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Republican... Primary	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Early Voting	Totals	Democratic Ballot	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Early Voting	Totals
Sen. Hutchinson								195	537	U.S. Senator:								17	66
Rep. Neugebauer for Gov.								191	528	Darrell Reece Hunter								15	53
Star Locke								7	25	Barbara Radnofsky								20	56
Larry Kilgore								19	58	Gene Kelly								36	133
Rhett R. Smith								12	34	U.S. Repr. Dist. 19								18	60
Rick Perry for Lieut. Gov.								176	464	Rob. Ricketts								29	107
Dewhurst								100	433	Governor								0	1
Kelly for Attorney Gen.								37	117	Bob Gammage								11	33
Greg Abbott for Comptroller								172	500	Chris Bell								28	97
Combs for Comm. Land								178	515	Rashed Jafer								6	28
Patterson for Comm. Agric.								172	495	Lieu. Governor								34	146
Todd Staples for Railroad Comm.								167	477	A. DeLeon								38	155
Elizabeth Ames Jones								115	338	Ben. Grant								42	153
Buck Werner								69	183	Maria Alvarado								42	136
for Chief Jus. Supr.								157	443	Attorn. General								4	23
...unexpired Jefferson								73	214	David Van Os								41	151
for Justice Supr. Pl 2								85	223	Comptroller								40	147
Willett								145	422	Fr. Head								38	140
Smith								150	431	Commiss. Land Office								For:	158
for Justi. Supr. Pl 4								147	423	VaLinda Hathcox								Against	28
Medina								95	236	Agriculture Commis.								For :	164
for Just. Supr. Pl 6								72	223	Hank Gilbert								Against :	19
Hecht								143	412	Hoecadee Melton, Jr.									
for Just. unexprd, Pl 8								41	106	Railroad Commissioner									
Johnson								27	70	Dale Henry									
for PresJudgCCrim. App								87	251	Justice, Supr. Ct. Pla. 2									
Keller								151	420	Will. Moody									
Price								157	444	PresgJdge CCrimAppeals									
for Jdg. Ct.CrimAppPL7								154	447	J.R. Molina									
Hervey								150	431	Local and Constitution									
for Jdge. Ct. Crim.AppP8								19	127	Referendum #1									
Keel								66	146	Referendum #2									
Francis								134	278	for County Chairman									
Holcomb								12	42	Hardwick									
for St. Bd. Educ., Distr. 15								84	165	for County Clerk									
Bob Craig								38	85	Donna Bell									
for State Rep., Dist. 53								77	196	for Comm. Pct. 4									
Harvey Hildebran										E. Goode									
for Chf Justc. 11thCt Ap										for County Judge									
Wright										R. Corn									
for Justice, 11thCApps,# 2										for District Clrk...unopp.									
Strange										Sharon Owns									
Local										for Cty. Treasurer									
for County Chair										D. Alexander									
P. Chrane										Steve Odom									
for J. Peace Pct. #1																			
Roy Chapman																			
for Pct. #4 Commissioner																			
Reggie Pillans																			
Cliff Kirkham																			
Larry Tennison																			
for Cr. Plains Pct. 4 Just.Pc																			
Burlie Taylor																			
Roger Hart																			
Bob Hill																			

Initiatives..	1	For 459	Against 118
.....2	2	547	28
.....3	3	499	53
.....4	4	527	34

**Dear Grandparents,**  
The Baird cafeteria staff would like to invite you to come out for breakfast with your student on March 21-Tuesday. The Menu items that day will be:

Sausage, biscuit and gravy or Cereal with Toast, Fresh Fruit, Choice of juice, Coffee for adult, The price for an adult breakfast is \$1:00.  
Breakfast is served between 7:15 and 7:45.

**D.P.S. Report**  
2-25 until 3-4-  
6  
**Cases**  
Warnings.....87  
Complaints.....112

**Driving while intoxicated**.....2  
**Possession of marijuana**.....2  
**Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check**.....1  
There was 1 -- accidents investigated in this time span.

## Baird Elementary and Junior High Honor Rolls-4th Six Weeks

Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks grading period of 2005-06. To qualify for the all A honor roll, a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.

**ALLA's**  
**3rd Barton:** Garrett Deel, Kaylee Wyatt.  
**3rd Gardner:** Coby A-B  
**3rd Barton:** Preston Clark,  
**3rd Gardner:** Sam Green, Kaitlyn Robinson.  
**All A's**  
**Bessent-4th:** None  
**Gerngross-4th:** None  
**Bessent 4th:** Haley  
**All-A's:**  
**Diller 5th:** None.  
**T. Williams:** 5th : Brenna Coffman

## Hill of Albany Comes to Baird as Football Coach

On Thursday, February 18, the Baird Independent School District Board formally accepted the resignation of football coach Bryan Webb and voted to place Kevin Hill as the new head football coach at Baird High School  
Webb, who is also the Bears' baseball coach will remain employed through the end of the spring semester.  
Hill, a former all-American receiver at Howard Payne University is a native of Albany. Receiving his undergraduate degree from Howard Payne and his masters' degree from Tarleton State, he has been at Coleman as offensive coordinator of football and head football and track coach for the last eight years. He has been the Coleman High School principal for the past two years. Previously, Hill coached at Com-fort, Dalhart and Early.  
Saying of Hill, Baird superintendent Cliff Gardner, "He's from this area and people know his family and think highly of his family. He's a person high character and integrity.... He's a good role model.

## Baird Little League Announces Fundraiser

Baird Little League has made plans for its 2006 fundraiser. The Little League will be selling T-shirts featuring our three Little League teams, the Coyotes, Mustangs, and Cubs as well as two t-shirts designed for showing your support of the Baird schools, not particular to any one activity. They include the Bear Nation t-shirt which features a red, white, and black flag with a red bear paw on it, and the BHS Ironn Cross t-shirt. The t-shirts will sell for \$13 and \$17 (long sleeve). The order deadline is March 18, 2006. Order forms may be found at the gym during BYB games on Saturdays, or downloaded from the internet at <http://eteamz.active.com/bairdcoyotes/handouts/> where color depictions of the shirts can be viewed. Forms may be returned to the gym on Saturdays, to Baird Little League, PO Box 703, Baird, TEXAS 79504 or to Shane Deel.

## Baird Little League Signups Continue

Signups are continuing for Baird Little League for children 5-12. Forms have been sent home from school, may be downloaded from the internet at <http://eteamz.active.com/bairdcoyotes/handouts/>, or may be picked up Saturdays during the Youth Basketball games. The forms may be returned along with the \$35 registration fee to the elementary office or the gym during the Youth Basketball games.

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**A-B**  
**Diller 5th:** Esperanza Portillo, Kallie Pruet.  
**T. Williams 5th:** Kody Bryant, Candis Gilley.  
Junior High

## Baird Head Start Now Accepting Applications

A free child development pre-school program is available to qualifying families through Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start. Limited space is available for children three and four years old to help them make the transition to elementary school. Eligible children receive individualized teaching and a variety of educational activities through Creative Curriculum. These stimulate mental, emotional, physical and social growth.  
"Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is a viable and substantial resource for Coleman, Brown, Callahan, Eastland, Comanche, McCulloch and Runnels County."



Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below.

Dist./Div: Abilene Contract 6137-48-001 for STREET SWEEPING in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on March 22, 2006 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$98,170.40.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Fundraiser: Keep Baird Beautiful, Bulbs for Sale from March 13-24

Keep Baird Beautiful has scheduled fundraisers and "Celebrating Our Earth" projects in observance of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

"Celebrating Our Earth" will include a bulb sale featuring six varieties of bulbs, KBB members will be taking orders from March 13-24.

Included in the one-bulb packages are Daylily Red, Daylily Yellow, Hosta Gold Standard and Hosta France at \$5. Gladiola mix with 15 per package will be sold for \$5 each, and Siberian Iris/Caesar's Brother with two bulbs per package will cost \$5.

The bulb packages may be picked up at the Baird Activity Center from 2-3 p.m. on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22. Visiting vendors will also be displaying their wares at the Activity Center in observance of the Earth Day celebration.

Masonic Lodge Consignment Auction Set for March 11 in Clyde

Clyde Masonic Lodge along with the help of local auctioneer Rocky Ash are planning on having a consignment auction on Sat., March 11th at 10:00 a.m.. The purpose of the auction is to raise funds for scholarships for a Clyde and Eula senior.

There will be a 10% commission fee for anything consigned to the auction. Donations of items will be accepted.

We have already had donations of a rototiller, Ford 3 point 2 bottom mowboard plow, high lift farm jack, round bale of fertilized coastal hay, a room refrigerated air conditioner, 2 smoked briskets, a used girls bicycle, a Cannon Copy machine.

Anyone wishing to sign or donate something to this auction can Contact: Bill Giles at 893-4409, Bob Young at 893-4909

FOR SALE: Mostly highway driven, '90 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 64,000 miles. Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see. \$3995.00.

Veterans News: Benefits Seminar Set April 1st

Delilah Washburn, Texas Veterans Commission, Joel Jiminez, Commander, Disabled American Veterans Ch. 41, Wichita Falls, TX., Larry Monroe, Public Relations Officer, Disabled American Veterans, Ch. 41 Wichita Falls, Tx. and George Pierce, Commander of V.F.W. Post 4136, Eastland, TX. will like to cordially invite you to attend the 2nd Annual Veterans Seminar on April 1, 2006.

This is a free seminar and will be held at the V.F.W. Post 9136, on FM 570 in Eastland, TX. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be speakers from the Waco V.A. Regional Offices, V.A. Medical Center of Dallas, National Cemeteries of Dallas and Ft. Sill, OKla., Texas Veterans Commission, Texas Veterans Land Board, Disabled American Veterans and other Veterans' service organizations who will provide information and assistance regarding all areas of Veterans Benefits.

Last Year was tremendous success because of veterans like you, who continue to share the message to the V.A. that our community is underserved.

New programs and updates will be discussed. The success of last year's event was great; however, hundreds of veterans are still waiting on a list to receive care. That is why it is important that we all need to show up and be heard and help our fellow veterans.

Be sure to bring your Discharge Papers (DD 214) and any paperwork from the V.A. that you don't understand. See you April 1, 2006.

For more information Contact to Larry Monroe, Program Coordinator at 254-647-1097.

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

Mobile Homes For Sale

Brand New Homes All Single/Double Models The Conditions: No Late Payments-No Chargeoffs Last 12 Mo. TRINITY HOMES Abilene, TX RBI 34909 325-672-1490 1-866-672-1499 \$29,995

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Private Party, Send name, address, phone to: ARNOLD COLCLEASURE 1519 VIVIAN ST. Longmont, CO 80501-22526

For Sale:

Web Press Time available call 254-629-1707.

Men's 20X Wrangler Jeans. Light or dark stone-washed, Relaxed fit, \$27.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, Tx.

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Thanks for Reading the Star

Help Wanted, cont.

Help Wanted Looking for Responsible NEWSPAPER DELIVERY FOR BAIRD, CLYDE & CROSS PLAINS Contract Labor Call 254-629-1707

Help Wanted

DQ in BAIRD has openings for day and night shifts. Looking for friendly and dependable workers. Flexible hours, vacation and holiday pay. Smoke and drug free working environment. Drug test required. Please call District Manager, Mercedes Cypert 940-550-5724.

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Owner Steve Broyles

Residential - Commerical - Farm

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254-629-5487 or 254-442-1558

Ann Williams Real Estate

601 Conrad Hilton Cisco www.annwilliamsrealestate.com 254-442-1880

29 Acres with 2-story cabin, m... water wells, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$65,000. 31 Acres overlooking Lake Cisco, paved road frontage, large hill, public boat ramp directly across from the property, excellent view of Lake Cisco and beyond, \$49,600.

Read the Classifieds

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Newspaper Deadlines

Tuesdays by 5 p.m. Classifieds \$5.00 for 1 time and \$3.00 each time after 1st time (Not over 25 words)



Landscapes around Baird, Cross Plains Hwy. construction

House Leveling & Foundation Repair By David Lee & Co. Professional Work Since 1967 \*Free Estimates\* No Payment Until Work Is Satisfactorily Completed

Family Van For Sale: Designer Conversion big engine, '91 GMC family van, 90,000 actual miles, white exterior/gray plush interior, pretty wood trim inside, garaged, clean, 4 captains, convertible couch, electric windows, TV/cassette, call 254-629-2413 to see after 6

Country Cowboy Church 710 N. Seaman Eastland 254-639-2155 Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m. Pastor Chad Gosnell

BRANDON'S DOZER SERVICE Clearing Grubbing Raking Plowing Tanks Lakes Roads Fence Rows Brandon Orms ALL TYPES (817) 578-4155 Owner DIRT WORK (254) 653-7469

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29 Acres with 2-story cabin, m... water wells, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$65,000. 31 Acres overlooking Lake Cisco, paved road frontage, large hill, public boat ramp directly across from the property, excellent view of Lake Cisco and beyond, \$49,600. 38 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, hogs, dove, quail, \$57,000. 50 Acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquite, 2 ponds, some open area and pecan trees, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$75,736. 51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$51,200. 60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded, King Lake Cisco, canyons, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$72,000. 65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$119,500 per acre. 80 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with fish, remote, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,000. 81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large oaks, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,855. 83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$165,825. 84 Acres by Desdemona mostly wooded with post oak, live oak, spanish oak, hills, canyons, good creek that cuts through the middle, 1 smaller coastal field. Water well, one pond, potential lake site. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,595 per acre. 93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including parts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre. 101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water well, 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$160,000. 118 Acres Comanche County, wooded, 4 ponds, creek, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan, water well, creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre. 127 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, 2 ponds, 1 pond of another large pond stocked with fish, creeks, hills, two small ponds, 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with oaks trees, 81 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells, wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,430. 151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$221,85. 156 Acres approximately 60% wooded with oak and mesquite & 40% open, pond, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$176,550. 217 Acres 65% fields & grasses, 2 ponds, 1 pond, oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$176,550. 225 Acres high fence mostly wooded with oak trees & several fields, nice mobile home, superior genetic whitetail & fallow deer were brought onto the ranch, blinds, feeders, hills, two ponds, very nice property, \$419,000. 275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625.



## Poor Rix's Almanac by Rix Quinn

Hey, Poor Rix: What should I give my special someone for Valentine's Day? — Jessica

Millions celebrate February 14 by giving flowers, candy, and cards to express romantic love. And some buy presents for their spouses, too.

Valentine's Day offers ladies the opportunity to declare affectionate thoughts with a lovely card. Most men, however, know they should spend a lot of money, or else they might be in a lot of pain.

In ancient times, prehistoric man gave his girlfriend a practical gift — like a goat — to show admiration. His girlfriend and her family could feed from it. This was called "milk-ing a compliment."

It's speculated that Valentine's Day originated 2,500 years ago as Lupercalia, a festival to honor the god Luperus with a lottery. Young ladies put their names in a giant container, and young men randomly drew a partner.

At the end of a year — if the man wasn't either married or dead — he could draw for a different partner. About this

same time, the card-giving tradition started too. Postage was real cheap back then, because air mail was delivered by pigeon.

Today, just about everybody celebrates Valentine's Day. Elementary school children exchange cards with classmates. Middle schoolers write anonymous notes to their secret crushes. Older teens might bestow presents, kisses, or mononucleosis.

If you're a guy, here are three hints:

1. Buy your girlfriend a corsage. Pin it on her blouse but not directly into her skin. (On second thought, let her pin it on.)

2. Pick out a real mushy card for her. Look for romantic messages full of words like "sweet," "love," or "honey." Avoid rhymes that contain the words "contagious," "alien," or "burp."

3. Finally, take her out to dinner. And this time, offer to pay the entire check.

Poor Rix offers bad answers to good questions. E-mail him at [rixquinn@charter.net](mailto:rixquinn@charter.net).

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## Chit Chat

by Mickey Greene

Admittedly, he's not a favorite of mine. However, I feel compelled to offer congratulations to **George Clooney** on his three Oscar nominations. And, despite how I feel about his political leanings, I will say, he's a man of his convictions.

Recently, he was in New York to film the movie, "Michael Clayton." The scenes were to be filmed at the Crown Plaza LaGuardia where hotel workers there have been on strike for close to a year and a half. Rather than cross the picket line, Clooney and the film company cancelled the shoot altogether. Apparently, the dispute began when the workers decided to unionize, and management balked, refusing to recognize a union. Anyway, I hear that Clooney's refusal to cross that picket line has bolstered the morale of the striking workers. Way to go, George (for once!).

Had enough of the **Oprah Winfrey-James Frey** flap? In case you've been living under a rock for the last few weeks, Frey is the widely discredited author of "A Million Little Pieces," the book about his drug addiction which turned out to be fiction. Winfrey had hyped it on her Book Club, sending the book soaring into the stratosphere of best-sellers. However, when it was discovered Frey had, well, lied, Oprah brought him back onto her show and lambasted him. Poor guy's even facing a class-action lawsuit over all this (led by readers).

Our hearts go out to ABC anchor **Bob Woodruff**, who was badly injured during a roadside attack in Iraq. While it appears he's doing well, the road to recovery will be a long one. **Elizabeth Vargas**, his co-anchor, will be doing yeoman's work behind that anchor desk, but many are begging the question: Should Woodruff have been reporting from Iraq at all? The Daily News' TV critic, **David Bianculli**, has a point about this. His feeling? Since Bob was elevated to anchor status, he should have remained behind that desk. Bianculli says, and I agree, such reporting should be left to correspondents in the field. In any event, please pray for him and his family during this grueling time.

## Flicks

by Sarah Linwood

### APARTMENT 12

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Most actors and actresses mightily struggle before being recognized at their chosen craft. Such was the case with **Mark Ruffalo**, a now successful but once obscure Broadway actor who, till recently, had minimal name recognition. Some consider "Rumor Has It" as his breakthrough performance, others "Windtalker." Regardless, just five years ago, Ruffalo starred in the unknown romantic comedy, "Apartment 12," a flick originally released as "Low Rent." With Ruffalo's rise to stardom, it's been released to video, an inexplicable decision. That's because it's a better-than-average flick!

"Apartment 12" begins with the world soundly thrashing our star performer. Ruffalo plays a pizza delivery man who also works tossing tomato-dripping pies — but only till the day the art world recognizes his hidden talent. It should be soon, too, as he's managed to land his first real show. Ruffalo also has a knock-out girlfriend, but she dumps him. His upcoming show is snatched away, too, allegedly because his art "has no soul." From this low point, he falls even further, eventually landing in a ramshackle apartment building brimming with eccentric, nosy neighbors.

Fortunately for Ruffalo, his salvation lives directly across the hall. Her name's **Beth Ulrich**, a real-life Masillon, Ohio native whose most vis-



GEORGE CLOONEY

to shed pounds, and she needs to do so in a hurry to shape up for her new video in the spring. Anyway, it seems both of the gals have purchased copies of "Eat Fat, Lose Fat," the coconut-diet book by **Mary Enig** and **Sally Fallon**. If you ask me, it's just another fad, but what do I know.

As far as Janet's concerned, she's had a weight problem her entire life. It's not the first time she's turned into a chunkette, and I'm willing to bet, not the last. It's a pattern with her. She'll gain 40, 50 pounds or so, and then work feverishly to take it off, dieting and exercising like mad. That can't be good, but since when do we expect anything "normal" from the Jackson clan?

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ible screen credit is "Black Widow Escort." On screen, Ulrich depicts a woman recently discharged by the Air Force. She does an outstanding job as Ruffalo's on-again, off-again girlfriend. That the couple have nothing in common is plain to see, their misunderstandings being more than mildly comical. Aiding and abetting these theatrical hijinks is **Alan Gelfant**, whose star is rising as a regular cast member on TV's various "CSI" series. As Ruffalo and Ulrich's apartment manager, he's ideal playing a role akin to Dwayne Schneider in the '70s TV sitcom, "One Day at a Time."

Directing "Apartment 12" is **Dan Bootzin** ("Six Point Nine"), who wrote the screenplay with TV writer and producer **Elizabeth Bootzin**. All behind the camera personnel did a commendable job.

Like so many other "small" films that never see wide distribution, "Apartment Twelve" is ultimately destined to sink. With little or no promotional budget, it's doomed to be overlooked. Ulrich, particularly, will suffer from this. It appears since "Apartment 12," she's done little creditable.

This R-rated DVD is priced at \$25 by **MTI Home Video** ([www.mtivid.com](http://www.mtivid.com)). The DVD includes the usual extras; Spanish subtitles further extend its appeal. If you relish romantic comedies, "Apartment 12" is a worthwhile 90 minutes!

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## Dear Dr. Doe

by Doe Lang, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. DOE:

Our 11-year-old Mickey's a good baseball player, a good student and a pretty great kid, if I do say so! But we've been having problems with the Little League coach, who's not a professional, just a hothead father of another kid in Mickey's school. When he doesn't like the way Mickey hits, he yells and screams, so, of course, Mickey can't perform. When he does this, my husband gets so white, I'm afraid he'll have a heart attack. I'm upset, too. We gladly drive Mickey to the games, even when it's inconvenient. We so want him to play, but last weekend, the coach purposely kept him on the bench for the whole game! Later, Mickey told us, the coach's son (who doesn't have a girlfriend) had sneered at a girl who likes Mickey, saying, "She's real ugly!" Mickey got so mad, he sent around an e-mail making fun of this boy. So, the coach took it out on him!

My husband and I were excellent athletes as kids but never got to play as much as we'd have liked. Maybe this is too important to US! My husband thinks he's mad for Mickey's sake, but I think Mickey's calmer than we are.

How can we handle this so it doesn't get out of hand?

BASEBALL MOM

DEAR MOM:

Often, in Little League games, the grownups act as childishly as the kids. You and your husband — detach from making the game too important. Without blaming, help Mickey realize the other kid was jealous and to understand his retaliation produced MORE anger. Help him find better ways of dealing with hostility. These skills are MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GAME ITSELF and a great opportunity to help him and the other boys. He can handle disappointment, and you can both soothe ruffled feelings.

Clearly, the coach is insecure too! If necessary, teach your son to walk away from a no-win situation. Help the coach by appealing to him to help the boys be a real team. These skills can prevent wars!

## The Savvy Senior

by Carol Martin

The Seniors Coalition (TSC) was outraged recently as Minority Leader **Harry Reid** pursued a delay in the Senate vote on the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution (FAIR) Act. This legislation would effectively eliminate a serious log-jam of asbestos litigation in our legal system and provide swift and fair compensation to those victims suffering the devastating effects of asbestos exposure.

"This legislation is literally the answer to the prayers of so many seniors in our country whose health has been seriously impaired due to exposure to asbestos during their working years," said Flora "Grandma" Green, TSC's National Spokeswoman, in a letter to Senator Reid. "Hundreds of thousands of seniors have been literally waiting years while wandering through the litigation process; and those seniors who have received awards in court have often seen more than half of those awards go to the trial lawyers. It's time to fix the system, and it's time to do it now."

Senator Reid, a trial lawyer himself by profession, has requested a delay in voting on this legislation, wrongly suggesting that special interest groups are driving this issue.

"Senator Reid, if there is one 'special interest' you should be concerned with, it is what is in the best interest of the American people, not the political rantings spouted by trial lawyers seeking to protect what has proved to be a highly lucrative revenue stream," Green said. "It is a utter hypocrisy for you to point the finger at those willing to establish a privately funded solution, when it is the trial lawyers who really are the 'special interest' trying to line their own pockets" Green continued.

The FAIR Act will give victims timely and adequate financial compensation for their injuries and remove the issue from the courts. The bill would set up an asbestos victims' trust fund without using taxpayer dollars by collecting money from defendant and insurance companies involved in asbestos litigation.



## The Green Thumb

You can sow radishes with slower growing vegetables since they will mature quickly and can be harvested long before other vegetables will need the space. This technique, called intercropping, is especially useful in small gardens where space is at a premium. You can also sow radishes with your container grown vegetables.

## Comics

GEORGE

By Mark Szorady



JET NEWS

By Bill Murray



THE LEFTERSONS

By Collin T. Hayes



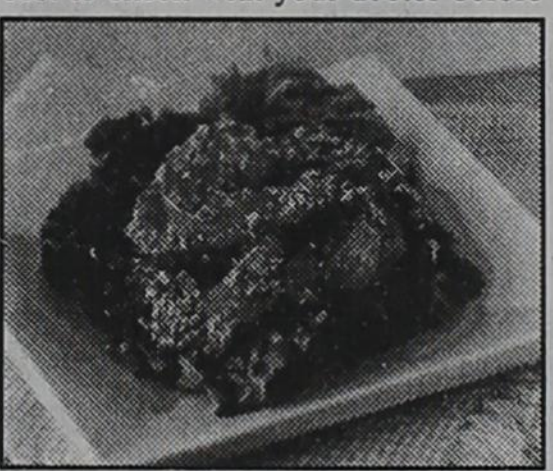
THE GOLDEN YEARS

By Bill Murray



## The Creative Cook by Julia Merla

As readers of this space know, I'm personally not into the carb-free craze, but I know several people who swear by it. They have lost weight, so I guess it works. My reservations, though, revolve around just how balanced a diet it really is. Personally, I think it's best to check with your doctor before



trying any diet which stresses one food group over another.

Having said that, I would like to give you a low-carb recipe today which will satisfy anyone's palate, whether on a diet or not. It's Smucker's Sesame and Ginger Shrimp. The J.M. Smucker Company, long known for its line of quality preserves, jams, peanut butter, and spreads, has a sweet way to lower your carbs without lowering your standards. Their Smucker's Low Sugar Preserves are a great way to reduce sugar intake without sacrificing taste.

These preserves have only six total carbohydrates per serving, 50 percent less carbohydrates, sugar and calories than regular preserves. They contain no artificial sweeteners. Better yet, they have only 25 calories per serving and are fat-free. Flavors include Apricot, Concord Grape, Red Raspberry, Strawberry and Sweet Orange Marmalade. You'll find them in supermarket nationwide, making

them readily available.

To make it easier for you to clean the shrimp for this recipe, buy the easy-peel shrimp. They're already slit down the middle, and most of them have been deveined, which is the messiest part of cleaning them. Basically, all you have to do is pop off the shells. While it may cost a few pennies more, it's worth it for your time and trouble.

### SMUCKER'S SESAME AND GINGER SHRIMP

- 30 large shrimp (26-30 count), peeled and deveined (about 1 1/4 lbs. weighed peeled)
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons rice or cider vinegar
- 1/3 cup sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons peanut or olive oil
- 1/4 cup Smucker's Low Sugar Apricot Preserves
- 2 teaspoons minced ginger

Mix soy sauce and vinegar. Dip shrimp in soy mixture then in sesame seeds to cover. Heat oil in large, heavy frying pan and cook shrimp 5 to 6 minutes, turning, over medium high heat. When all are done and removed from pan, pour remaining soy mixture into hot pan, stirring up seeds. Add preserves and ginger and stir for 30 seconds. Remove from heat. Serve extra sauce as a dip or poured over shrimp. Serve warm or room temperature. Makes 10 servings.

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## Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

**SUDS BE GONE** — Too much soap in your washing machine and it's overflowing? Pour in a capful of fabric softener to eliminate the suds. Jean B.

**SQUEAKY HINGES** — Lubricate squeaky hinges. Spray the joint with shaving cream, or rub soap along the hinges. You can also lubricate the hinges with furniture polish. Jack D.

**NO STICKING** — Chill the rolling pin in the freezer, and the dough won't stick to it. This way, you won't have to keep adding more flour to the dough which, in the end, will only make it dry and tough. Myra W.

**SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY** — When you put those plastic bags in the trunk of the car, tie the tops of the bags to stop your groceries from flying all around the trunk when you stop suddenly. Liz K.

**PREVENTING FREEZER BURN** — If you are putting meat or fish into a container for freezing, and there is a large gap at the top, scrunch up some parchment or waxed paper and loosely fill up the space to prevent freezer burn. Christine E.

**INNOVATIVE GIFT IDEA** — Here's a great gift idea for the cook in the family. Buy a colander from your favorite store and add four or five different-sized packages of pasta and a couple of jars of sauces. If you like, you can throw in some handy kitchen utensils, such as a spaghetti spoon and a cheese grater. Put them in the colander, wrap with colored cellophane and tie with a bow. It looks pretty and is very practical. Sarah T.

## You Don't Say!

The bagpipe is mentioned in the Bible, and historians believe that it originated in Sumaria.

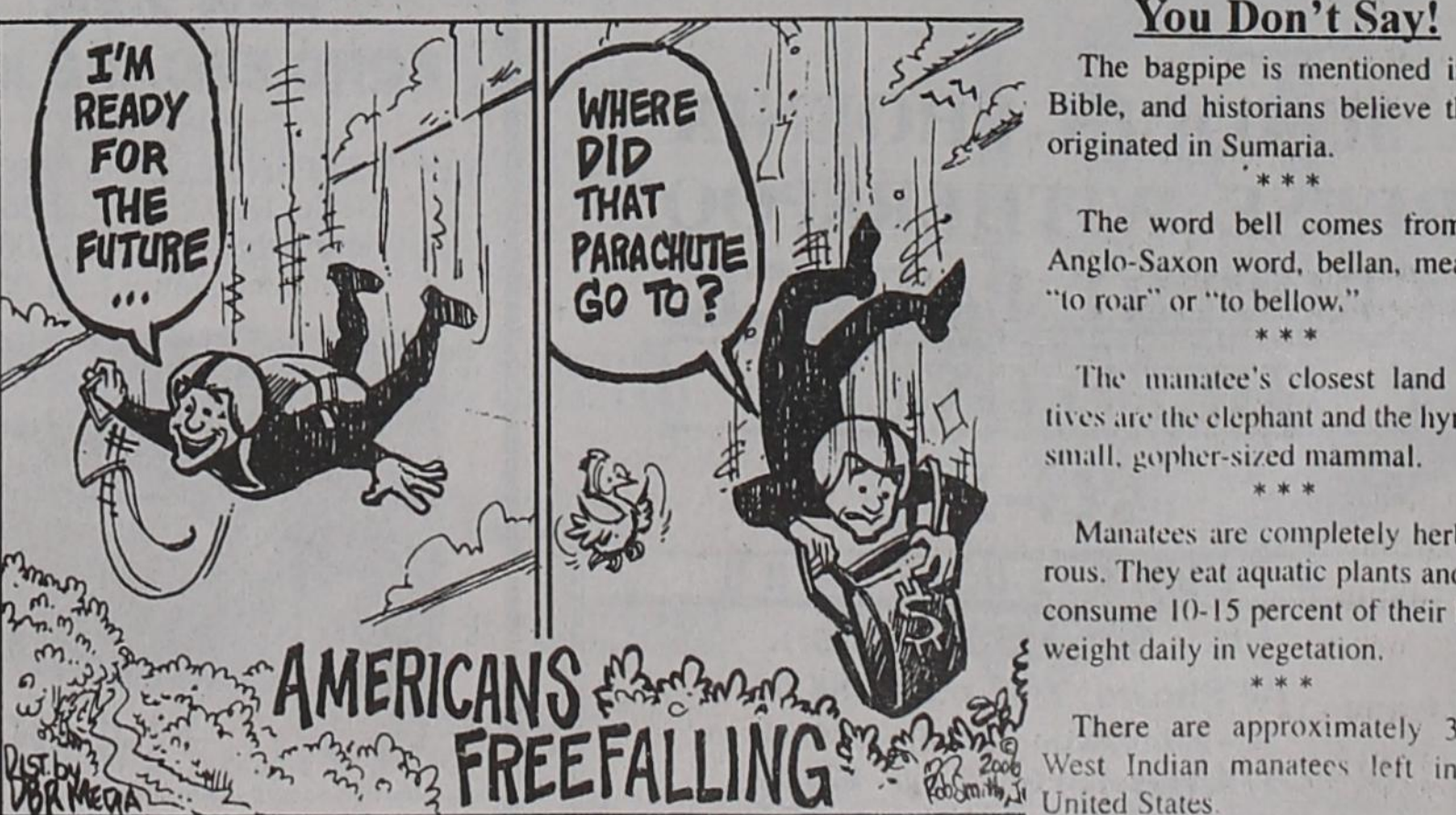
The word bell comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, bellan, meaning "to roar" or "to bellow."

The manatee's closest land relatives are the elephant and the hyrax, a small, gopher-sized mammal.

Manatees are completely herbivorous. They eat aquatic plants and can consume 10-15 percent of their body weight daily in vegetation.

There are approximately 3,000 West Indian manatees left in the United States.

## Political Cartoon





# Budget Cuts May Cut Workforce Efforts

The West Central Texas Workforce Board provides a tremendous service for Eastland and the region. Speaking from strictly an economic development standpoint, I wish they had MORE funding and staff, which would provide even greater programs.

Many West Texas communities are simply vanishing due to lack of jobs and poor economies...we need all the help we can get! A major determining factor by industry regarding where they locate is a quality available labor pool (including skills, education, etc.)

Please carefully read the email that follows and the attachments. I suggest Eastland and our region come to the aid of the Workforce Board (offices located in Abilene) and take firm and immediate action to at least preserve what we now have.

I suggest we coordinate our efforts on a county and/or regional level (including ALL cities, chambers, etc.) Possibly we need to work with county and other officials.

We may wish to call a county-wide meeting to consider a strategic game-plan to ensure a sound lobbying effort.

Questions call: 214-236-4063.

Signed,  
Terry Conner, Consultant  
Eastland Economic Development Corporation

xxx  
**What We Must Do To Preserve The Local Workforce System:**

**The Threats**  
The President's FY 2007 budget proposes to drastically cut and alter the local workforce system. Unless successfully challenged, a locally designed, adequately funded workforce system could be eliminated.

Specifically, the President's budget submission to Congress proposes the following:

1. Cuts Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Employment Services programs by \$680 million, resulting in a loss of approximately \$500,000 for our region.

2. Funding for Labor-Health and Human Services (childcare and employment programs for welfare recipients) would be cut \$4 billion below this year's levels.

2. Elimination of 42 Department of Education programs at a cost of \$3.5 billion

More visible or popular education programs will likely be set in opposition with workforce programs as legislators seek spending compromises. The Administration's budget attempts to dismantle the current local workforce system by establishing a state block grant to pay for individual Career Advancement accounts for workers. As proposed, 75% of the funds would be given directly to individual job-seekers to manage, leaving a minimal amount of funds to operate the local workforce center system. Very few members are fully aware of the President's proposed cuts in Employment and Training programs. Without greater awareness, workforce funding issues could easily be overshadowed in the fight to restore funding for other, more politically popular programs.

**Needed Action**  
Every workforce board member and concerned citizen needs to contact your local Congressional Member to express your concerns over the funding cuts. (Talking points with contact information and local activities sheet are attached.)

It is important to emphasize to your Congressional Member that no one in the local community - not the business community that relies on the workforce center to help fill their need for skilled workers, businesses that have received training grants,

local elected officials nor workers who have benefited from the services - are requesting or expecting WIA funding to be cut. Only OMB and the Department of Labor support these cuts. These cuts will jeopardize the economic strength of our local community.

There is a limited time frame in which to impact the congressional budget debate - March 8 for House Budget Committee mark-up and House floor consideration the week of March 13th. The Senate schedule is similar.

We are requesting your help by asking you to contact congressional representatives via phone, mail or fax to express your support of the workforce system and your concerns about the impact of the Administration's proposed cuts to the Workforce Investment Act and Employment Services on our region.

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB)

Summary of Activities  
Program Year 2005-2006  
Local funding:

1 Approximately \$11 million for 19 county region

**Key businesses utilizing Workforce Center:**

Abtex Beverages, Bandag, Henrick Health Systems, Karsten Homes, Kohler, Sears Methodist System Superior Essex, Tige Boats and Transcend Medical Services

**Local employment response:**

Over \$300,000 provided directly to business to train 383 new and current workers through Workforce Investment Fund grants.

Over \$500,000 to train unemployed youth and adult job-seekers to improve their skills and help them become self-sufficient.

Expansion of Regional Texas Essential Skills project, which

is producing young workers with certified employability skills.

Assistance to rural communities to create community visions and action plans that ensure a prosperous economic future.

Monthly "Brown Bag" workshops focused on employment topics offered via interactive television to rural businesses.

Annual "Hot Dog I Got A Job" youth job fair for high school and college students attended by over 1,000 youth.

Trained nearly 2,000 childcare providers in partnership with MindWorks, a special project of Cisco Junior College.

**Board Members:**  
Over 50% are local business owners and chief executives and representation from key industries are represented (Education, Health Care, Manufacturing, Services and Finance)

**Customers of Workforce System:**

An average of 200 businesses each month regularly use Workforce Center services. Over 1,000 job orders have been processed since October 2005.

On average over 2,200 customers access services from youth providers and Workforce Centers in Abilene, Brownwood, Sweetwater, Snyder and Winters each month. On average, over 460 people are placed in a job each month.

Over 1,600 children from low income families receive childcare assistance each day while their parents are at work or school.

**How the proposed changes would impact the local workforce system**

Would likely close Workforce Center in Snyder and significantly reduce staff in Abilene, Brownwood and Sweetwater.

Significant reduction or elimination of local Workforce

Investment Fund, which provides grants to businesses for training new and current workers.

Elimination of assistance to rural communities to develop economic visions and action plans.

Reduction in staff would lead to fewer services for business,

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such as specialized screening, recruiting events, youth job fair and on-site assistance. Many services for job-seekers, such as workshops on interviewing skills, one-on-one career planning and assessment would be eliminated or provided only as self-services.

## Contact Information For Area Congressional Members

**Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison**, 284 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-5922; 500 Chestnut St. Suite 1570 Abilene, TX 79602; (325) 676-2839, (325) 676-2937 Fax

**Sen. John Cornyn**, 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-2934; 3405 22nd St. Suite 203 Lubbock, TX 79410 (806) 472-7533, 806-472-7536 Fax

**Cong. Mike Conaway**, (Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Ave. Mitchell, Runnels and Scurry, TX. 76801, 511 Canon House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-3605; Brownwood City Hall 501 Center Brownwood, TX (866) 882-3811

**Cong. Randy Neugebauer**, (Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Kent, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor) 429 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-4005; 500 Chestnut St. Suite 819, Abilene, TX. 79602 (325) 675-9779 (325) 675-5038 Fax, (888) 763-1611

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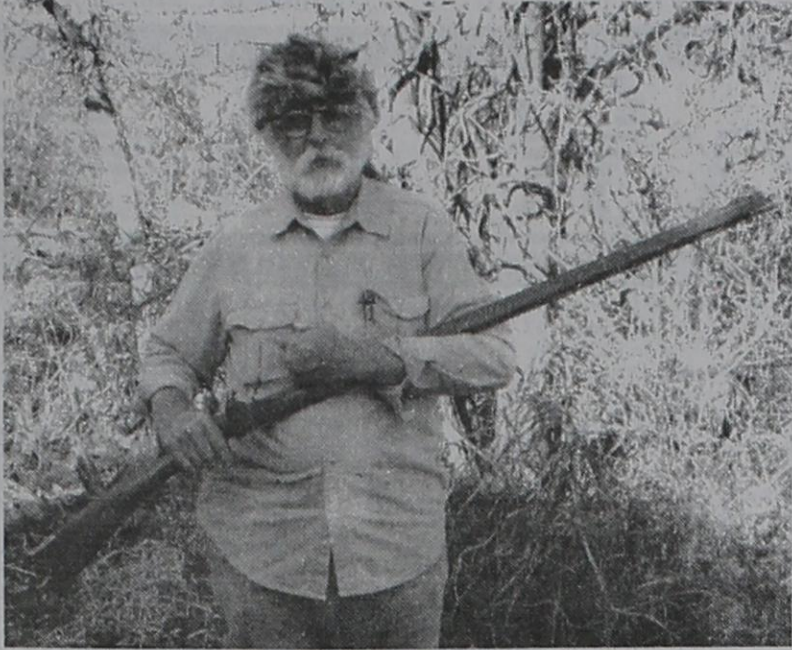
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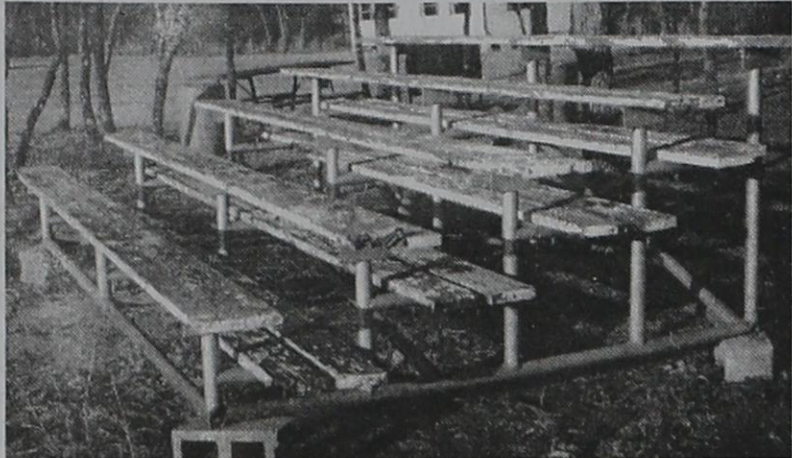
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## Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club News

The Eastland Rifle and Pistol Club has reduced the membership fees to \$20.00 until August 31st.

We now have the restroom at Rifle range handicap accessible.

We have pistol, rifle and shot gun ranges. On the shot gun, we now have trap as well as skeet shoots.

We are constantly improving the ranges, and the Eastland Economic Development Inc. helped in a big way recently, by donating two sections of bleachers, at the skeet range. With just a little elbow-grease and some paint, they will be just great. Thanks E.E.D.I.

Membership applications are available from some of the members, and at I-20 Pawn Shop and Edward Jones Investments 514 W. Main in Eastland, and can be downloaded at [www.ecvet.com](http://www.ecvet.com)

The pictures of the CJC Baseball team members I took last Thursday were no good as I forgot to set the

### Free Prostate Screening Offered At Eastland

A Free Prostate Screening will be held in the old sanctuary of Daugherty Street Church of Christ 309 S. Daugherty in Eastland. It will be held Saturday, March 11 Participants are asked to arrive between at 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. to have the Prostate Specific Antigen blood test drawn. Those interested please call 631-5254.

## Tarleton A Honor Roll, Distinguished Students Named

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the fall 2005 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

University Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll for the fall semester earned a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

To be named a Distinguished Student, freshman and sophomore students must be in good standing with the University and have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C; junior and senior students must be in good standing with the University and have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

### A - A Honor Roll D - Distinguished Student

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CLYDE: Kenali Kendrick A,D, Teryl Broadfoot D, Kaycee Davidson D, Michael VanZandt D, Maxyves Verzele D, Paige Watkins D

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STRAWN: Charles Elmore D, Stephanie Harris D, Jacob Popham D, Kim Shugart D

## Community Wide Yard Sale In Cross Plains

A Community Wide Yard Sale will be held in Cross Plains on Saturday, March 18, 2006 including many yard and garage sales marked with balloons. Retail stores and restaurants will also have "Specials" and discounts in honor of the day. This event is held in conjunction with the Cross Plains Garden Club's Trade Days.

Bargain hunters and treasure seekers are encouraged to come to the high school where the Cross Plains chapter of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP), sponsor of the community event, will have their Yard

sale under the pavilion between the elementary and high school. Maps and addresses of Sale participants will be distributed there at the BSP booth. Proceeds of the BSP sale will be used for service projects and scholarships for area residents.

Cross Plains' main intersection, located 45 miles southeast of Abilene and 36 miles north of Brownwood, is Highway 36 and Highway 206. From the intersection go north on Highway 206 to the high school. From I-20, south from Cisco on 206, High School is on the left

## Veterans Benefits Seminar Set April 1

Deliah Washburn, Texas Veterans Commission, Joel Jimenez, Commander, Disabled American Veterans Ch. 41, Wichita Falls, Tx, Larry Monroe, Public Relations Officer, Disabled American Veterans, Ch. 41, Wichita Falls, Tx, and George Pierce, Commander of VFW Post 4136, Eastland, Tx, would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2nd Annual Veterans Seminar on April 1, 2006.

This is a free seminar and will be held at the VFW Post 4136, on FM 570 in Eastland, TX. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be speakers from the Waco VA Regional offices, VA Medical Center of Dallas, National Cemeteries of Dallas and Ft. Sill, Okla., Texas Veterans Commission, Texas Veterans Land Board, Disabled

American Veterans and other Veterans service organizations who will provide information and assistance regarding all areas of Veterans Benefits.

Last year was a tremendous success because of veterans like you who continue to share the message to the VA that our community is underserved.

New programs and updates will be discussed. The success of last year's event was great; however, hundreds of veterans are still waiting on a list to receive care. That is why it is important that we all need to show up and be heard and help our fellow veterans.

Be sure to bring your Discharge papers (DD214) and any paperwork from the VA that you don't understand.

See you April 1, 2006! For more information contact Larry Monroe, Program Coordinator at 254-647-1097.

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# Guest Slot

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## Parents

"Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long." Deuteronomy 5:16

Honoring parents is more than an obligation. It is also a privilege. As children we honor them by obedience and as adults, by frequent calls or visits and self-sacrificing care. Missed opportunities to show love and honor may bring deep regret years later.

The command is simple: "Honor your father and mother." God always rewards obedience. Parenting is a glorious but awesome responsibility.

Recently I wrote to Patricia C. Gallagher and she sent a poem which she had written about raising good kids. The poem, Raising Good Kids, follows:

Parenting is the hardest job that I will ever do.

I need Almighty guidance and grace and blessings too.

May I ask for calm surrender and a peaceful soul and heart

Can a team of angels encourage as I strive to do my part?

In parenting it is important to be a vigilant encourager.

When a boy in Sunday school class asked the teacher what honoring thy father and thy mother meant and she replied that it meant obeying parents and respecting them.

The Cherokee nation measured a person's wealth not by what a person had lost but by what he or she gave away.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Drue Duke tells about a new family coming to church and sitting behind her. After the service, Drue says a small boy showed her a picture his dad had drawn for him. Drue asked about one aspect of the drawing and was told by the boy that it was Jesus reaching out His hand for He is always reaching out to us. Drue reminds us that parents should always make sure their children know about Jesus.

Psalm 127:3 tells us, "Lo children are an heritage of the Lord..." All creatures are thrown headlong into raising their young without the slightest training or semblance of an organized system. It is exhausting and it never ends. God says that "as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..." There is a poem called *God's Children* which follows:

### God's Children

Although God loves the whole wide world and blesses every part

I think He has a special place for children in His heart. I think He cherishes their smiles- the eagerness and mirth

And their appreciation of the wonders of His earth.

I think He follows them to school and watches them at play

And when they go to bed at night He probably is there

To see that they have happy dreams beneath their tousled hair

All children in a special way belong to God above.

And I am sure He favors them with everlasting love.

The most famous of all the parables, the Prodigal Son, should be named the Parable of Parenthood.

God does not forget our sins with a shrug saying, "Never mind; it's nothing." He does not erase the hurt, or cancel out the injury, or blot out the guilt. Instead He forgives, without taking away an ounce of the enormity of the sin.

He removes the power of sin over us- loosens its hold upon us- releases us from the guilt complex - so that we can find our way back to fellowship with Him.

We do not deserve it, and we cannot hope to understand it; but like the good parent He is, our Heavenly Father assures us that seeking forgiveness and fellowship, we belong to His household of

faith. There we can be at home with Him.

According to the 1995 issue of *Daily Guideposts* (pp. 90-91), Penny Schwab wrote that in 1968, Rebecca became her daughter when she was just a week old. One day, when she was seven, she glared at Penny after a heated argument and said, "You're not my REAL mother, you know!" Tears sprang to Penny's eyes but before they spilled over Rebecca added softly "I just borrowed you from God for a little while. I borrowed you to love."

Love Penny she did, and Penny loved her. But there was always a little piece of Rebecca that was missing. Then in 1994, when Rebecca was twenty-five, Rebecca had the opportunity to meet Katy, her birth mother. Penny tried to be brave and supportive about the visit, though inside she was quivering with fear. Rebecca was her daughter, and she wasn't sure she could bear it if the relationship changed.

She wanted to hold Rebecca close, yelling "MINE" like a small child clutching a treasured toy. At the same time, she wanted the best for Rebecca.

The day of their meeting was a long and difficult one for Penny. But the next day she received an exquisite rose, along with this message: "God had a plan for me to be your child and I thank Him every day. Love always, Rebecca."

Two days later a letter came from Katy: "God's perfect wisdom placed Rebecca in

your hands. Her character is a product of her parents' love and faithfulness to Him and her. I hope I can be her friend, but the Lord answered my prayers for Rebecca and blessed me when He joined you and Rebecca as mother and daughter."

Penny had let Rebecca go, and had gotten her back. Penny was no longer just a "borrowed" mother.

Libbie Adams, who lives in North Carolina, writes about her sons, Jeff and Greg. She tells about one son, when he was in second grade, receiving a smiley face badge, and in black letters on the badge was stated: "Jeff is a good listener!"

Libbie remarked how hard she had tried to be a "perfect" mother before she had learned that there was "no such creature" and with God's help, she just did the best that she could.

Karen Barber, whose parents live in South Carolina, marveled at the "can do" attitude of her parents. Her mother had a stroke and her dad became the caregiver after the mom came home from the hospital. The dad told Karen that he was getting a puppy, Karen did not believe this was the best thing for them to do, but time proved her wrong, and she learned to trust their decisions and not dictate what she felt was best for them.

Sper wrote: "Don't miss the opportunity to honor and obey- The parents God has given you, for they'll be gone someday."

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# Gatekeeper's Log

By Doug Fraser

## Do you hear what I hear?

Christmas has been over for two months. However, a phrase from a great Christmas song seems to be on my lips and in my mind: do you hear what I hear. In the song these were words of one of the shepherd boys. Another tune comes to mind which says Angels we have heard on high. Both songs speak to us of hearing the voices of heaven speaking to us on earth. Why is it most of the church declares the words, songs, and voices from Heaven are now silent? The text of all of my Bibles declares Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever. (Hebrews 13:8) Thus it goes without saying since Jesus is the Son of God, and has the same attributes and characteristics; then God is also the same throughout all eternity, this includes today and this very second in time. Our nation and this world are at a pivotal point in history and all of us need to learn how to position ourselves to hear from God on a daily basis.

During the second week of this month I was in Washington, D.C. with Ron Allman and his son Chad. Our presence in the Capitol was our response to a word from God given to Ron about coming to the Capitol for one week. Some of you dear readers will want to drop this item right now. However, many of you will be drawn by God to read on. Some of you will get it and some won't. Let's simply put it this

way, when you hear a word from God and He is calling you to a specific place for a specific period of time you have two choices. The most obvious is to seek full confirmation and follow as you are called. Some great examples should come to mind: Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Mary and Joseph, Jesus, John the Baptist, Peter, James, and John; and Paul. They heard, they responded, God blessed, and the rest is history. The other option is to dismiss it as bad pizza or bad doctrine; go home and take an aspirin and forget about it. Ron gave me a call and explained the circumstances and asked me if I wanted to go with him. Now Ron is one of my best friends and my pastor. So when a friend and your pastor calls and says do you want to go on a trip it can be a bit awkward to say No, not really! However, this was my initial response. Ron simply asked me to seek God's direction. I assured him I would.

The morning of Brother Ron's call I awoke early with the words of move forward and restructure. For several days I had been asking God

to show me where I was to be moving in this year. These words resounded from much of what I had been reading, studying, and listening to. However, on this morning I knew they were directed toward what God was asking me to do in this year. Through these words God spoke to me of personal, familial, relational, and areas of ministry to be impacted by Him during this year. So I was already being prepared by God for His next call upon my life and for a direction He wanted me to move into.

Before retiring on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, I asked God to clarify and declare what and where He wants me; regarding the trip to Washington, D.C. I didn't ask if I should or shouldn't go, I simply wanted God to give me His direction and a word on this issue. When I awoke on the 25<sup>th</sup> I received the words stand and deliver. Those are the words I heard and recorded in my journal. These were the first words I spoke in the morning as I climbed out of my bed. I shared these words with my wife and as we began to discuss them it became very clear God's words were calling me in a new direction. I shared the words and our conversation with Ron, and he asked me to continue to seek God for

additional clarification. The next day, 26 January, I was given the words move forward. There was no doubt something new was going to happen and I needed to accompany Ron to Washington DC. We both prayed over the call for another 24 hours, and as we prayed God made us aware of a national prayer conference hosted by the leadership of the International Leadership Embassy-DC, ([www.ile-dc.org](http://www.ile-dc.org)) from 6 to 7 February. However, the directions Ron received were to stay in Washington for one week. Thus, we placed everything else squarely in the hands of the Lord and under the direction of the Holy Spirit for the remainder of our stay in Washington, D.C. Simply let it be known we showed up and so did God.

I don't have space enough today to share all we enjoyed and were allowed to be blessed by during our stay. But put very simply, one man was called to go, three men went; and all of us were changed forever. Just prior to our departure, the Lord had me read and re-read for several days three chapters in the book of Isaiah. As I reflect upon all we saw, all we heard, and all we experienced during this week of faithfully following God's call; these words from Isaiah 43 stand out: **You are My witnesses says the Lord, and My servant whom I**

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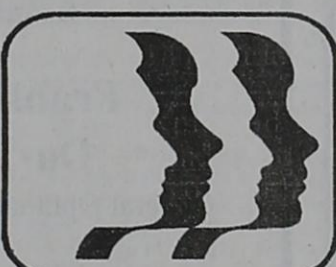
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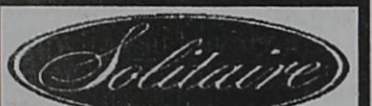
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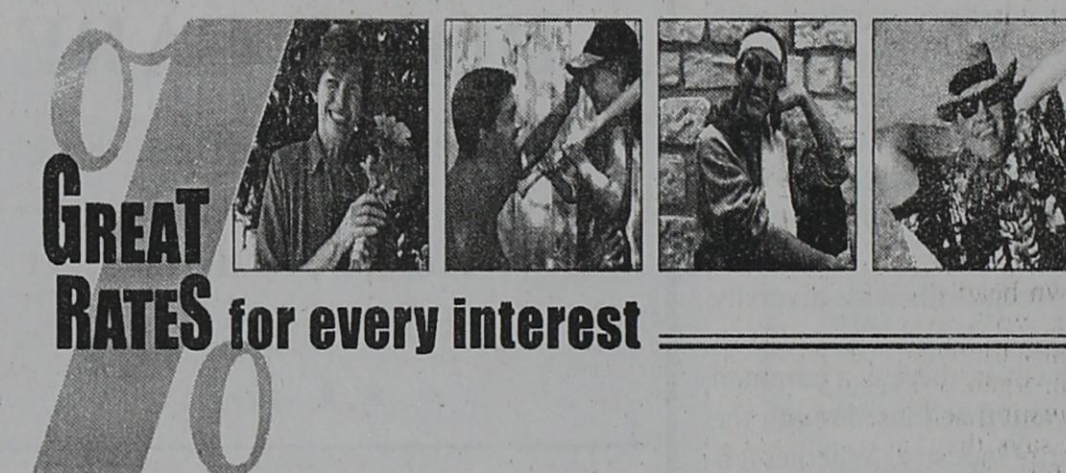
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Veda Adams of Olden has been a Girling Hospice volunteer for several months. A retired nurse, Mrs. Adams is able to give several hours a week visiting patients and has become a vital part of the team. Girling Hospice would like to thank Mrs. Adams for all her time, her delicious cookies, and her beautiful smile that blesses the patients, their families, and the Girling team.

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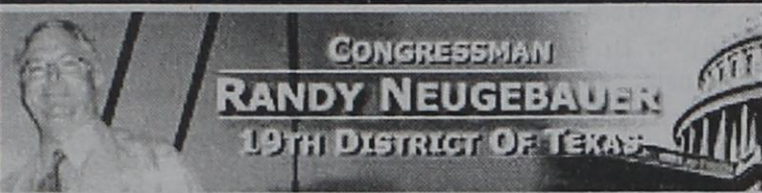
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One of the benefits of holding these field hearings is that I get to see first-hand the true diversity of American agriculture. On Friday in California, we were talking primarily with the fruit and vegetable growers. Then on Saturday in Nebraska, the grain and farm producers took center stage. As you would expect, the needs of California and Nebraska agriculture differ from the needs of Texas agriculture. I am currently working with the Committee to set up a hearing in Texas so that 19th District producers will have the same opportunity as their counterparts across the country.

Despite the wide diversity of American agriculture, however, there is a common thread that runs through the entire industry. Whether it is orange growers in California or cotton farmers in West Texas, American producers want a level and fair playing field when it comes to trade. Reaching and properly enforcing sound trade agreements that level the playing field for our producers has been a priority for me and will remain so in the future.

### Academy Forums Slated for March 25

I will be hosting two forums on March 25 to provide information for students interested in learning more about the four U.S. military academies. I encourage all who can take advantage of this opportunity to do so. Military Academies can provide excellent educations and open the door to promising career opportunities.

All students, including those currently in middle school, can attend these forums to obtain information on the application process and the educational opportunities at our nation's military academies. Parents, counselors, and teachers are also invited.

The day's first forum will take place in Abilene at Cisco Junior College (Room 152)

located at 717 E. Industrial Blvd. Registration for this forum will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Lubbock forum will be held in the Science Education Center at the Science Spectrum located at 2579 South Loop 289. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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# Polo On The Prairie Celebrates 20th Anniversary

## M.D. Anderson Fundraiser Slates Asleep At The Wheel

ALBANY, TEXAS - Polo on the Prairie brings world-class polo to West Texas April 29 as players from around the world and more than 1,000 guests converge on the Musselman Brothers' Lazy 3 Ranch for the U.S. Polo Association-sanctioned competition and related activities. The family-friendly event, held each spring on a pasture planted in Bermuda grass for the occasion, has raised \$3 million for key research and patient care programs at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

For this year's 20th anniversary event, honorary chair Mary Anne McCloud and co-chairs Melinda and Henry Musselman plan an action-packed day, from an afternoon of polo matches to a post-championship chuck wagon feast, fireworks and dancing under the stars. The down-home celebration under a 300-foot red-and-white striped tent will feature Grammy Award-winning Asleep at the Wheel (aka the "Kings of Texas Swing") and Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que of Abilene.

Polo on the Prairie began in the mid-1980s, when McCloud, an M. D. Anderson Board of Visitors member, sought a way to share her passion for cancer research and prevention, spread awareness of M. D. Anderson, raise funds for the institution and pay tribute to all whose lives cancer has touched. Her son-in-law, Henry Musselman, a Board of Visitors member and an enthusiast of the sport, suggested a polo tournament and began transforming a pasture on the family ranch into a regulation polo field.

The grass grew, word spread and Polo on the Prairie was born. Today the tournament involves eight teams and attracts amateur and professional athletes worldwide who donate their time, equipment and horses.

The Musselmans say they attribute the event's success to the polo players' commitment and to Polo on the Prairie's loyal supporters, describing them as "tried and true friends of M. D. Anderson."

"Several of the players play professionally all over the world and donate their time," says Musselman. "We are deeply grateful to them, and to the supporters who also year after year travel to Polo on the Prairie not only to enjoy a day in the country, but also in some way help the patients at M. D. Anderson."

A special weeklong curriculum offered each year at nearby Eastland Elementary gives sixth graders the opportunity to learn about the history of polo and rules of the game as well as M. D. Anderson patient care, research, education and prevention programs. On the day of the event, students take a field trip to the Lazy 3 Ranch to watch the opening match, meet players and present their own monetary contribution to M. D. Anderson.

"It has been a great educational opportunity for the sixth graders," says

McCloud, a former teacher. "Polo on the Prairie is rich in tradition, for people of all generations. It's so nice to 'go home again.' It is an opportunity to gather, laugh, love and make a difference in the lives of people all over the world by helping M. D. Anderson."

The event helps fund key areas at M. D. Anderson, including:

Science Park/Library - The library links researchers at M. D. Anderson's Smithville campus to scientific literature and journals furthering the work at M. D. Anderson's Department of Carcinogenesis.

The Anderson Network Hospitality Rooms - Patients or family members may come to these special "patient oases" at M. D. Anderson for refreshment, comfort and assistance from volunteers who have had similar cancer experiences.

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For information about sponsorships or the event, call (800) 262-9029 or (713) 563-4071.

# Children's Books From Crossway

Good News Publishers, Crossway Books, is headquartered at Wheaton, Ill., and one might wonder if it affiliated with the 1300 Crescent St. 60187 Bible College of that town.

Alot of evangelicals are trained at that location.

We're not sure how our friend Aubrey Kincaid, who holds to the King James Version, will react to this, but we are in receipt of a Bible from Crossway Books, and it is the English Standard Version Children's Bible. (\$24.99)

This version purports to be ideal for children from six to 12; the youngest would benefit from the 200 full color illustrations; the middle-agers will be able to read on their own and the older ones will read and learn the message of the Bible: the plan of Salvation, becoming more like Jesus, the promises of God, enjoy the introductions to each book of the Bible,

how to read the Bible and how to pray.

It's a nice red binding with a slip case cover...You can guess that it will find its way to the hands of the Four Joys, the grandchildren.

Another book going, "I Can Talk with God," by a kindergarten teacher and mother of four. It concludes with a child's version of the Lord's Prayer (\$9.99).

A third Cross Ways book is "This Is No Fairy Tale", done on parchment, with an ornate original scroll cover, it tells the story of Jesus from birth, through ministry, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. Each segment is in two parts: one, with the heading of If This Were a Fairy Tale, of what the result would be; and two, The Truth Is, telling what really did happen (\$15.99).

Crossway phone: 630-682-4300 Fax 630-682-4785.

# Donkey Basketball To Be Held March 18 In Eastland

Celebrity Donkey Basketball Show will be held Saturday, March 18th at 7 p.m. at Eastland Middle School Gym. This is a fundraiser to benefit Crime Victim Assistance Center.

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### Crossword Answers

SET	BAA	SAFE
OPERA	ARCS	PLEA
DELIVER	THEGOODS	
DESPO	SECUREST	
	NAP	ETE
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SHALE	LIMES	REE
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ONE	KOALA	AVANT
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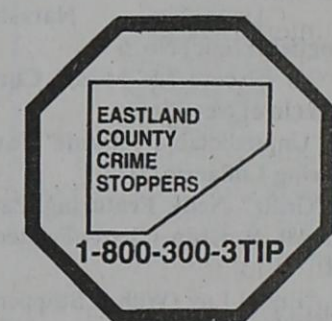
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## The Creative Cook by Julia Merla

Why wait until summer to enjoy the sweet and comforting flavors of fresh fruit desserts? Right now, it's warm and sunny in Chile, a beautiful country I visited some years back. Chilean farmers are harvesting premium-quality peaches, nectarines, apples, pears, grapes and other fruit, and shipping them our way. With all those juicy, delicious Chilean fruits in the market and a few time-saving recipes in hand, you can create classic desserts anytime you like.



Not only are fresh fruit desserts extra delicious in the winter, they also offer a way to enjoy a serving of vitamin- and fiber-packed fresh fruit. There was a time, not so long ago, that fresh fruit was much less available through the winter, which may be a reason Americans eat less than half the amount of fruit recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPyramid guidelines.

Today, with Chilean fruit readily available, we can indulge our desire for fresh fruit all winter and into the spring. Chile has ideal conditions for growing our favorite fruits from November through May. Most of Chile's abundant orchards are found in the country's lush, fertile valleys. Once harvested, the fruit must pass on-site USDA inspection before being packed and shipped to North American markets.

For recipes and information on Chilean fruit, visit [www.cffausa.org](http://www.cffausa.org).

This week, I'd like you to try Fresh Peaches Foster Shortcake, which takes its inspiration from the familiar New Orleans specialty made with bananas. In this new take on the classic, fresh blueberries mingle with rum-spiked peaches, all served over warm biscuits.

### FRESH PEACHES FOSTER SHORTCAKE

- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 1/2 pounds ripe fresh Chilean peaches, sliced (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 1/4 cup rum or orange juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 6 large biscuits\*
- 1 cup fresh Chilean blueberries

In a saucepan, heat brown sugar and butter, stirring constantly, until bubbly. Add peaches and stir gently until peaches just begin to feel tender, about 5 minutes. In a cup, combine rum and cornstarch; stir mixture into peaches. Cook and stir until clear and thickened, about 2 minutes. Place 1 biscuit on each of 6 dessert plates. Split biscuits crosswise and spoon half of the peach mixture over the bottoms. Replace the biscuit tops and spoon the remaining peach filling over them. Garnish with blueberries and top with a dollop of whipped cream and a mint leaf, if desired. Yield: 6 portions.

\*Use prepared refrigerated biscuits, or make your own by mixing 2 cups flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 1/4 cups heavy cream. Knead and divide into 6 balls. On a cookie sheet, pat each to form a 2 1/2- to 3-inch round. Bake in a preheated oven at 400F, until tops are golden brown, 15 to 18 minutes.

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## Chart Busters by Allan Ornstein

### TOP SINGLES

1. "Be without You" **Mary J. Blige** (Geffen) Last Week: No. 1
2. "Breaking Free" **Zac Efron & Vanessa Anne Hudgens** (Walt Disney) No. 3
3. "You're Beautiful" **James Blunt** (Custard) No. 4
4. "Check on It" **Beyoncé** Featuring **Slim Thug** (Columbia) No. 2
5. "So Sick" **Ne Yo** (Def Jam) No. 5
6. "Unwritten" **Natasha Bedingfield** (Epic) No. 6
7. "Yo (Excuse Me Miss)" **Chris Brown** (Jive) New Entry
8. "Unpredictable" **Jamie Foxx** Featuring **Ludacris** (J)
9. "Grillz" **Nelly** Featuring **Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp** (Derrty/Fo'Reel) No. 8
10. "I'm N Luv (With A Stripper)" **T Pain** Featuring **Mike Jones** (Konvict Muzik/Jive) No. 27

### TOP COUNTRY SINGLES

1. "When I Get Where I'm Going" **Brad Paisley** Featuring **Dolly Parton** (Arista Nashville) Last Week: No. 1
2. "Jesus, Take the Wheel" **Carrie Underwood** (Arista) No. 3
3. "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" **Trace Adkins** (Capitol) No. 2
4. "Like We Never Loved at All" **Faith Hill** (Warner/Curb) No. 4
5. "Your Man" **Josh Turner** (MCA Nashville) No. 7
6. "My Old Friend" **Tim McGraw** (Curb) No. 5
7. "Just Might (Make Me Believe)" **Sugarland** (Mercury) No. 6
8. "Tonight I Wanna Cry" **Keith Urban** (Capitol) No. 8
9. "She Let Herself Go" **George Strait** (MCA Nashville) No. 9
10. "Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right" **Billy Currington** (Mercury) No. 10

### TOP DANCE/CLUB PLAY

1. "Rhythm Intoxication" **Rosabel** (Tommy Boy Silver Label) Last Week: No. 2
2. "I'll Be Your Light" **Kristine W** (Tommy Boy Silver Label) No. 5
3. "Check on It" **Beyoncé** Featuring **Slim Thug** (Columbia) No. 7
4. "In My Mind" **Heather Headley** (RCA) No. 3

5. "Unwritten" **Natasha Bedingfield** (Epic/Promo) No. 1
6. "Can't Let Go" **Johnny Vicious** Featuring **Judy Albanese** (Nervous/Promo) No. 10
7. "Guilt Is a Useless Emotion" **New Order** (Warner Bros./Promo) No. 4
8. "Dare" **Gorillaz** Featuring **Shaun Ryder** (Parlophone) No. 8
9. "Number 1" **Goldfrapp** (Mute) No. 6
10. "Be without You" **Mary J. Blige** (Geffen/Promo) New Entry

### TOP VIDEO RENTALS

1. Just Like Heaven starring **Reese Witherspoon** (DreamWorks) **Rated: PG-13**
2. In Her Shoes **Cameron Diaz** (Fox) **PG-13**
3. Elizabethtown **Orlando Bloom** (Paramount) **PG-13**
4. Tim Burton's Corpse Bride featuring the voice of **Johnny Depp** (Warner) **PG**
5. Wedding Crashers **Vince Vaughn** (New Line) **R**
6. Doom **The Rock** (Universal) **R**
7. Lord of War **Nicolas Cage** (Lions Gate) **R**
8. The 40-Year-Old Virgin **Steve Carrell** (Universal) **R**
9. Flightplan **Jodie Foster** (Buena Vista) **PG-13**
10. Two for the Money **Al Pacino** (Universal) **R**

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## Top Movies

1. The Pink Panther starring **Steve Martin** **Rated: PG**
2. Curious George featuring the voice of **Will Ferrell** **G**
3. When a Stranger Calls **Tessa Thompson** **PG-13**
4. Final Destination 3 **Mary Elizabeth Winstead** **R**
5. Something New **Sanaa Lathan** **PG-13**
6. Big Momma's House 2 **Martin Lawrence** **PG-13**
7. Nanny **McPhee** **Emma Thompson** **PG**
8. Brokeback Mountain **Jake Gyllenhaal** **R**
9. Firewall **Harrison Ford** **PG-13**
10. Underworld: Evolution **Kate Beckinsale** **R**

## BOOK LOVERS REVIEW GEORGE

By Joy Michael

### ECHOES DANIELLE STEELE DELL

This novel takes the reader back to World War II in Europe. A single mother (Beta) is trying to raise her two daughters, Almada and Brigitte. The girls don't know they are both half Jewish and are oblivious to the growing storm around them. When the truth is discovered, their lives change forever. The youngest girl and her mother are taken off to a concentration camp, while the older girl joins a convent. She wants to be a nun. She feels she has the calling. However, while in the convent, she meets someone.

Because of their differences, the lovers are shunned by their families and ultimately disowned. However, they prove their love is stronger than their families' prejudices. They lose everything but still want to start their lives together. Unfortunately, Almada becomes a casualty of the war, and she again decides to join a convent. Fate intervenes, and Almada ends up in a concentration camp. It is supposed to be the "best" camp that is available to all Jewish refugees. Yet, inmates are regularly tortured, starved and killed.

From being in a concentration camp to being a member of the French Resistance, Almada experiences many things. The French welcome her because she can fluently speak German, French and English. They feel she can be of great help to them. Because of her incredible will, Almada manages to survive many life-threatening experiences. While she could never have dreamed she'd be involved in espionage, she is committed to defeating the Nazis.

I have been reading Danielle Steele's books for years. I am a devotee of her work. However, I feel this is one of her best ever. It has everything — intrigue, romance, passion and poignancy. If you only read one of her offerings, let this be that one.

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## Timely Tips by Kate Worth

**DRIP-FREE** — When washing your walls with a sponge, use a sports towel to absorb the water from running down your arms. Harry T.

**SHINE ON** — Use fabric softener sheets to clean bathtub rings and to shine faucets and other chrome fixtures. It really makes them sparkle! Linda J.

**CLEAN PHONE** — If your white telephone is getting a bit dull, get it really white again by putting a bit of toothpaste on a moist cloth. Use it to clean the phone. It works great. Anna M.

**STAIN REMOVER** — Ketchup stains require glycerine and a little soap and water. Act quickly, though, or the stain may set. Rita W.

**SCREENS** — An easy way to clean window screens is to put them in the tub and use the portable shower head to spray them. The dirt washes right down the drain. I do mine like that all the time. Jenna D.

**PET HAIR** — Cat hair problem on your clothes? Rub the area with a sheet of fabric softener. It will magnetically attract all the loose hairs. Ciara F.

**CONSUMER SAVVY** — If your appliance is not working, try calling the manufacturer if they have a toll free number. Have the model number ready and explain the problem. Sometimes, they'll be able to tell you how to fix it over the phone, saving you the cost of a repair visit. Ken L.

**WEED IT OUT** — Can't decide which clothes to discard? Turn the hanger hook backward on the rod for all your clothes. Each year, check your wardrobe and those that have not been turned around can be given to charity. Kimberly H.

**INNOVATION** — Buy one of those undecorated cakes at the store and decorate it yourself for any occasion. Add small clean toys to a frosted cake, or even ribbon spirals are cute. Take into consideration the child's or adult's interests, and go from there. Marilyn D.

## Beauty Tip

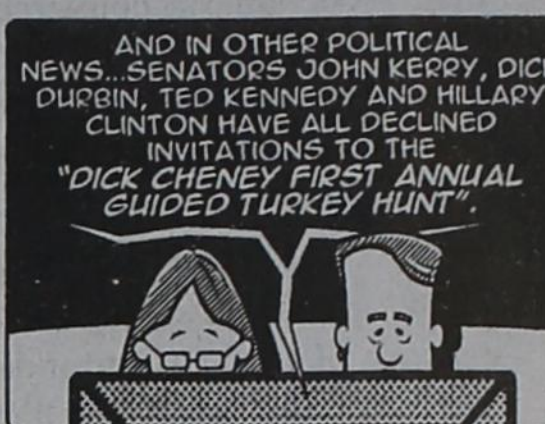
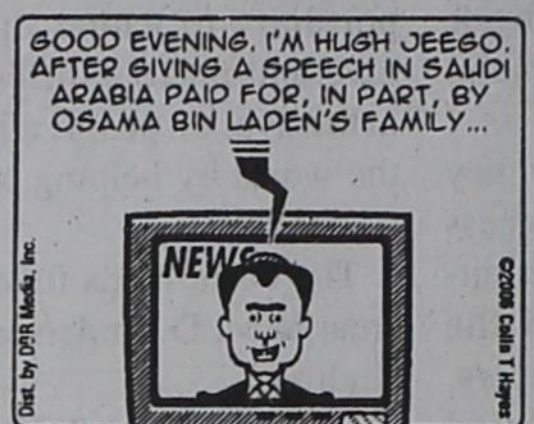
If you want to make your lashes look longer than they are and have a tendency to load up the mascara to a clumpy look, try putting a credit card behind your lashes on top, and underneath the lashes on the bottom and brush the lashes, using the credit card as a base to "build" your lashes. The card will help the mascara define the lashes better and saturate the mascara on the lashes without using too much mascara.

By Mark Szorady



## THE LEFTERSONS

By Collin T. Hayes



## BUTCH AND DOUGIE

By Alex Howell



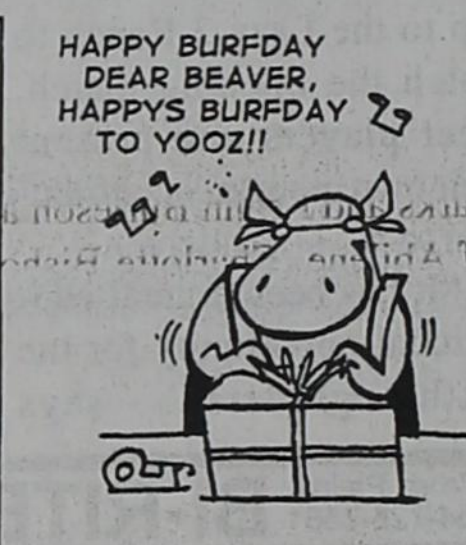
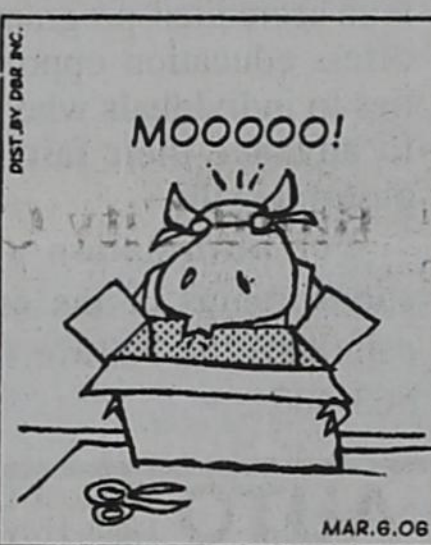
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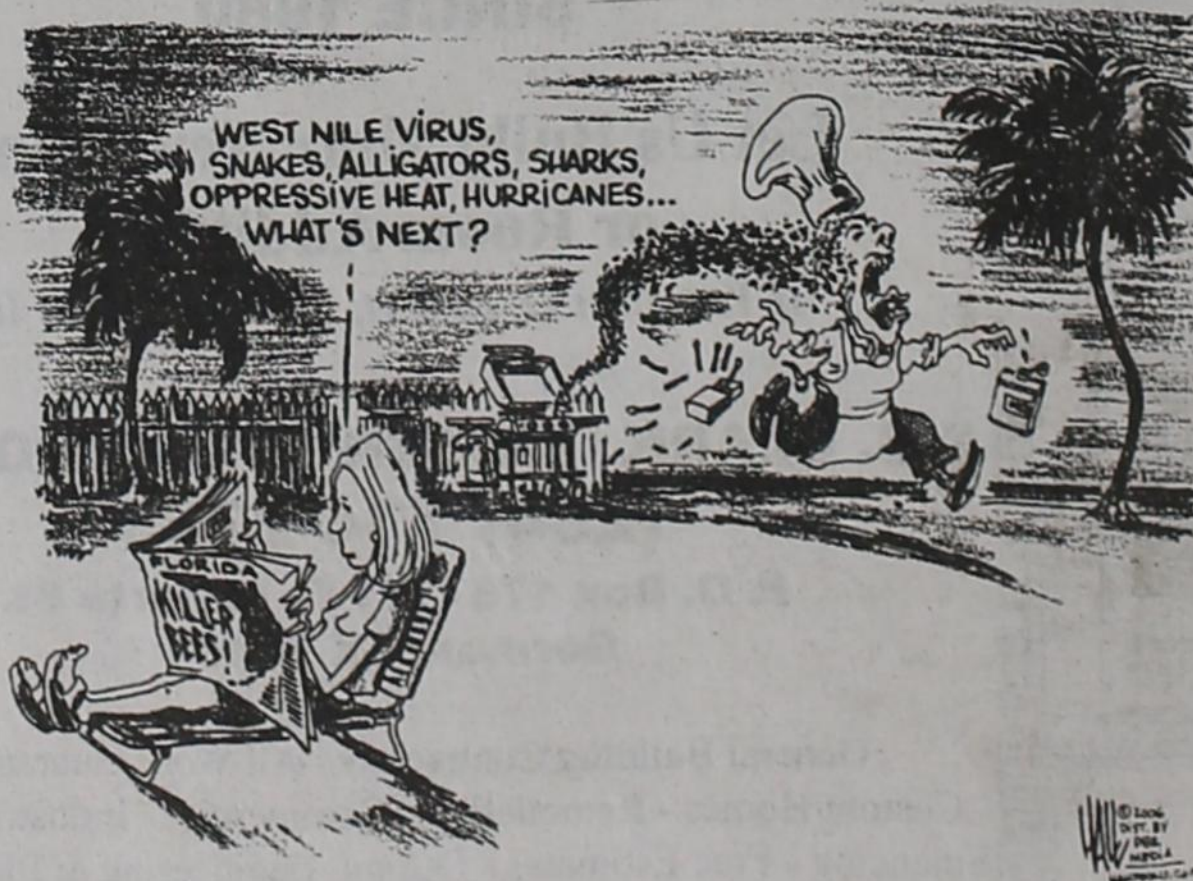
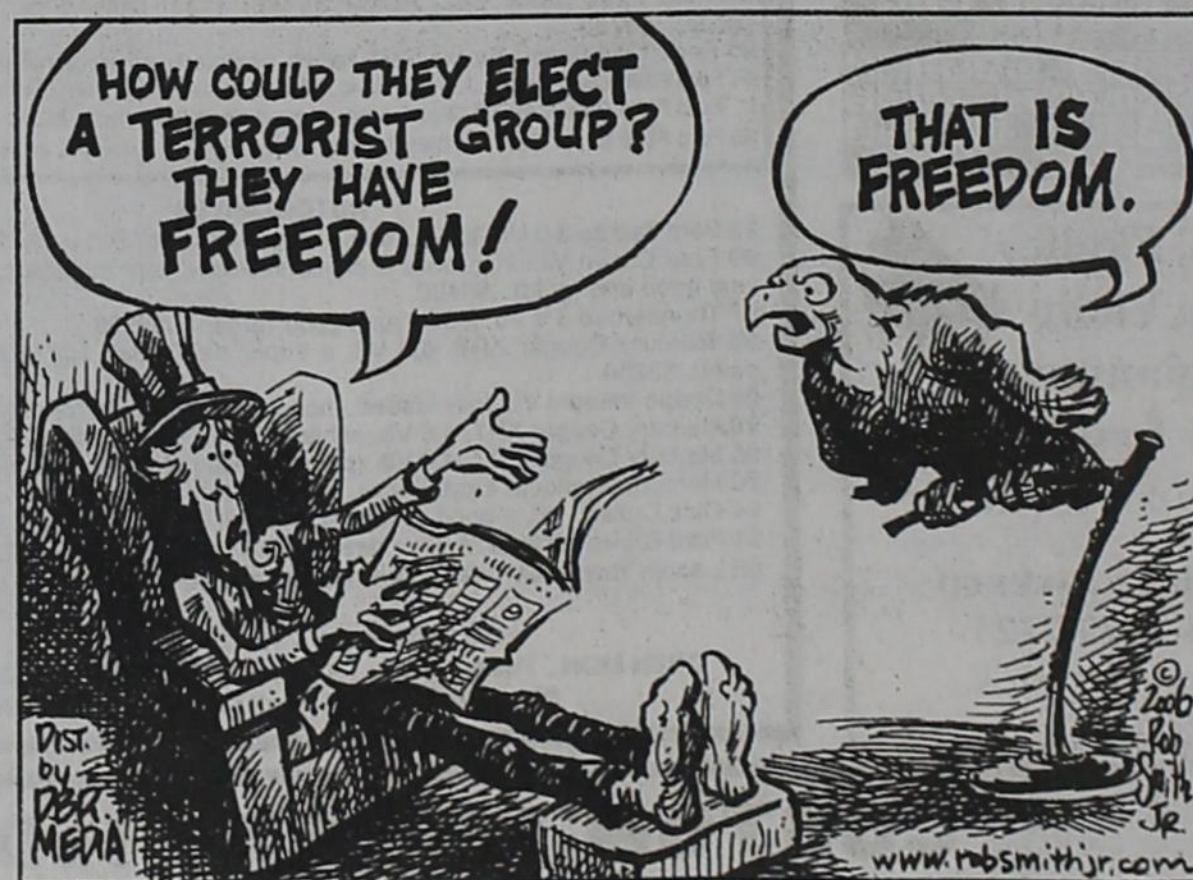


## THE GOLDEN YEARS

By Bill Murray



## Political Cartoons





**OBITUARIES**

**Lucy Belle Bohannon**

Lucy Belle Bohannon, 92, of Coleman died February 28, 2006 at Coleman County Medical Center.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman. Burial will follow in the Coleman City Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lucy Belle Watters was born August 27, 1913 at Cross Cut, Texas to Thomas Y. Watters and Minnie Eular (Powers) Watters. She married Raymond Franklin Bohannon on December 20, 1934 in Coleman. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1992. They were long time Coleman County residents.

They resided in the Talpa and White Chapel area before moving to Gouldbusk in 1944 where they farmed and ranched. They retired in 1981 when they moved to Coleman. She was a homemaker and member of the Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Glen Bohannon and wife Jeanie of Baird, Wayne Bohannon and wife Cathy of Odessa; one daughter, Janice Jones and husband Pete of Bangs; one sister Lorene McElroy of Austin; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ed and Dorothy Bohannon of Abilene; sister-in-law, Lenora Bohannon of Coleman; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

**Oscar Burks**

Oscar Burks, 66, died Friday, February 24, 2006 in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 27, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Rudy Fambrough and Joel Tobey officiating. Burial followed in the Potosi Cemetery under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home.

Oscar was born October 30, 1939 in Baird to Captain Joe and Nellie Gould Burks. He graduated from Wylie High School. On June 2, 1960 he married Bessie Felton in Abilene. Oscar worked for Coca-Cola for 25 years in Abilene and Pine Bluff, Ark. where he retired as production manager in 1986. Oscar's church life was important to him, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and youth director. He was

currently a member of Ridgemont Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Burks of Potosi; a son, James Burks and wife Rachael of Abilene; a daughter, Jan Romine and husband Mark of Coleman; seven brothers, Chuck Burks, Carroll Burks, Tommy Burks and Forrest Burks, all of Abilene, Wayne Burks of Granbury, Texas, Howard Burks of Cuero, TX, and Ricky Burks of Hutchinson, Kansas; five sisters, Lorene Price, Ludie Parks and Leann Burleson all of Abilene, Charlotte Bishop of Breckenridge, and Joan Pope of Stephenville; 3 grandchildren, Miles and Jared Romine and Brittany Burks; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Family Life Center Fund 1st Baptist Church 200 East College; Coleman, TX 76834.

**Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu**

**Thursday, March 9:** Cheese Dog or Hamburger, Beef & Bean Burrito or French fries, Lettuce & tomato, Dessert, Fresh fruit, Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto beans, Choice of Milk  
Cornbread, brownie, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

**Friday, March 10:** Chili  
**'Go Bears'**

Sloan Hendley leading all scorers with a game total of 35 Points, with Menard's player Michael Williamson in second with a total of 14; the Eula Tigers defeated Menard in a Tuesday game of Class A bi-district playoffs allowing them to go on to compete with either Axtell or Goldwaith.

The score ended at 79-41 with Eula allowing only four points in the third quarter.

This is a victory for the boy's allowing them to continue competition and go for their personal best.

**Eula 27-6**

Eula- Cory Higgins 2, Kasey Bartlett 4, Chance Dement 3, Sloan Hendley 35, Riley Samford 6, Phelipe Ochoa 2, Aaron Swanner 6, Colby Marcee 6, Scott Reid 8, Michael Archa 7.

Menard	9	15	4	13-
41				
Eula	15	17	26	19-
79				

First Baptist Church  
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Baird, Texas 79504  
(325) 854-1574  
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Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

**Baird Junior High Honor Roll-4th 6th Weeks**

Baird Junior High is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 4th Six Weeks grading period of 2005-06. To Qualify for the All A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.

6th Grade:

**ALLA's**  
Katelynn Mitchell Cody Hunter  
Melanie Cooper Alexis Almanzar  
**Mitzy Fallon Donlan,**  
**Cassidy Miller,**  
Yisrayl Martin Shelby Strickland,  
Michelle Robbins

Holly Owens,  
Brittney Russo,  
Courtney Nall

**AB**

Brittany Cook Eric Ebeling Kristen Burns  
Ty Rhoads Colton Fox Amber Clark  
Courtney Ringhoffer Lauren Hare (A\_B\_HON)  
Tyler White Mackenzie Keller Rose Walmsley  
Chance Clark Sara Kunick Alysa Isenhower  
Russell Hess Elisha Pritchett Taylor Marks

**BHS One-Act Play Dinner Theatre Set For March 21**

Baird High School will have a dinner theater on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Baird Cafetorium. Tickets are on sale now for \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children (age 6 and below). The thirteen BHS students involved in this year's production are the following: Lesley Tumbusch, Kaitlyn Walker, Cissy Chavarria, Rustin Williams, Clinton Morgan, Jud Clark, Adriana Diaz, Mellissa Keith, Ashley Lowe, Darryl Fox, Emily Tumbusch, Stephanie Rollins, and John Edwards. Price at the door on March

21 will be \$8.00 per person.

This year's contest entry is "Antic Spring" written by Robert Nail; the play is "produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc." This production takes place in the present with six young people traveling to a picnic site in an open touring car on a country lane during a beautiful, spring day.

Please plan to attend on Tuesday, March 21, for a night of entertainment and good food. For more information on tickets, one can contact Mr. Riney at 854-1400, ext. 428, or 854-2018.

**Baird City Council & Mayor Filings Continue Through March 13**

Candidate filing for two places for the Baird City Council and the position of Baird Mayor is underway now at the Baird City Hall located on Market Street.

Candidate filing will continue through Monday, March 13 at the Baird City Hall.

Up for election this year is the two city council places now held by Brian Patterson and Harold Hass and the Baird Mayor position now held by Jon Hardwick.

To run for a place on the Baird City Council a candidate must be at least 18 years of age, must reside within the Baird city limits boundaries and must be a registered voter.

Early voting for the Baird City Council Elec-

tion is scheduled from Mon., May 1 thru Tues., May 9 at the Baird City Hall office.

Baird City Council Election is slated for Saturday, May 13.

Incumbents Hardwick, Patterson and Hass has all filed for re-election.

**2006 Baird Bears Tennis**

March 10	@ Santa Anna	8:00 a.m.	Girls/Boys
March 22	@ ACU	1:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys
March 30	@ Clyde	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 6	@ Albany	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 11-12	San Angelo	TBA	Girls/Boys (District)
April 24-29	Abilene	TBA	Girls/Boys (Regional)
May 8-9	Austin	TBA	Girls/Boys (State)

**Coach: Jennifer Warren 325-854-1400 EXT 449**  
**Principal: Vick Orlando 325-854-1400 EXT 301**  
**Supt.: Cliff Gardner 325-854-1400 EXT 305**

**Baird Baseball Roster 2006**


Feb. 23-25	Olney Tour.	TBA
Feb. 27	Abilene H.S. JV	H. 4:30
March 2-4	Eastland Tour.	TBA
March 6	Abilene H.S. J.V.	H. 4:30
March 9-11	Anson Tour.	TBA
March 14	Eastland	H. 1:00
March 16	Anson	H. 12:00
March 20	Eula*	T. 4:00
March 24	Cross Plains	H. 4:30
March 27	Ranger*	T. 4:00
March 31	Albany*	H. 4:00
April 3	A.C.H.S.%	T. 6:00
April 7	Gorman*	T. 5:00
April 11	Eula*	H. 5:00
April 13	Snyder	T. 7:00
April 17	Cross Plains*	T. 4:00
April 21	Ranger*	H. 5:00
April 25	Albany*	T. 5:00
April 28	Tolar	T. 6:00
May 2	Gorman	H. 5:00

**Lady Bears 2006 Softball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
March 7	Ranger	There	4:30
March 10-11	Breckenridge Tourn.	There	TBA
March 14	Gorman	There	4:30
March 16	Albany	Here	10:00
March 24	Eula	Here	4:30
March 28	Anson JV	There	5:30
March 31	Ranger	Here	4:30
April 4	Albany	There	4:30
April 7	Gorman	Here	4:30
April 11	Stamford	Here	4:30
April 14	Eula	There	10:00

Coaches: Julie Young and Amanda Whitaker

Girl's Coordinator: Clay Barnett  
Principal: Vic Orlando  
Superintendent: Cliff Gardner  
Girl's Athletics: 854-1400 Ext. 317

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### Baird Baseball Roster 2006

1-Chris Whitworth	Fr.	IF/P	5'8"	130	R/R	----
2-Blan Scott	Sr.	P/C/IF	6'0"	179	R/R	3L
3-Chance Rodriguez	Sr.	P/C/IF	6'0"	175	R/R	----
4-Cody Gibbs	Jr.	OF/IF	5'8"	140	R/R	----
5-Jesse Mendez	Fr.	OF/IF	5'8"	140	R/R	----
6-Justin English	Soph.	OF/IF	6'1"	155	R/R	----
7-Chris Cogburn	Jr.	P/SS	5'8"	140	R/R	2L
8-Chris English	Jr.	OF	5'11"	165	R/R	----
9-Justin Patterson	Jr.	3B/OF	5'11"	160	R/R	2L
10 Rustin Williams	Soph.	Utility	5'9"	150	R/R	1L
11-Tim Ringhoffer	Soph.	Utility	5'9"	135	R/R	----
12-Tyler Orlando	Jr.	IF/P/C	6'0"	165	R/R	----
13-Cody Shouse	Sr.	IF/OF	5'6"	145	R/R	1L
14-Thomas Chararria	Soph.	1B/P	6'2"	230	R/R	1L
15-Tyler Culp	Jr.	IF/OF	6'1"	180	R/R	----
16-Garrett Jennings	Fr.	Utility	6'2"	175	L/R.	----

Head Coach-Bryan Webb Assistant Coach: Billy Floyd

Office 854-1400 ext 316  
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Superintendent: Cliff Gardner  
Principal: Vic Orlando Mascot:

Bears  
District 8A Region 1

Staticician: Sandra Carter  
School Colors: Red & White

### With Danger of Fire : Welding and Outdoor Grilling Still Allowed with Special Precautions

**Executive Order of Callahan County**  
WHEREAS, BY PROCLAMATION ISSUED JANUARY 6, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County declared a state of disaster for Callahan County, resulting from: **The Potential Threat of Wild-State Regulates Placement Of Campaign Signs Along Highways**

Texans take pride in their beautiful state, especially during the spring when everyone can enjoy the beautiful wildflowers that grow along the highway rights of way. However, during campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower \* the political sign. Texas Department of Transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

According to Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, signs in the public right of way include posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on the right of way.

"TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice,

fires due to Drought and Adverse Weather Conditions:

WHEREAS, said State of Disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Manage-

ment. If the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff or a constable, depending on jurisdiction," Kilgore said.

Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

If you have questions regarding placement of political signs in Callahan County, call TxDOT's Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353, or Kristy Gardner, the Abilene District's highway beautification coordinator, at 325/676-6831.

### Classified AD: Help Wanted

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ment. Now, THEREFORE, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated.

1. THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN AN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT BY ANY PERSONS IS PROHIBITED.

2. COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS SHALL SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED, TO FIREWORKS, AND ANY OTHER PYROTECHNIC MATERIAL WHICH IN THE MANNER OR MEANS OF ITS USE COULD RESULT IN A WILDFIRE.

3. PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS A AND B FOR FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON WELDING AND OUTDOOR GRILLING.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or in-

entionally violates this order, commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. ORDERED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2000:**

(s) Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge.

(s) Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #1.

(s) Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #2.

(s) Tommy Holnd, Commissioner Prct. #3.

(s) Doris Grider, Commissioner Pct. #4

**ATTACHMENT A**  
Our County and the

community of Cross Plains have been ravaged by fire, fueled by high winds and low humidity. This proclamation was put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood. Welding will be permitted if the proper precautions are taken.

1. The individual welding must have a spotter.

2. Two wet extinguishers must be available.

3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.

4. Must have water sprayer available for use.

5. Must wet down sufficient area (and rewet as often as necessary.)

The safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another day.

We are in a disaster situation, violators may be charged with a class C misdemeanor, with a maximum fine of \$500. An individual, or individuals, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

### ATTACHMENT B

Our County and the community of Cross Plains have been ravaged by fire, fueled by high winds and low humidity. These restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

1. Individual grilling must Attend the Grill at all times.

2. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.

We are in a disaster situation, violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. An individual or individuals

apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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### Emergency Farm Drought Applications Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought that occurred on April 1, 2005, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson," Richard G. Young said.

"Callahan is one of 19 contiguous counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought that occurred on April 1, 2005, and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until September 25, 2006 but farmers should

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THOSE WISHING TO RECEIVE AID FROM FEDERAL AID FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS MAY CONTACT:	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE HOTLINE (800-621-3362)	FEMA HOTLINE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: (800) 462-7585 *FEMA WEB SITE: WWW.FEMA.GOV FARMERS AND RANCHERS MAY CONTACT U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE HAY HOTLINE FOR ASSISTANCE (877) 429-1998
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