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ing for door prizes.

Lewis Lehman.

Guest speaker will be

Texas Farm Bureau State

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policies for the coming year.

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voting delegates to repre-

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Baird, Texas 79504

Lewis Lehman Guest Speaker At

The Callahan-Shackelford

County Farm Bureau annual

meeting will be held Tues-

day, October 18, beginning

at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird

School Cafeteria in Baird,

according to Allen Wilson,

by Cook's Fish Barn of

Comanche to members prior

to the meeting. Farm Bureau

members and their immedi-

ate families will be served at

Tom DeLay

By Viola Payne

There will be a dessert

Wednesday the other shoe

fell for Tom DeLay, Majority

Leader of the U.S. House of

Representatives when he

was indicted on a charge of

Re-Districting Architect

Indicted On Conspiracy

Blunt Named House Leader

A fish fry will be created

county president.

no charge.

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Farm Bureau Annual Convention contest this year, and draw-



Ricki Murray

News From Baird ISD

Student of the Week



Ricki Murray is the Student of the Week at Baird

School. She is in Kindergarten in Mrs. Tollett's Class. She is the daughter of Christopher and Nancy Gordon

Baird ISD Receives Superior Rating Baird Independent School District wishes to report that the district has recently received a Superior Rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), which is officially referred to as School FIRST. School FIRST was created in 2003 to provide pertinent information to school districts and taxpayers regarding the financial management performance of a school district. This Superior rating is the highest level of achievement a school district in the state of Texas can obtain. The 2005 School FIRST rating was based upon an analysis of staff and student data, budgetary and actual finan-

school year that ended on August 31, 2004. In addition, Texas Educa-

tion Agency requires each school district to hold a public meeting to present and discuss their School FIRST rating. This year's rating will be discussed at the October 17th meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Baird ISD Library located at 400 W. 7th Street. This meeting will be combined with the regular scheduled meeting of the board of

Everyone in the community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For additional information regarding Baird's School FIRST rating, please call the Superintendent's office at 854-1400.

Early Release Day Friday, Oct. 14 At Baird Schools

Friday, October 14th will be an early release day for the Baird ISD students. School for students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m., and buses will run at 12:40 p.m. Neugebauer of the 19th Administrators, faculty

members, and aides will attend staff development from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on that day. Jo Cox, Region 14 ESC consultant, will be presenting the staff development

\$38,600.00) just south of

Abilene and a 20 acre tract

(Min. bid \$30,000.00)

northwest of Tye. These are

tracts 12376 and 12377 in

Taylor County. Call 1-800-

252-8387 for more informa-

By Tom Ivey is a 9 acre tract (Min. bid

OFFICE CLOSED--The Callahan County Veterans Service Office will be closed 11th and continue until noon

TAPS--More of our buddies have answered the last call. These include Joseph David Burchard-USN. Bobby Earl Caraway-USA, M. Sid Davis-USA, Norvis Goodloe-USAF, and Thomas Edward Illingworth-USAF. Please extend your condolences to the families of these Veterans who served our country.

Baird Bike-A-Thon To Be Held Saturday

Bikers are urged to be ready for the "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon this Saturday, October 8th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Baird.

Coordinator Ruth Fisher said children ages 10 and under will ride in a designated area at the Methodist Church on Hwy 283 north. Barbara Corn will serve as the ride director at the church, assisted by Cari Waller and Adrian Couch, Bernice Varner, Pat Fomby and Kim Wyatt will be in charge of registration.

Riders ages 11 and older will follow a route on the north service road west of the I-20 entrance ramp. The older group will check in at the parking lot west of the Baird Motor Inn. Ryan Ward will be the ride director. Lydia Couch will be in charge of registration, assisted by Brenda Moore and Tommie Jones. Deputy City Marshall Bo Semmler will

east end of the route. He will be assisted by James Wyatt and Cleo Ivey at the west end. Host minister will be Jason Waller, the new minister of the Church of Christ in Baird.

The fundraiser will benefit St. Jude Research Hospital for the treatment and cure of catastrophic diseases in children.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn will lead the ride and the Danny Lewis family will serve as the "model family." Refreshments will be served at the Methodist Church following the ride.

Sponsors pledge 25 cents, 50 cents or more per mile, or a flat donation of \$5, \$10, or more for their bikers ride. Sponsor contributions made by check should be made payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mrs. Fisher said anyone wishing to sponsor a youngster who does not have a sponsor for the ride would be most appreciated. For information call 854-1323 or 854-2003.

be in charge of traffic at the **Retired And Senior** Volunteers Program Held

On September 19th the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program held its annual Callahan County Recognitin in Clyde. A total of 40 R.S.V.P. volunteers and guests from Baird and Clyde were in attendance.

Honored were Volunteer of the Year from Baird, Lanetha Walker and Volunteers of the Year from Clyde,

2005 Tax Rates

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Baird ISD 1.36198 Cross Plains ISD 1.2944 Clyde IS: 1.6296

City of Baird .78110 City of Clyde .65724 City of Putnam .09764 Cleon and Maxine Smith. Special mention was given to members contributing 600 hours or more of volunteer service this past year. Those members named were Helen Akens, Virginia Beaird, Norma Jean Hubble, Pauline Parsons, Nila Towler, Mary Westbrook, and Velma Young.

Entertainment was provided by Cross Country Band from Clyde and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

We wish to thank all who attended and Helen Akens and Velma Young, Callahan County Coordinators. We would also like to thank Vickey Burns and the Clyde Senior Citizens for use of their facility for this year's event.

Give Barid Star all your local news and events for Baird and Callahan Co. at 211 Market St in Baird Mail in Baird is picked-up at begining of the week Deadlines are 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays

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conspiracy to evade campaign finance laws. The indictment was returned by a Grand Jury in Austin. DeLay is credited with orchestrating the Texas Re-Districting fiasco which resulted in party-packing in Texas and Washington. This charge is a felony, and carries a possible sentence of two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Wednesday's indictment

accuses DeLay's political action committee of accepting corporate money, then writing a check to an arm of the Republican National Committee. Accompanying that check was a list of Texas Legislative candidates and the amounts they were to receive.

Republican Whip Roy Blunt has been named to take DeLay's leadership post in the House, at least temporarily DeLay will remain as a member of the House, representing a District that includes

Sugarland. This indictment was the result of a three-year investigation by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle into the activities of an organization begun by DeLay, and called Texas For A Republican Majority Committee, or TRMPAC.

We have reported on this investigation several times in the Eastland County Newspapers, feeling that the outcome was important.

During this investigation a number of businesses and individuals have also been charged. Two of DeLay's former associates, John Colyandro and Jim Ellis, have been indicted on conspiring to evade the state law barring corporations from giving to candidates.

On Sept. 8, TRMPAC and the Texas Association of Business were indicted on charges of illegally funneling corporate donations into the 2002 Election.

Most of the investigations

balance of power in the Texas Legislature was at stake. The Business Association and the Republican PAC allegedly spent \$2.3 million in corporate money to help elect Republicans. After the election Rep.

go back to 2002, when the

Tom Craddick of Midland was elected Speaker of the House, and U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, with help from the State Legislature, moved forward with plans for redistricting the state. In his comments and

indictments D.A. Ronnie Earle reportedly laid out what he called complicated scheme by TAB and Texans For A Republican Majority to skirt around state law and win in the elections with corporate

According to information, some of the PAC money also went to Republican candidates in the newly drawn Districts in 2003, to help them in defeating the Democrats.

Recently DeLay has also faced Federal ethics allegations in the House of Representatives, but has generally had solid support from his Republican colleagues. Many contributed to a defense fund on his behalf.

One of DeLay's staunch supporters has been Congressman Randy District, of which Eastland County is a part under the redistricting.

House Speaker Tom Craddick has been known to work closely with Tom DeLay, but was not indicted by the Grand Jury but District Attorney Ronnie Earle says that a new Grand Jury will be convened in early October, indicating that the investigation is not

The news of DeLay's indictment is going worldwide, and comments are numerous. DeLay had some things to say about Ronnie Earle. This was only the beginning of his comments:

This morning, in an act

blatant political (Continued inside)

cial data for the 2004 fiscal

training.

Callahan County Veterans News

October 10 & 11 for the annual training as required by the State of Texas. Training will begin at 8 a.m. on the on the 14th. Your Veterans office will be open again on October 17 but closed on October 18 to assist our Callahan County Extension Agent with a program for County school children. LAND SALE-- The Texas Veterans Land Board will

open bids on forfeited land October 25, 2005. There is no offering in Callahan County or in Jones, Coleman, Brown, and Shackelford Counties. There

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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FOR SALE: 8 Lots with old house, city water and well water, some fruit trees \$16,000. Owner Finance \$6,000 down. Sipe Springs area, Comanche Co. Call (254) 629-8417 or (254) 629-8712.

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Misc.

Web Press Time available call 254-629-1707.

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Garage Sale

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Contract 6136-79-001 for CRACK POUR in STONE-WALL County, etc will be opened on October 31, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$124,071.00.

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plicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to project. Prequalification above contract(s) are available from website TxDOT's www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 17963

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Obituary

Charmey Darlene Ely

Darlene Ely, 46, of Cisco and formerly of San Angelo died Sunday, October 2, 2005 in an Victory Assembly in Cisco. Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church of Blackwell. Burial followed in the Hylton Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer her mother, Billie Ragsdale Funeral Home of Bronte.

January 29, 1959, in Bronte, Texas to Desmond and Billie Ragsdale. She attended school in Putnam, with her senior year being in Cisco. She and her family lived in San Angelo for a number of years and had lived the last

BRONTE- Charmey two years in Cisco. She attended the Lighthouse Church in Ranger and

She was preceded in death by her father, Desmond Ragsdale.

Survivors include her children, Michael Lee Ely of San Angelo and Crissy Dorothy Ely of San Angelo; of Cisco; a brother, John Charmey was born on Byrd Ragsdale of Kermit; a sister, Desiree Ann Lucas of Teague; two granddaughters, Kaytlynn Marie Lacy and Aubrey Emily Ely; numerous nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

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Chicken nuggets OR

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, hot roll, cake, fruit, milk

Mon., Oct. 10

Tues., Oct. 11 Chicken bites w/gravy OR Pizza, tator tots, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

Wed., Oct. 12 Ham, cheese and macaroni casserole OR Steak fingers, California vegetables, carrot sticks, cookie, fruit, milk

Thurs., Oct. 13

Nachos OR Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, fruit, milk

Fri., Oct. 14

Chili cheese dog OR Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, dessert, fruit, milk

(Tom DeLay continued from Pg. 1)

partisanship, a rogue District Attorney in Travis County, Texas named Ronnie Earle charged me with one county of criminal conspiracy, a reckless charge wholly unsupported by the facts."

District Attorney Ronnie

Earle said:

"Our job is to prosecute abuses of power and our job is to bring those abuses to the attention of people through juries.

"The law says corporate contributions to election campaigns are felonies."

The comments from the Office of President George W. Bush are more muted. They are given by White House Press Secretary Scott McCellan. He says, "Congressman DeLay is a good ally, a leader who we have worked closely with to get things done for the American people. I think the

President's view is that we need to let the legal process work."

Immunization Clinics October 10 & 12

Texas Department of State Services Health Immunization Clinics in Callahan County Monday, 10th Baird October Cafetorium 400 W. 7th. Time: 10-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority 233 N. Main. Time: 2-4

Wednesday, October 12th Clyde First Baptist Church 216 Austin. Time: 10-12 &

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58 Acres with 4 BR, 2 bath, can be start to the start of t

\$229,600.

169 Acres mostly wooded with a trib SOLD and, canyons. Eastland Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, 250,200.

217 Acres 55% fields & grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 35% oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$260,400.

262 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oak & mesquite trees, 2 fields perfect for game plots, 4 ponds stocked with fish with 1 being fairly large with a very nice dock, large hills, creeks, high fenced on one side, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$393,000.

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

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

2 BR, 1 bath home separate LR and den, CH/A, 5 ceiling fans, storm windows, patio, attached garage, fenced back yard, large trees, \$35,000.

3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer in the storage, corner in part, in the storage in the storage corner in part, in the storage in

LAKE CISCO

2 BR, 1 bath home with CA, woodburning heater, screened porch, large oak trees, dock, 2 decks and 3 storage buildings, \$42,500.

2 BR Home, CH/A, partially furning trees, \$56,000.

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storage building, dock, large oak trees, \$56,000.

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storage building, dock, large oak trees, \$56,000.

8 Master BR, Ig. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg. & many extras. Enjoy life and recreation all year! Lovely 4BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, woodburning heater, dock, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large gameroom. Many extras including inground pool.

dock, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large gameroom. Many extras including inground pool.

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

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

Ann Williams, Broker

Jimmy Williams

Crusin and Groovin October 7 & 8

The first Eastland County Crusin & Groovin Festival is just around the corner October 7 and 8. Cisco, Eastland and Ranger have banned together to give Eastland County residents and all whom surround us two days of cars, tractors, motorcycles, ATVs, music and more! Everything kicks off Friday, October 7th at the City Park in Ranger with a BBQ Cookout from 5-7 p.m. You can purchase tickets in advance in Ranger by contacting Jeane Pruett, The Eastland Chamber of Commerce or that night at the park. The Cruise will start here at 6 p.m. go through Eastland with a pit stop in Cisco at Brookshire's. Everyone will turn around and head back to Eastland to gather on the square for a free 50's concert performed by the Exits aka The Paperclips from 7-9 p.m. Saturday morning the fun continues with the following events:

CISCO: 7 a.m.--4:30 p.m. CJC Auto Tech Club car show at the Hilton Community Center; 8-10 a.m. Tractor Pull at the CJC Ag Building; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Fun Run starting at the Hilton Community Center; Golf tourna-

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7 p.m. Cooke Brothers (Bluegrass), 8 p.m. County Line Band (Country), 9 p.m. Javier & The Wingnutz (Classic Rock), 10 p.m. Rurtine Vira (New Rock). You can purchase your concert tickets at The Eastland Chamber of Commerce, Cisco Chamber of Commerce or in Ranger by contacting Jeane Pruett \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, 10 and under get in free. No outside food or beverage and bring a lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you there!!! For entry forms and more information please contact The Eastland Chamber of Commerce at 629-2332 or the Cisco Chamber of Commerce at 442-2537.

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Guest Speakers At Adventist Church The Cross Timbers Sevcopal faith, will be present-

enth-day Adventist Church, Eastland, will have special guest speakers at a morning and afternoon service on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Dr. Robert Smith, M.D. is bringing along a friend, Dr. David McAlpine, M.D. an Episcopalian. These Bible scholars will discuss Daniel, Revelation and related topics at 11 a.m. and also at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Smith says, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist Christian who believes that 'Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' We will look at the five visions of Daniel, the prophet, with that perspective in mind during our two sessions.

"It should be noted that I am a physician, not a theologian, but I have spent more than 40 years studying the Books of Daniel and the Revelation. Truly, it has become a lifelong passion of mine.

"What has served me well in my Biblical studies is something I learned early in my medical career - 'Don't draw a conclusion based upon someone else's interpretation, before you have done your own research to verify that the conclusion is consistent with the truth.

"In the afternoon session, my friend and colleague, Dr. David McAlpine of the Epis-

garage sales marked with

balloons. Retail stores and

restaurants will also have

"Specials" and discounts in

sure seekers are encouraged

to come to the high school

where the Cross Plains chap-

Bargain hunters and trea-

honor of the day.

Community Wide Yard Sale

A Community Wide Yard ter of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP),

Sale will be held in Cross sponsor of the community

Plains on Saturday, October event, will have their yard

8, including many yard and sale under the pavillion be-

in Cross Plains Saturday

ing his recent discovery of the importance of the Throne of Grace.

"While he was reading the works of John Bunyan he was overjoyed to discover the location of the Throne where Christ reigns today.

"After Dr. McAlpine speaks, I will show why it is

important to study Revelation 17 in connection with Daniel 11 and 12."

The public is cordially invited to come out and hear these interesting talks. The Adventist Church is located at 1233 N. Seaman in Eastland, right north of Morgan Building Co.

Shellie Little Honored With Baby Shower

Shellie (Mrs. Alan) Little was honored with a Baby shower on Saturday September 17, 2005 at the Kokomo Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth over pink with a Teddy Bear in a Basket and a Balloon as the centerpiece. Assorted cookies, punch and mints were served to the many guests attending.

Hostesses were: Pam Childers, J. R. Jones, Tiffany Childers, Martha Overstreet, Anna Lee Roberts, Deborah Jackson, Debbie Burleson, Cheri Troutman, Jeanene Roemisch, Susan Hampton, Tiffany Troutman, Mary Reeves, Cecilia Hurst, Martha Rainey, Helen Browning and Pat Caraway.

Shellie opened the many beautiful and useful gifts and

tween the elementary and

high school. Maps and ad-

dresses of Sale participants

will be distributed there at the

BSP booth. Proceeds of the

BSP sale will be used for ser-

vice projects and scholar-

Cross Plains' main inter-

section, 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,

If you have crafts or other

products to sell, vendor booths (tables) are available

at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center for \$7.50 for

Anderson at 725-6521.

High School is on the left.

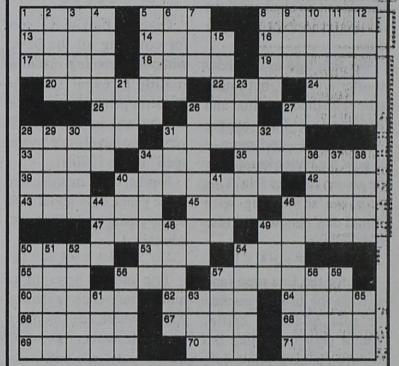
ships for area residents.

they were passed around for all the guests to see and then they were placed on tables around the room.

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Finally: A 'Must See' Movie...

It's been quoted so many times, I've plumb forgotten who may have said it first. Or maybe we never knew. Perhaps the line was written by cavemen on walls, or wafted skyward in Indian smoke signals.

That said, it is the line we've heard, and re-heard and re-heard on "Hee Haw:" "I hate to repeat gossip, but I don't know what else to do with it '

That's the way I felt a while back while leaving the theatre. The wife and I went to the movie because we promised friends and relatives that we would. They'd cut no slack until we showed them our ticket stubs.

We didn't go to the show to offer a review, but rather to be refreshed, inspired and The movie informed. provided that-and moreso now we better know how the gossip monger felt. This time, we're dealing with truth; I don't know what else to do with it!....

So, for the first time (and perhaps the last), I assume the role of movie critic, feeling very much like the guy who claims to know little about art, but he knows what he likes.

I do not offer a certain knowing that if it doesn't number of stars, thumbs up, or other categorical symbols of cinematic excellence. Further, I realize the movie creatures wake up ready to is nearly finished with current theatre rounds, but will be at video rental stores come Nov. 29....

Bonafide critics will chide me for withholding the film's title until the ninth have survived many decades. paragraph.

before, and I make no claims zoo, asking the keeper to about being an authority on particularly anything, movies....

Prepare to have your timbers shivered. The film penguins, and they're all in was photographed at Antarctica, temperatures dip to 50 degrees below zero.

movie is called March of the Penguins. If stars have to be people, there are none. (Unless you count the voice of Morgan Freeman ambling through the 84-minute documentary....)

Clearly, the stars are the Emperor penguins, whose determination, commitment, sacrifice, cooperative spirit and love of offspring teach us much.

In the 100% clean film, this film provides the best love story since, well, Love Story....

It showed us how "mom and dad" penguins must remain "on their toes" at all times for eggs to have the chance to hatch.

The interwoven theme is clear: Whatever sacrifices faced by the present generation are worth it to assure that we have a next generation....

Give the film an A+, too, for covering all the bases without becoming maudlin. It didn't reveal that the Emperor penguin population has halved in the past 50 years (due largely to a "warm spell" in the 1970's).

Neither did it mention that some years, only about 10% of the young birds make it to adulthood.....

The movie brought to mind a reference to darkest Africa, where, each morning, a gazelle wakes, knowing that if it doesn't outrun the fastest lion, it will perish. In the same forest wakes a lion, outrun the slowest gazelle, it will starve.

Be assured that both

Enough of the sublime; it is time for the ridiculous. Perhaps I never again will have opportunity to ease into a joke, variations of which

A man, drunker than So what? I've been chided somewhat, stumbles into the inventory his penguins. "I want to make sure they're all here and accounted for," the tipler said.

> "Yes, we have 12 the pen," the zoo keeper where responded.

"That's what I was afraid of," slurred the inebriate. By now, you know the "I'm afraid I just ran over a nun...."

> Finally, these T-shirt messages that didn't make last week's column:

"You have mistaken me for someone who cares."

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Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

Are you marking your calendar for the5th day of November? We are! That will be the Saturday of our Quilt Show and Bake Sale.

The ladies had a good time working on Laverne's "Butterfly" top, and on the rehab top "Star". Charlene has her top in a "Flower Garden".

Charlene Chesshir hasn't reported since early summer!

"If a man says something in a forest, and his wife's not there to hear him, is he still wrong?"

"Never argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level, then beat you with experience...."

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. His column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments and inquiries by phone at 817-447by email, or newbury@speakerdoc.com His website is www.speaker doc.com

She will try to catch you up on the happenings around the farm! They had a great Chesshir family reunion in June at the Dallas' home on lake Leon. There were representatives from all four of the family that James came from. All five of Charlene's and James's children came but all the grandchildren couldn't make it. In July, John's daughters. Amy Balbour and Abby Gomer cane to the farm for a two day visit. Amy's little girl, Mia (2 1/2) was such a joy to her great-grandmother! Christy Dallas spent most of July and August in Denton helping her daughter and son-in-law remodel a 1950's house. They have replaced the kitchen cabinets, stripped and redid the floors, painted the outside. Charlene really missed her. Christy came home every other week to see about her

mom. Jim has gotten all the

field plowed and ready to sow wheat. It took him one weekend before he started to shred the weeds that followed our big August rains! It is too dry now to sow until we get another rain!

Frankie Smith traveled to Brownwood to the Cross Timbers Association meeting. A great time of fellowship, singing, supper, and preaching was enjoyed by a

Thursday, October 6, 2005 great crowd. She attended the meeting with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of P'oncer.

It is very dry again! We sure could use a rain. Maybe this week. We got all our hot weather in September.

Have you been out to any Football games? The kids are sure giving there best. The band sounds good, also!

Abilene Quilters' Guild To Hold Meeting Oct. 10

The October 10th meeting help Hope Haven. of the Abilene Quilters' Guild will feature Quilto, a quilting form of Bingo. Cards can be purchased with can goods or cash. All donations will be going to Hope Haven. Prizes will be awarded to all winners. Come have fun and

The Abilene Quilters' Guild meets the second Monday of each month at Wylie United Methodist Church, located at 3130 Antilley Road in Abilene. Meet and Greet at 6:45pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm.

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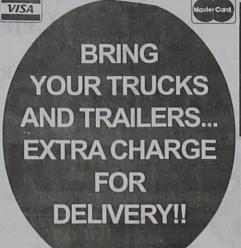
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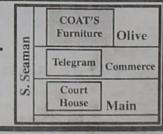
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Shared by: D. Parker Dear Crystal (Meth),

I just thought I would drop you a line to let you know we won't be seeing each other anymore. I realized we have been together for over 20 years, however it's just not working for me anymore. I know this may make you angry, but it's time for me to move on. You see, I just don't need you anymore and I finally realize just how selfish and controlling you are. When we first met, we seemed to have a lot of fun, but now it has become very clear to me that you are only out to satisfy your own destructive desires and you care nothing for me, my family or my friends.

You used to make me feel good. If I was hurting emotionally you made the hurt go away. My problems just didn't seem so big when you were around. Over time I came to realize my problems didn't go away they just got bigger and the pain I didn't feel just came back twice as

You have come between me and my children for the last time! You see, they really do love me, unlike you. They deserve to have the best dad that I can be and as long as you are around that simply is not possible. I gave up everything to be with you- my home, my car and my job. When that was gone you took my self-esteem, my health, my family and finally my freedom. This may sound a little harsh, but I hate you now more than I ever loved you! I have come to the conclusion that I am a much better person without you.

I think it is only fair to warn you, I have someone new in my life by the name of Jesus Christ. I have told Him all about you and He doesn't like you either. He says you run around with an old adversary of His by the name of Satan. He has told me stories of how you and this Satan fellow go around wrecking peoples lives and families.

I will never forget you and all the trouble you caused. I am making it my mission in life to warn everyone I meet about you and all the destruction you cause. In the hope that I may save someone all the heartache, pain and loss of freedom you caused me. I am better than you and I can live without you! I wish you would just go away and leave people alone, but that's probably not going to happen any time soon. So until then, I'll just keep spreading the word about you. I may not be able to tell everyone, but if I can save one person from making the same mistake that I have made, then it has not all been done in vain.

Eastland County Retired Teachers To Meet Monday

Eastland County Retired Teachers and Associates will meet at the Spur and Sportsman Cafe in Cisco at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10th.

"Big Hearted" Grannies, Teachers and Friends in Romania will be the subject of Mrs. Fred (Carolyn) White's talk.

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Possessions

A possessin is something that is held or owned.

George Horace Lorimer wrote: "It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."

Then someone named C. Pratt wrote: "The greatest humbug in the world is the idea that money can make a man happy. I never had any satisfaction with mine until I began to do good with it."

Whether we possess things or they possess us is an important question we each need to answer.

Jesus directed the rich young ruler to "go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor...and come follow me." (Matthew 19:21)

We are told that this young ruler went away full of sorrow. The ruler's problem was not the riches but his absorption with them. The riches held first place in his heart.

Then there is a true story about Gladys Holm, who lived in Evanston, Illinois, in a tiny apartment and remained single all her life. Gladys had immigrant parents. She moved to Chicago when she was eighteen and went to work for a small hospital supply company and served the firm's founder as yourself." 30738 1

because she gave sick children stuffed animals. If a family had a problem with the hospital bills, Gladys Holm quietly contributed money although her job never paid more than fifteen thousand dollars a year.

Gladys Holm died at the age of eighty-six and left fifteen million dollars to the hospital. Her money came from her stock which had grown manyfold. As a tribute to Gladys, the hospital held a memorial service a few weeks after her death. When the guests arrived at the memorial service, they found at each chair, a teddy bear. Certainly Gladys served will and gave of herself.

S. Ansky wrote that one day a rich but miserly Chassid came to a Rabbi. The Rabbi led him to the window. "Look out there," he said, "and tell me what you see?"

"People," answered the rich man.

Then the Rabbi led him to a mirror.

"What do you see now?" he asked.

"I see myself," answered the Chassid.

Then the Rabbi said, "Behold, in the window there is glass and in the mirror there is glass but the glass of the mirror is covered with a little silver. No sooner is a little silver added than you cease to see others and see only

Sister Irene came from a Gladys Holm was known wealthy family in a New as the "Teddy Bear Lady" York suburb. She had four brothers and several sisters. They all lived in a magnificent home on Long Island.

> Sister Irene has never married and all her siblings had done well materially. One brother is an ambassador. Forty-five years ago Irene took her religious vows. Sister Irene has never owned a car or a house. She lives with three elderly nuns in a Bos

ton apartment and does the shopping, cooking and cleaning for all four.

As Sister Irene looks around her small closet-sized room, which is rugless and curtainless, she feels that she has much because she has the love of God. Her emphasis is always on how much she has and not how little. She spends her spare time strolling her neighborhood talking to beggars, the homeless, the school dropouts, the abused children and the addicts.

Sister Irene knows that the most valuable possession of all is the Master and that all He asks in return is our complete devotion. Luke 12:15 flower, tells us that "real life is not measured by how much we own."

In India, Bangladesh and other developing countries basic living conditions are very different from what we enjoy in our daily living.

Things such as regular

Thursday, October 6, 2005 meals, permanent homes, in-

door plumbing and cars are not part of their everyday existence.

No matter how difficult life is, joy comes not from outward, but from inward possessions. James 2:5 says: "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith ...?"

Wagner wrote: "Joy is not. in things; it is in us."

I will close with this poem by Margerite A. Gutschow.

Treasure

"I am rich today, a baby ran to meet me, and put her tiny hand within my own

And smiled her rosy lips a

The light within her eyes, from heaven shone.

And when I crossed the fields the birds were singing

A golden blossom in my pathway lay,

It wasn't much; but, oh, the joy there's in it.

To have a baby smile at you in just that way."

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million children every year. But since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended using a new vaccine as part of children's vaccination schedules, physicians have begun to notice a change in the most common cause of these infec-

The vaccine, known as Prevnar, protects against a bacteria called streptococcus pneumoniae (strep pneumo, one of the bacteria that cause ear infections). Researchers have found that while the vaccine is effective in preventing strep pneumo infections, it has actually caused a shift in the primary bacteria responsible for ear infections, to a less common bac-

teria--Haemophilus. (H flu) Studies show that this bug is increasingly prevalent in children's ear infections. Before the vaccine, almost half of ear infections were caused by strep pneumo, but by 2002, nearly 60 percent of cases were caused by H flu. According to a 2002 review of medical records, vaccinated children with corriers. nated children with ear infecconsidering this shift, physicians may need to change the type of antibiotic they prescribe for ear infections.

To determine the best treatment for a child's car infections.

ment for a child's ear infection, the doctor needs to know the specific cause, but this is difficult because a clear diagnosis requires an ear tap, which can be com-plicated and painful. So, doc-tors usually prescribe a treatment for the most common cause of the infection. But not all antibiotics are effective against both strep pneumo and H flu. Older medications, such as penicillins, do not address these bacteria as effectively as newer antibiotics, like cephalosporins, against the most common bacteria common bacteria.

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undergoing medical treatment in Dallas. The quilt was lovingly handmade and donated by Lora Shafer, a Girling nurse who is also very talented with arts and crafts. Winner of the Texas sling back chair was Christine Tanner of Ranger, and winner of the compact CD player was Loretta Key of Eastland. Congratulations to these winners, and thanks to Lora for her giving spirit!!

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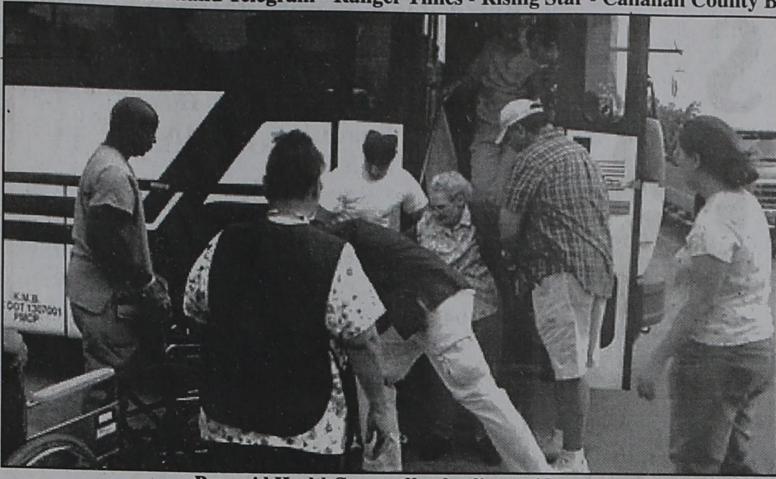
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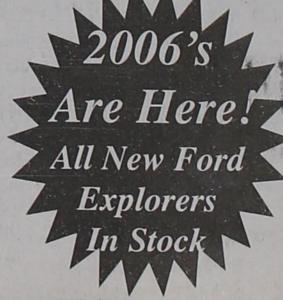
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Sep. 15	Roby	There	5:00
Sep. 22	Knox City	Home	5:00
Sep. 29	Open		
Oct. 06	Ranger	There	5:00
Oct. 13	Goldthwatie	Home	6:30
Oct. 20	Gorman	There	6:00
Oct. 27	Cross Plains	Home	5:00
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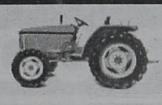
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Oct. 12 Cisco Jr. High 4 p.m.

Oct. 18 Baird Varsity, JV, Jr. High 4 p.m. Oct. 24 District- Eula Varsity, JV, Jr. High **TBA**

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Beard is the son of James Beard of County Road 275, Clyde, Texas, and grandson of Ulys Beard of Coleman, Texas.

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