williams 3. May 67, CiscoJ.V. 54

May 20 17 18 12-67 Cisco J.V. 10 18 11 15-54 Cisco J.V.: Hernandez 1, Strickland 20, Bridges 7, Hurd 9, Ingram 9, Medina 4, Berry 4.

May: Dickerson 8, Brown 15, Smith 8, Humphries 17, Allen 13,

Howard 2, Jester 4.

Cisco 81, Zephyr 25

Cisco 19 13 20 29-81

Zephyr 5 7 8 5-25 Cisco: Sellers 23, Johnson 7, Morgan 4, Petree 20, Vaster 4, Conger 4, Jarus 8, Busby 11.

Zephyr: Torrez 2, Biddy 7, Harris 6, Baker 8, Bigbie

Cisco J.V., 44, DeLeon 78 Cisco J.V. 5 16 18 5-44 DeLeon 20 17 26 15-78 Cisco J.V. Hernandez 2, Strickland 13, Bridges 9, Ingram 8 Medina 4, Berry 8.

DeLeon: McCarty 23, Chavarria 2, Newton 12, Smith 6, Williams 31, McLearen 3, Morgan 1.

bring me a ball for Christmas. I would also like a football player and a corcycle. I would like a truck and another ball. Just bring two of everything and a horse. Merry Christmas. Santa. Love Dusty. Dusty.

Roscoe 48, Baird 38 Baird 8 11 10 9-38

Roscoe 7 9 16 16-48 Baird: Suarez 9. Cumby 5, Orlando 5, Johnston 6, Windham 4, Burns 4, Lowe 5.

Roscoe: Adkins 8, Solis 3, Hope 6, Osborne 5, Solis 4, Cathy 5, Shumaker 1, Villa 15. Baird 31, Highland 46

Cisco JV 54 Zephyr 37 Cisco 12 20 17 24-73 Zephyr18 6 4 9-37

Rising Star 7 3 8 16-34 Ranger-J. Wilson 15, Krantz, 2; Casey, 13; M. Wilson, 1; Whisenant 5,; Gaumond, 6.

Rising Star- Robbins 2, Claborn 10, Reynolds 5, Sanders 2, Foster 2, Morgan 4, Johnson 9.

RECORDS: RANGER 5-2 Strawn 35, Gorman 33, OT Strawn 5 9 5 14 3-36 Gorman 9 2 16 8 0-33

Strawn-J. Lindsey 10, Caudle 4, Elizondo 2, Spraggins 8, Prado 5, Lindsey

Gorman: Swanner 14, Rodriguez 2, Keys 7, Greer 8, Clark 2.

Clyde, 68: Eastland 42 Eastland 6 12 11 12-42 Clyde 16 22 16 14-68 Eastland-Cummings, 11; Huitt, 6; Williamson, 6; Folsom, 14; Cox 3.

Clyde: Carr 2, Hawk, 14; Yeats, 7; Liles; Henson 6; Watts, 7; Poulin 12; Agnew, 5; Verzele 5; Clifton, 8.

RECORD: Clyde 5-0. J.V. Score: Glyde 70. TI Eastland 29. bluov

Rising Star 52, Gorman 46 Rising Star 15 15 12 9-52

J.V. Score: Rising Star 29, Gorman 20. Ranger 66, Lueders-

Avoca 20 Lueders-Avoca 6 7 2 5-20 Ranger 24 14 18 10-

Ranger-David Gaumond 16, Josh Wilson 14, Robert Whisenant 12, Jeff Casey 12. Leuders-Avoca: Stone 10, Kitchens 7.

Bronte Tournement Eula 68, Eldorado 25 Eldorado 4 13 9 5-

Eula 12 16 10 10-36 Eula: Hindley 14. Eldorado: Bosmans 6.

Bronte 36, Eula 49 Eula 6 11 13 20-Bronte 7 1 14 14-

Eula Hindley, 11; Reid 11 **Woodson Tournament** Woodson 51, Gordon 41 Gordon 9 13 7 12-41 Woodosn 15 4 11 18-51 Gordon-Barton 19, Elsberry 10, Vargas 5, Walker 5, Dixon

Bronte Hendrickson, 12

Woodson:, C. Stoker 7, Jones 6, Clark 6, Brockman 5. J. Stoker 3.

Gordon 54, Leuders-Avoca 33 Leuders-Avoca 4 7 13 9-Gordon 14 12 10 18-

Gordon: Dixon 17, Walker

12, Asworth 12, Gonzalez 5, Vargas 4, Eisberry 4. Leuders-Avoca: Kitchens 14, Moore 11, Stone 5, Gentry 3.

Rallinger Tournement: vde 50, Ballinger 41 Clyde: Watts 19. linger: Newsom 12.

Clyde 66, Wall 44 Clyde Watts 30. Wall: McCormick 16.

Clyde 67, Reagen County 62 Clyde Watts. 24. Reagen County: Hernandez

Cross Plains Christmas Classic Rising Star, 42; Priddy 33 Cross Plains, 35; Winters,

52 Rising Star, 55, Brownwood J.V. 54 Rising Star 12 15 10 18-55 Brownwood 12 9 16 17-54 Rising Star: Sanders 17, Claborn 14.

Brownwood J.V.: Allen 19, Cunningham 14 Records: Rising Star 4-6.

Cross Plains 65, Sydney 59 Cross Plains 22 6 12 26-65 15 21 11 12-Sydney

Cross Plains: Golsom 22, Koenig 18, Watkins 16. Sydney: Carroll 38, Clary 10

Girls' in Cross Plains: Cross Plains 42, Sydney 37

Cross Plains 13 11 8 11-42 Sydney 12 8 11 6-37 Cross Plains: Scott 16, Evants 7, Harris 6 Sidney: Norvil 31.

RECORD: Cross Plains 6-4

Priddy 44, CROSS Plains 36 PRIDDY 10 15 13 6-44 Cross PlaIns 5 12 9 12-33 Cross Plains: WATKINS 15, Koenig 8. PRIDDY-Stephenson, 17,

Heath 8. Clyde Lions Chib Invitational Clyde 59, Eastland 37

Clyde: Watts 17, Cair 12, Agnew 9. Eastland: Cox 22, Folsom 9, Cummings 8, Huff 7.

Clyde 8 17 7 27-59

Eastland 8 9 9 10-37

Merkel 34, Eastland 21 Merkel 5 12 7 10 34 Eastland 7 3 6 5-21 Merkel: Whitmire 2, **Hobbs 6 Flores 1, Gonzales** 6, Jordan 1, Dye 2, Mounts

Eastland-Cummings 3, Huff 9, Felts 5, Folsom 2, Cox 2.

St. Joseph's Tournament Baird 49, Brazos

Christian 47 9 6 16 18-49 Brazos Christian 20 10 12 5-47 Baird: Cogburn 15, Rodriguez 14, J. English 8, Manning 7, Parker 3, Nichols 2, Scott 2.

Brazos Christian: Rother 17, Allen 14, Milburn 12, Bort

Baird 77, Burton 37 Baird 20 18 24 15-77 Burton 10 6 12 9-37 Baird-Cogburn 30, Rodriguez 12, J. English 9, Scott 8, Parker 9, C. English 4, Nichols 3, Manning

Burton-Calvin 20, Steeker 5, Kunkel 1, Hodde 2, Goldberg 1.

Championship 4 St. Joseph's 48, Baird 31 12 6 8 5-31 Baird St. Joseph's 15 9 9 14-48.

Baird-Rodriguez 18, J. English 4, Parker 4, Scott 2, Manning 2, Cogburn 1.

St. Joseph's: Robertson 12, Burrell 11, Riley 8, Herman 6, Massey 6, Sullivan 5. Baird: Rodriguez, oghurn Parker: All-Tourna-

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BUTCH AND DOUGIE





The faith of the Framers

The role of religion is a major flashpoint in the ongoing culture wars. Did the Founding Fathers see the U.S. as a What were they afraid d

How religious were the Founders? conviction. Their individual piety and practices, however, varied widely. George Washington, for example, was an Episcopalian who attended services regularly. But he didn't take communon or kneel when he prayed. Thomas Jefferson, while considering himself a Christian, disagreed with much of the Bible and rejected the divinity of Jesus. So he created his own version of the New Testament, cutting out all references to miracles-even Jesus' resurrection. Although Benjamin Franklin supported the Presbyterian church all his life, he rarely went to services because he found them dull

Did they think God had blessed America?

ndeed they did. Their writings are filled with the fervent belief that the Colonies' very existence proved that a divine will was at work. As early as 1765, John Adams wrote that he considered America to be "the opening of a grand scene and design in Providence for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth." Nearly 50 years later, in 1813, he wrote that the "general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were ... the general McCall) (Justice Strange not principles of Christianity." However, when Adams and his compatriots spoke of Christianity, it wasn't quite the kind practiced

So what was it?

The faith that many of the Founders embraced was deism. Less a religion than a way of perceiving divinity in the world, deism is rooted in the 17th- and 18th-century scientific and philosoph of appeal to correct omissions. ical revolutions of the Enlightenment. For deists, God is not a father figure who dwells in heaven and performs miracles. Rather, he is an undefined and unknowable "prime mover who reveals himself in immutable laws that can rationally explain both cosmic and human affairs. Everything from the physical forces that govern the universe to the essential freedom of man, deists believe, are outward signs of God's presence among us. In keeping with their deist beliefs, the Founders often refrained from calling the source of their inspiration "God." He-or, rather, it-was A call for prayer

Sovereign," among other cuphemisms. But did the Founders oppose religion? Quite the contrary. They considered it essential to the health of the republic. Religion, they felt, endowed people with such values as Bobby Lee Fletcher v. State self-reliance, sacrifice, and compassion that were necessary for good citizenship. It also

"Divine Providence" and "The Universal

counteracted the destructive tendencies of Guadalupe Martinez democracy and capitalism alike. "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity," said George Washington in his farewell address in 1796, "religion and norality are indispensable supports." James Wesley Troy Shields v. State Madison felt similarly. "Before any man can be considered a member of Civil Society," he wrote, "he must be considered as a subject of Mark Anthony Tutt v. Ken- the Governour of the Universe." Still, the neth Hollis and Brenda Hollis, Founders declined to give religion the official endorsement of their new government.



The first weeks of the Constitutional

Convention of 1787 were so fraught with

difficulty that Benjamin Franklin, perhaps

the least religious delegate, proposed that "henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings

Assembly every morning before we pro-

ceed to business." He even requested

that a clergyman be appointed to offici-

ate. But Alexander Hamilton and several

tion, by being introduced at this late date

convention was getting desperate. In any

event, Hugh Williamson of North Carolin

pointed out, no funds were available to

pay for a chaplain. Franklin's resolution

promptly died. He later noted, "The con-

vention, except for three or four persons,

thought prayers unnecessary.

other delegates feared that the resolu-

might lead the public to think that the

on our deliberations, be held in this

The same intolerance and bisChristian nation? many of the original settler 6f? World. The monarchs of the gotry that drove knew, had often invoked Gs to the New make war. Not only had P e Old World, they princes waged the Crusad od as an excuse to Christianity, they had for Europe's kings and of succession and conque of succession and conque les in the name of selves, with Protestants a light bloody battles tering one another for polit among themalmost shudder at the thoug Catholics slaugh almost shudder at the thoug Catholics slaugh-the most fatal example of thical power. "I which the history of manky the of alluding to served—the Cross," wrote the abuses of grief "Consider what calamit grief has produced!" What John Adams, gathered to write the Coles that engine of

they were determined to set a different coursen the Founders repeat the mistakes of history. titution in 1787. so as not to

How did they achieve this? By largely excluding God and religion from ou

print. The only reference to religion in the origi

is in Article VI, Section 3: "No religious Test shr national bluerequired as a Qualification to any Office or the United States." When it/came time to ad ghall ever be model, they took Virginia's Statute for Rr Old the Bill of Rights, Written by Thomas Jefferson, and Legislature in 1786, it declara ces, on eligious Freedom. profess, and by argument to and passed by the Virginia of religion." For the Const at that "all men shall be free to into, "The civil rights of pro maintain, their opinion in matters religious belief or worshi titution, James Madison expanded this established, nor shall the none shall be abridged on account of in any manner, or any prop, nor shall any national religion be Madison's resolution becalfull and equal rights of conscience be know today.

ense, infringed." With some trimming, part of the First Amendment we

What was the result? For all practical purposes, it put

ism. The ca sentiment by the U.S. on the road to secular-when the Syrliest official expression of this which made robably came on June 7, 1797, of North A enate ratified the Treaty of Tripoli, quarrel with peace with the Barbary pirates (Muslim) in frica. In declaring that we had no mously-stin the faith of any "Mehomitan" the United Lation, the treaty-ratified unanipulated that "the government of time were states is not in any sense founded was set. In ristian religion." Evangelicals of the gave the se outraged, but the nation's course repeat in ev 1802, President Thomas Jefferson topic. Baptistularists a phrase they would written him, try subsequent argument on the the state's Con ministers from Connecticut had and seeking his implaining of persecution by Constitution. "Regationalist establishment, solely between mirews on religion and the assured them, de eligion is a matter which lies Amendment had an and his God," Jefferson tion between Chr claring that the First

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Early Lessons In Healthy Living

America's waistline is ex- role models. So be sure to panding at an alarming rate incorporate healthy eating and it's not just adults who are contributing to the extra own life. inches.

According to the National suggestions, Center for Health Statistics, the percentage of overweight youth has more than tripled since 1980. This means that nearly nine million children and teens (ages 6 to 19) are lifestyle. at higher risk for developing a number of health compli- nutrition are the source of cations, including high blood pressure and heart disease.

Fortunately, the federal government is taking action against this national epidemic and has recently introduced legislation in a majority of states mandating time for recess and physical education, as well as nutrition education, particularly in elementary schools.

Teaching healthy behaviors to young children is an effective strategy for promoting healthy lives for the future. Check out the following tips from Healthy Steps for Healthy Lives, Nestlé USA's in-school nutrition curriculum for preschoolers and kindergarteners, and establish a lifetime of healthy living for your kids.

Reward with family fun. Instead of offering food as an incentive for good behavior, reward your child with a special activity, such as a visit to the local zoo or neighborhood playground.

Avoid "good vs. bad" talk. To reinforce balance, variety and moderation. teach kids to think of foods as "everyday" and "sometimes" foods. Everyday :: 10 11113 foods are foods such as grains, vegetables and fruit, while sometimes foods include treats like cookies and chips.

Teach their taste buds. Encourage tiny tastes of at least one new food item, such as broccoli or brown rice, per week. Although it may take up to eight tries before children accept the new food, this process exposes their taste buds to different flavors, making them more likely to continue healthy eating patterns as they grow older.

Turn the TV off. It's easy to let the television occupy your kids while you're busy with other things, but try to limit their television time by setting a viewing schedule of only a couple of their favorite shows.

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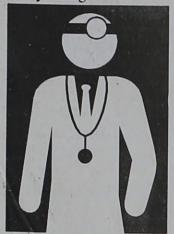
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Obituary

Santa Letters

Kenneth George

KENNETH GEORGE. age 87, died Sunday, December 18, 2005 in an Abilene Hospital. A memorial service was held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at the First Baptist Church. Reverend Truman Johanson will officiate, assistered by Rev. H.B. Terry, Jr. with services directed by Parker Funeral Home. There was to be no formal inter-

Relatives of Kenneth came to Callahan County ranching as early as the 1880's. Kenneth was born March 16, 1918 to N.M. (Buster) George and Mabel Alvord George. He had lived in Callahan Co. most of his life. He graduated from Baird High School in 1935 and attended John Tarleton College and Bob Jones College.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an air traffic controller

Gerngross Kinder-

Santa,

I have been a good

boy. I want some

football helmet and

punching bag. I also

cowboy boots and

black Nike shoes and

clothes. I don't need

a big kid. My daddy

Santa Claus and I'm

you at the North Pole

but no today maybe

Andrew Mavuell.

Hernandez and I am

six years old. I have

been a pretty good

boy this year. For

Christmas I would

like a game for my

game is called Jak X.

This is all I want for

Dear Santa, For

Christmas this year I

want a Playstation

computer. And lots

Santa l'UE been a

very good boy and

we will have you,

Gage Walton.

Dear Santa, My

name is Cole White-

head. I hope you will

be sure to come and

see me because l've

been a good boy. I

Bringbound Super

a television. I will

try to have cookeis

and milk for you. Be

reindeer well. I love

sure and feed your

you Santa, Cole

Whitehead.

Bike, Chicken Limbo,

Mario Brothers 7 and

would like a

Shellsucker,

Hummer.

of learning toys. And

cookies and milk for

when you drop in. I'd

like a remote control

Playstation 2. The

Christmas.

Love, Zac.

Dear Santa, My

going to come see

and I want a go-

cart. I love you

next week.

name is Zac

any toys because I'm

shoulder pads. A

want some new

garten

during WWII. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he taught Sunand was a choir member. He served on the soil and water conservation board and was publican Chairman.

school board while ranching in Leach, Oklahoma and was in the bulldozing business the donor's favorite charity. while in Oklahoma. He married Marth George of Baird, TX; three daughters, Jo Lynn Chandler and husband Bob of Garland, Kay Stroope and husband Mike of Dublin, Lydia Couch and husband Adrian of Baird, two sons: Norman George and wife Pamela of Tucson, AZ, Kenny George and wife Sharon of Aledo; 13 grandchildren and six Great Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Norman

please have a pony

and a place to pu it? I

will name it Gracie.

and a saddle and

I've been good this

year just ask my

Sarah Jane Patton

Dear Santa, Barbie

teacher, Mrs. G.,

Cloths box, paint

Lighthouse, Liom

lights.,

name is

Disney

Brooke.

Christmas.

Christmas.

bring me some

clock, Cat, Sat. T.V.,

Indetah Doll, Fairy,

Lion, and snowman

Katelynn Senior.

Dear Santa, My

Staten and I am 5 yrs.

old. I am in Kinder-

garten. Santa I would

like a four wheleler,

cheerleader doll, a

Dora's talking house,

Fur real friends play-

ful pup, and a doodle

bear. Have a Merry

P.S. My sister would

like a CCR CD for

Dear Santa, Please

Nintendo games and

bring my brother,

hat. Don't forget

Have a good trip,

Marcos Lopez.

Juan Carlos and

Ricardo, a monkey.

Bring my mom some

pants and my dad, a

Sandra want a bear.

Dear Santa, My

mommy says. I have

been a good girl this

year and that if I send

you this letter with a

list of a couple of

things that I really

want you would do

your very best to give

me them. I would like

to have a baby doll

that takes pacifier,

new clothes, new

shoes, play make-up,

a toy puppy that

walks and barks.

Santa I don't know

exactly what all I

want, but I'm sure I

will love and appreci-

ate anything you de-

Brooke

princess,

Love

bridle please.

ing WWII.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesd., December 20 at the Funeral

Although pallbearers were day School most of his life no needed, the family wanted Kenneth's many family members, friends, and trusted cowboys that he worked with to a former Callahan Co. Re- know that they would have made good pallbearers be-He was a member of the cause they were so nice and helpful to Kenneth.

Memorials may be made to

cide to leave under my tree Christmas. I will be leaving you cookies and milk so you can bave a full tummy because I know you work really hard. I love you Santa. Love Always, Clowey Meyer.

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? I'm good; can I get a Spiderman game for Christmas?

Tommy Haas. Dear Santa, I would like a bicycle (red). I would really like to have a computer, also I would like

play makeup, clothes and new shoes. Oh, yes, Santa. I want a t.v. telephone and dishes.

My tree is in the living room. I don't have a fireplace, but you have been to my house before. I can't wait for you to come to my house Santa. I love you, Santa.

Summer Mendez Dear Santa, I would like to have Spiderman, a game, basketball goal and I want a bicycle with a helmet. Oh, yes, my favorite wish for my list is a go-cart. Please don't forget my brothers and sisterst. They are big. Love Alenzo Portillo. P.S.: I will have cookies and milk for you, Santa!

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard, race car, nightlight, a four wheeler, Barbie toy, Brat babies, Santa Claus toy, Z-brat toy, A big, Big pillow, motorcycle toy book, a photo Album, My little pony, a Dard the Explorer, Kitcen. Thank you, Zoe Toregrossa.

> Menzies' First Grade:

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a really good boy this year. I want a Rachet dead lock game, Ty3, and Jack x all for my Playstation two.l How is Vixen! I'll make some cookies for you.

See ya, Santa, logan Hernandez.

Dea Santa, How are you doing Santa! I please want a John Deere wagan and a wheelbarrow. I please want a new barrel horse when my Daddy sells his horse. I please want some more play horses with a barn. I have been a really good girl this year. My brother and sister have been good too. I will leave milk and cookies for you Santa.

I love you Santa, Shelby Buchanan, 1 st Grade. Dear Santa, I have

George who was killed dur- been good so far this year. I would like to have a good, happy Christmas with my Dad and my Brothers too. I want a new saddle with a new blanket for Tator Tot, my horse. I want a cowboy hat and some more jeans for my boots. I hope that everybody has a happy Christmas too. You will have some cookies waiting for you and you can take the plate with you.

> I love you santa, Bailey Baldock.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I want a red, little bear, a balleriana mat, and a Build-a-Bear dog with some clothes. My little brother Konnor wants some robots because he's been good too. I'll give you some milk and cookies.

> I love you Santa, Kylie Fortune. Dear Santa Claus,

How are you\$. I will leave you milk and cookies. I would like a big present and it is a tea party set. I would love to have a bell, Playstation 2, and a noise maker for my sister. I would like to see my Grandpa and Grandma. Please say hi to the elves for me. I hope you have a good trip. I lost my tooth today.

I love you Santa, Destiny Cardenas.

Dear Santa Claus, What has Rudolph been doing! Could you bring me a candy cane in my stocking "?

I want some fake fingernails, a stuffed Rudolph that sings, some red and white pompoms, a calico puppy, a blue and white cheerleading doll and a Bratz cowgirl that come with a horse. My mom wants a gold diamond ring and my dad wants a chopper bike. My sister Bella has helped me clean my room. Could you give me a riide on your sleigh?

i love you, santa and thank you. Rylee Hwthorne.

Dear Santa Claus, have been a good boy this year. How are the elves doing? I want Bandicoot, Crash Spongebob game, Madagascar game and Jack X for my Playstation Two. l also want a Star Wars, Shadow Hedgehog and Crash Bash and Doctor Vortex Team Up games. And last, I would like a Power water-blaster. My brothers have been really nice to me. I'll leave milk and cookies for you.

I love you, Santa

Kaleb Urdialez.

Mrs. Kendrick 1st Gr. Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like a play Station 2, any kind of games and any a Star Wars movie Stars Wars Collection would be good and a skateboard. I was really good this year. Tell Rudolpf hi!,

Angel Covington. Dear Santa Claus, I would like any kind of book for Christmas. Please bring a go-cart and a motorcycle too. I also want puzzles and a horse. I want to see you Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Kiera Compton. P.S. Also bring me a rial dog!

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas this year I want a dirt bike and a Barbie bicycle. A go-cart. would be great! I would like my mom to be with me for Christmas. Thank Santa, April 404 Brumbaugh.

Dear Santa, ?How do you do? I have tried to be real good please bring me a good present like a

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new bicycle, purple and ink. I also need a doll and some puzzles. Happy Christmas. See you soon. Love Korie Coffman.

Dear Santa, I want a pair of skates, a Barbie Computer, and a remote control Car. I would also like some elf clothes and a fairy wand. I will leave you milk and cookies, under my tree. I love you Santa, Crystal Turner,

Dear Santa * have been good this year. Would you bring me a picture frame. Would you bring me a doll house and a baby doll that goes to the bathroom. Tell Rudolph hello. What hat Jaden Cerda.

do you have? How do you fly? Love Meagan Cooper

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. Play horses for Christmas also a play laptop, a play kitchen and I would like some real baby dogs and would like a baby doll. That goes to the bathroom and drins and cries and a stroller, a baby chair and a bed, Tori. S. 2005

Dear Santa, I want a brand ew Star Wars Collection and Lego., Star ship, Turbo Tank would be nice. You might consider a jet ski and a sufr board. I am a good boy, See you Christmas eve. Your friend

Community Plans for Missions of Miracles Christmas 2005

(Submitted by: Ruth Dye Fisher)

Community plans for Mission of Miracles in Christmas 2005 is the word for the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Baird which is truly a great mission for our Community and surrounding areas. Please be in prayer as they heop provide for those in need at Christmas time.

The mission at hand is to provide boxes of food for The Christmas Dinner for a family of 4 or more. It is encouraged that you donate your own box. Your box should consist of the following items:

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age of rolls If your heart leads you to

1 loaf of bread or 1 pack-

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other perishables in your Donations will also be ac-

cepted of new toys at this **The Baird "Mission of

Miracles" will furnish the turkey**

Each person will bring their box to their church from now through Dec. 19th. On Monday, Dec 19th the pantry will receive the gift boxes from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Family registration for gift and food boxes will began on Dec. 1st and end on December 15rh. The registered families will pick up their gift and food boxes on Thursday, Dec. 22nd, between 8:30 a.m and 5:30

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