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# BAIRD BEARS

Sports, Sports, Sports

March 21 - V. Baseball - \* Eula - Here - 4:30 p.m. March 21 - Golf - Mineral Wells, Holiday Hill

Country Club - Boys/Girls

March 21 - JH Track, Field - May

March 24 - Tennis - Jim Ned Tournament

March 24 - HS Track, Field - May

March 25 - V. Baseball - \* Cross Plains - T - 11:00

March 28 - V. Baseball - \* Ranger - H - 4:30 p.m.

### TAKS Reading Results Good, Superintendent's **March Report Says**

At the March 17, 2005 Baird I. S. D. Board of Education meeting, the Superintendent's report stated that Elementary TAKS Reading results were 100% passing for Grade 3, and 86% passing for Grade 5. The administration was very pleased with the results, Superintendent Gardner said.

One hundred and fifty students are participating in extra curricular activities in grades 7-12, he further reported.

Also in the report: enroll- 2005 at 7:30 P.M. ment is 124 at the High School and 226 at the Elementary for a total of 350. The attendance rate for the school year to date is 96.1% at the High School and 96.78% at the Elementary School.

Drug test were given to 136 students - 133 received negative results and 2 positive results were found. One self-referral on the day of drug testing will also count as a positive results. The percentage of positive results is 1.5%. This is a very good percentage, Superintendent Gardner said.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial statements for March was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Gerry McDowell. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve Elaine Hopkins and Meta Isenhower for election judges for the May 7, 2005 election was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Matt Rogers. The vote was

A motion to approve the 2005-2006 school calendar as presented was made by Allen Wilson and seconded

A motion to set March 31, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. as a special meeting with Doug Witt and Del Ware discussing our options in building and financing the building of a new elementary school and the estimate of cost of renovations of the Putnam school was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. The vote was unanimous.

by Burke Robinson. The vote

was unanimous.

The next regular meeting date was set for April 19,

The Board of Eduction also adjourned to a closed session at 7:10 P.M.

A motion to accept the resignation of John Horner was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Matt Rogers. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept the resignation of Jerry Fleming was made by Matt Rogers and seconded by Allen Wilson. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the reasonable assurance contracts as presented was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. The vote was unanimous.

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A motion to approve the secondary contracts as presented was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Gerry McDowell. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the elementary contracts as presented was made by Matt Rogers and seconded by Kenneth Brock. The vote was

unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

### **Hospice of Big Country Needs Volunteers**

Hospice of the Big Country is looking for new volunteers in Callahan County to join their volunteer program. Due to an increase inpatient referrals in the area, they are offering a volunteer training class for persons in-

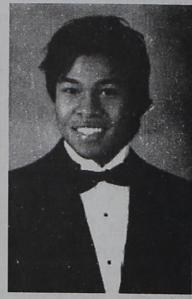
terested in assisting with patients in Callahan Co.

The class will be held in Abilene and begin on Tuesday, March 29. The class will continue for three weeks on

(Continued Inside ....)

### Neal, Calvo Are Medalist **At Baird Invitational**





Jodi Neal and Jay Calvo were both top ranking medalists at the Baird 2005 Invitational Golf Tournament. Jay Calvo placed first with a score of 74 in the Boys' Division; Jodi Neal with 76 in the Girls' Division. The Baird Girls' Golf Team also placed 1st as a team in the tournament with 368. Please see complete scores and medalists inside ...

# A Life So Lived

By J.B. Johnston

Carbon, TX. The old man sat by the railroad tracks dreaming of a this day and time that life once lived. He no longer had the health to work or the ambitio to do anything but survive and even that was not so strong anymore. He had long since given up his health disease. It didn't take long to the infernal bottle that he for it to take the last breath now clutched as gently as a of the baby and he was gone mother would her child. It so quickly. People handle and the clothes upon his back grief in different ways and were his only possessions. Although his stomach told him that he needed food to survive, his addiction to alcohol had made that need secondary to taking his next

drink of wine. He wondered why God had lot in life. It hadn't always so many years he could not remember just how it had felt to have the pride and respect that other people now seemed to have. If only he material possessions in his headed anywhere, he might make a new start, but he knew deep down, that he had done that and it had never that. His only friend was the worked. He knew, but refused to admit, that the not realizing that it was his change would have to be worst enemy. It was as some new location. This was a thought that he didn't dwell upon long, for alcohol addiction possesses your every thought, unless your mind has been satisfied with its numbing addictive effect.

He reflected back upon what had been a difficult but respectable life. He recalled his once lovely wife, and that baby son that had given him so much pleasure to just hold and to rock to sleep. Because of the depression it hadn't been an easy life, but he had held occasional jobs that provided enough income for food and other necessities. He also knew that things would get better. They did someday again rock that

too, but not for him. It is hard to envision in

medicine wasn't available to cure diseases such as pneumonia, and many people both old and young had died from the dreaded his was the bottle. He had never been a church going man but had always believed that there was a God. He knew little about Him and had turned to blaming God instead of seeking comfort for him. dealt him such a miserable This was a mistake that had caused him much grief over been this way, but it had been the years. He was smart enough to know that hatred was self-destructing and had cost him a high price. He hadn't owned many could just catch a freight car lifetime but the most precious thing had been his family. Now, his hatred had caused him to lose even bottle, that he now clutched, within himself and not in deadly as if he had been clutching a rattlesnake. If there was some way to

break this spell that had so engulfed his life, just maybe he could find some peace of mind and start a new life. This was not something he could do alone. He had tried and failed many times. Then he thought of the God that he had forsaken, and something he had heard about Him having a Son of His own.

Yes that was it!

God too had lost a Son to the sins of His world, but now was reunited with Him in heaven.

Could it be that he could

### Emma Hughes Dies At 105

Mrs. Lloyd (Emma) Hughes died Monday, March 21, 2005 in an Abilene care facility. The lifelong resident of Callahan County was 105 years of age and the oldest member of the First United Methodist Church of Baird. Services for Mrs. Hughes are 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Baird. Please see Obituary inside .....

### **News For Veterans**

members are invited to a by the Big Spring VAMC. Veteran's Benefits Seminar April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 the VA Regional Office -Waco, The Texas Veteran's Commission - Waco, the Dallas VA Consumer Affairs Office, the VA Cemetery staff and many other agencies will be on hand to offer of great aid in proving the assistance and answer questions. Veterans should bring connected injuries. Never their DD 214 (Discharge & Service Record) and any medical records that pertain March 21, 2005 for Alton M to their claim.

to meet with some very knowledgeble people with Alton was 68 years of age ready answers regarding VA benefits and how to secure ing the late 1940s when his those benefits. Big Spring parents, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan VA Hospital ---- The first Waldrop, operated a feed meeting in the twelve month store on Market Street. The study regarding the future of family moved on to Pecos, the Big Spring VAMC will TX and Alton graduated be held April 6 & 7 in Big Spring. The study is being conducted by Price Waterhouse & Company.

lor County Veteran's SErvice ride his pony around town. Officers are serving on the study committee as the only County Service Officers Service Officer

Veteran's Seminar --- All from the 53 Texas counties Veterans and their family plus Lea county, NM served

Never Give UP!! ---- A to be held at the VFW Post Callahan County WWII 4136, Eastland, Texas on sailor needed a "Buddy Letter" to back up his claim for p.m. Representatives from injuries sustained during a Japanese air attack on his ship. His request for hlep in the VFW magazine brought an immediate response from a Marine who also served on the same ship. This will be sailor's claim for service-Give Up!!

Services were held Waldrop at the McCoy Fu-This is a good opportunity neral Home in Sweetwater, TX with burial in Tulia, TX. and had lived in Baird durfrom Pecos High in 1955. Alton's parents preceded him in death. Many people in Baird will remember Callahan county and Tay- Alton and how he loved to

> submitted by Tom Ivey, Callahan County Veterans

baby boy?

With that, he broke the bottle against the rails of the track, and fell upon his knees.

Once again the love of a baby boy had proven more powerful than hatred.

### Did You Know?

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### **Texas Department of State Health Services**

Will hold the following Immunization clinics in Callahan County

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### Correction & Clarification

Due to unintended transposition the photos of automobiles lid not match the descriptions shown in Fullen Motor Company's advertisement in the last issue.

They are correct in today's edition. We apologize for any confusion or problems.

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### Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

As we celebrate Easter with our families, may we also go to church and worship our risen Saviour, and thank God for sending from the grave we were and to come into our heart.

worship with us at the Clarence Wilson's message. Kokomo Baptist Church. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children following the morning fire on Wednesday, March worship service. Easter has always been a time of and many friends and homecoming at the Kokomo neighbors came to help, but Baptist Church when many who grew up at Kokomo come back for a visit and many, many tools that he had bring their families. "Happy collected for many years, Easter" to all.

Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Melanie of the community, and when Gatlin of Graham who was with grandparents, Woodrow and and he is always faithful to Helen Browning, Alexis come to our rescue. We Snapp of Lewisville who was with grandparents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Ben Burgess and Bailey Underwood of Gorman who visited with them until were visiting with their Saturday afternoon. Other grandparents, Daryl and Cecilia Hirst. The special music was presented by Glynda Bond with a Medley of Hymns on the organ.

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"Happy Birthday" was sung to Ben Burgess, Norma Webb and Joe Bond. It was good to see Norma able to be back in church following her his son, Jesus Christ to shed hip surgery. Mary Jane Little his blood upon the cross to gave an emphasis on giving cover our sins. As He arose our time and offerings for Home Missions. There are assured of eternal life with many ways we can do Him if we repent of our sins, mission work in our church and ask Jesus to forgive us and community, country and throughout the world. This You are invited to come to was also the theme of Bro.

A shop at the home of Delmon and Joyce Eaves was completely destroyed by 16. Several fire departments couldn't save the building. It was a total loss. Delmon lost some of them antique. Many Visitors at the Kokomo in the community think of Delmon as the "handy man" we have something that her needs fixing, we call on him, certainly do appreciate him and Joyce, and are really sorry for their loss. Their daughter, Deliah Lewis of Ennis came on Thursday and visitors were Glendal Laminack of Springtown, Kenneth Eaves of Eastland, Verda Jean and Donald Eaves of Carbon, Oren and Norma Webb, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan, Woodrow Browning, Larry and Betty Strube, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and I'm sure there were many that I didn't know about. They appreciate all who came.

James and Jantzen Webb or Granbury, Jacob Webb of Burleson, Kaci, Aaron and B. Griffith. Kaelee Suniga of Comanche Norma Webb.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Carolyn Little, Betty Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Ima Boles and Bill

and Lois Boles of Granbury were in San Angelo on March 12th to attend the wedding of Blake Boles and Dana Rosser at the First United Methodist Church. They also attended the reception at the Fort Concho Commissary. Blake is the son of Bill and Lois Boles and the grandson of Ima Boles. Our congratulations to Blake and

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with Jerry and Lavell Hallmark and Fred and Jimmie Joan Willson in San Angelo, and they all had dinner together on Saturday night in celebration of Jerry's birthday.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited in Eastland with an aunt, Willie Mae Cozart, and a cousin, Jimmy Dale Hendricks.

Ashley and Breckley Little spent Wednesday night with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Crystal Snider on the birth of their new daughter, Michelle Kate Snider. She was born in the Stephenville hospital on March 1, 2005 and weighed 5 pounds and 7 ounces. She was also welcomed home by her "big" sister, Rachel Ann.

LaVon Snider and Snider Dwayne Stephenville visited recently in Ozona with their aunt, Bertha Fay (Snider) Henry and Johnny and Patti Jones.

On Sunday LaVon ate supper in the home of Ted and Charlotte Snider and enjoyed visiting with them and Jamie, Stephanie, Anna, Andrew, Matthew, Craig and Kael Snider of Hollis, OK.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider were Dan Snider of Gorman, Dwayne Snider of Stephenville, Erik, Belinda, Belle, Ella, Audri and Isaac Segura of Gorman.

Dale Griffith of Fort Worth visited with his aunt, Johnnie

spent Tuesday with Oren and Stephenville visited with Nancy Hendricks.

James and Lawrence of Sherwood, AR visited with Zelda Jordan from Wednesday until

Friday.

Ken and Mary Nell Rogers of Eastland, Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon and Shorty Treadway of Ranger visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday night and enjoyed games of "Train". Word was received on

passed away at hi., home in Ranger Ranger. He was a former resident of Kokomo as was his parents, the late Oscar and Eva Treadway, and had been a friend of my family for over 60 years. We extend sincere sympathy to his daughter and son-in-law, Monday that Shorty had Marilyn and Bill Rogers of

Thursday, March 24, 2005 and granddaughter and husband, Amy and Jared Browder of Eastland, his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Nell and Ken Rogers and Jolene and Bryan Lee Johnson of Eastland and their families, and to the families of his late brothers, Winford and Orval Treadway.

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### 11TH COURT OF APPEALS

Eleventh District of Texas Eastland, Texas Proceedings (En Banc) March 17, 2005 **Affirmed** 

11-03-00322 CR Lindy Odane Ashton v. State of Texas. (Opinion by Justice McCail)(Panel consists of. Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) - Taylor.

11-03-00382 CR Cedric Williams a/k/a Cedric Dean Williams v. State of Texas (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of. Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) -Midland.

11-03-00397 CR Luther Dewayne Parks v. State of Texas (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of. Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) - Midland.

11-04-00023 CV Ricky Smith v. Rita Smith. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of. Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) - Gaines.

#### **Motion Submitted &** Granted; Vacated & Remanded

11-04-00193 CV Peter H. Eggert and Arlene C. Eggert v. Palo Pinto Central Appraisal Palo Pinto District and Appraisal Review Board of Palo Pinto County. Appellees' agreed motion to set aside trial court's judgment without Regard to merits and remand case for entry of agreed judgment. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of. Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)-Palo Pinto.

### **Appeal Dismissed**

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#### Martin Luther on **Christian Liberty**

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Beyond this, Martin Luther recognized that God gave us certain "essentials" of the

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faith, biblical principles and moral absolutes without which there can be no Christian faith and about which there can be no legitimate debate. He also recognized that God gave us room for what Luther called "nonessentials" in our lives. Across time and among an incredible array of culture, God allows us opportunities, behavior, activities, actions, and ways of life about which we must make judgements. As long as these man-made behaviors do not violate God's essentials, we have liberty to participate in them or not to participate in them.

The list of nonessentials is endless: food, music, architecture, clothing, jewelry, art, dating and courting, professions, crafts, etc. Now reThursday, March 24, 2005 member A nonessential is not automatically Christian; it's something about which we've been given liberty to judge.

Martin Luther is justifiably respected. Here's his comment again: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D., book author and president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich., pens this column, which appears in 89 newspapers

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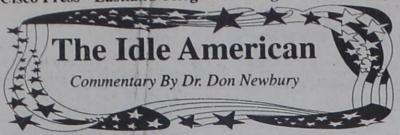
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**Umpires Happy** with Same Old.

As umpires dust off their gear for another baseball season, the "first laugh" (and likely the last one as well) will be theirs. As they scan headlines and hear broadcasts detailing congressional investigations on steroid use by athletes, they are glad that their work is pretty much business as usual-simply calling balls and strikes.

'Ours is to see if the ball is juiced, not the players," one of them chuckled. They're happy to leave the posturing and spin-doctoring to Congress, owners, players and their reps to duke it out as to what is fair and what is foul ...

Meanwhile, fans of sports at all levels shake their heads, with hearts at half-mast. They are sore afraid of what ongoing investigations may reveal, even at the junior high level. We live in a "gain the edge at all costs" kind of world.

Investigations must, of course, go on as we strive to find our way back to gentler, purer and nobler times. There is a national yearning to shift in reverse and return there. The road back may be long, with much reality-facing along the way. It's akin to "unsupersizing" at fast-food places. We aren't used to it, cup for common sense this

but a nation wobbly with obesity has run out of options.

Decades from now, when guilty players and the rest of us are gone, DNA will be such that who used "what, when and how much" will be confirmed beyond question. Then, of course, few will care; new issues will be on front

Consider DNA findings about King Tut. Authorities now believe that he died not from poisoning—as we've been led to believe for three centuries—but from a broken leg. Next thing we know, they'll probably decide he wasn't a "boy king" after all, but an actor...

As we learn much specificity about what already has occurred, we still give ourselves wide berth in our every-day stumbling along, getting things "about right." We laugh that most of what we do is "close enough for government work."

Most people would settle for more evidence of boilerplate, garden variety, run-of-the-mill common sense. I don't think DNA covers this ..

Who would have guessed that a contender for the gold

turned down a head basketball coaching position at a major university, complete with megabucks?

His name is Rick Majerus. A few weeks back, he signed on to be the new cage boss at Southern Cal. Before the ink was dry, common sense came calling, and he cried "King's X," undoing the deal...

Majerus, already a proven coach with 20 winning seasons and no losing ones, had 15 great years at the University of Utah (1990-2004). Weighing around 400 pounds much of the time and consumed with basketball during waking moments, the 57-yearold celebrated wins by eating, and he endured losses the same way. Heart problems came along, and after the 2004 season, he walked away from coaching and into ESPN stu-

Really, his decision was a "no-brainer." He can stay on TV indefinitely, but a return to the pressures of big-time coaching likely would have done him in.

If he chooses, he can take up stand-up comedy. "I had seven bypasses, one for each food group," he said. "I've had meals that lasted longer than my career at Southern

Maybe Rick could be the "poster boy" "unsupersizing..."

Oh, we can give horse collars to some coaches for lousy judgment. Running neck-andneck for this award are John Chaney, Temple University coach who sent in a player solely to "rough up" basketball opponents (result was a broken arm), and Minnesota Vikings' Head Coach Mike

Tice admitted that he "probably" shouldn't have scalped several Super Bowl tickets, a

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year would be a man who clear violation of NFL rules. PROBABLY? One would think a guy earning a sevenfigure income could squeak by without scalping tickets-and leave out the word "probably" of his admission statement...

> Common sense suggests that Chaney go the way of Dan Rather, another 73-year-old who made a big mistake near the end. Or, he might just go to a shrink with Tice.

A quick study of using sensitive quotes would also be helpful. Had a white coach admitted "sending in a goon," suffice it to say he'd be in big trouble..

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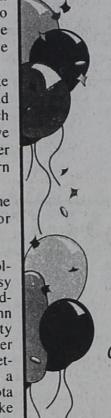
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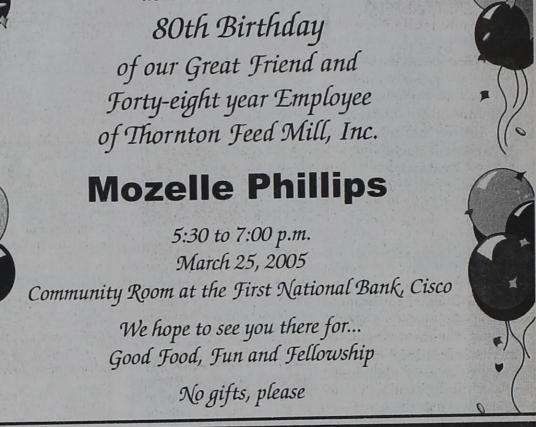
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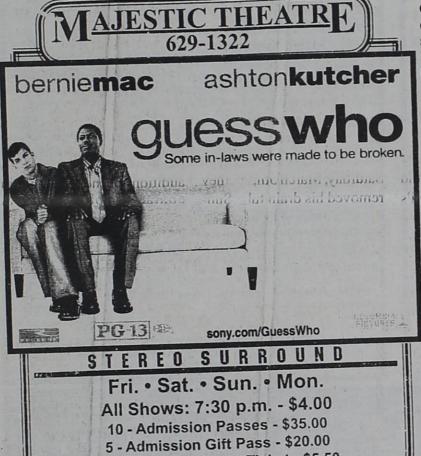
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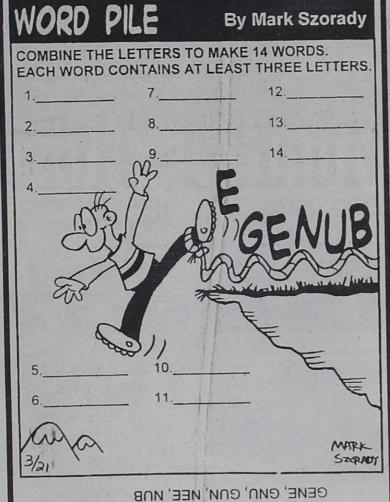


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# Congressman Neugebauer A Note To Say "Thank You So Much" **Strongly Supports Bill**

Terri Schiavo's Life Prolonged By House Legislation

In a press release from the Washington office of Congressman Randy Neugebauer, District 19, it was announced that the House passed legislation allowing Terri Schiavo's feeding tube to be reinserted temporarily and for federal courts to have jurisdiction over her case.

The release states that Congressman Neugebauer strongly supported this bill,



Proposal would move freight lines out of urban areas

AUSTIN - With flourish worthy of a treaty-signing, Gov. Rick Perry and Union Pacific Railroad CEO Richard Davidson have put names on memorandum of understanding that represents the first step in moving freight rail lines from urban areas in Texas. The agreement included no specifics, but the idea is that the state and the private sector will work together to get freight trains out of the cities and into the country. That, the governor said, will improve safety and make it easier to develop commuter rail service between places such as Austin and San Antonio. "Relocating rail lines from crowded city centers will lead to safer crossings, less hazardous cargo carried through populated areas, (and) greater efficiency in the movement of products," Perry said.

Two, four, six, eight... Rep. Al Edwards (D-Houston) has filed a bill prohibiting sexually suggestive movements by cheerleaders at sporting events and other extracurricular activities. Under HB 1476, a school district could be docked a certain amount of state funding (to be set by the state commissioner of education) if that district "knowingly" allowed its cheerleaders to perform inappropriately.

Concealing concealed handgun holder's names...

A bill that would make the names of licensed concealed handgun holders confidential passed the House on March 17. Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp's (R-Lampasas) HB 318 would prohibit the Department of Public Safety, which administers the handgun licensing program, from revealing the names of any of the state's 237,000plus license holders. A similar measure made it through the House in the last regular session but was gunned down in the Senate. Meanwhile, the DPS has negotiated a reciprocal agreement Pennsylvania allowing licensed Texans to tote guns in the Keystone State and vice versa. Texas has concealed handgun agreements with 18 states. State Historian...

Texas has an official poet laureate, state musician and two state artists. Now a proposal's in the hopper to create the post of state

S. 686, which passed the House by a vote of 203-58.

The latest House bill to protect Terri Schiavo's life gives her parents the eligibility to bring a suit in federal district court to determine if any of her federal constitutional rights ahve been violated by the decision to remove her feeding tube. The bill calls for the feeding tube to be reinserted until such a hearing can take place.

remarks in support of the bill that the situation was not easy because of many unresolved questions.

Although Congressman Neugebauer said he agreed historian. House Bill 2938, introduced by Rep. Harvey Hildebran (R-Kerrville), says the state historian would be charged with enhancing Texans' awareness of their history and heritage, encouraging the teaching of Texas history in schools, speaking on Texas history and consulting with state officials "on matters related to the promotion of Texas history." If the bill passes, before you rush an application to Austin, here's the fine print: "The state historian may not receive compensation reimbursement for expenses from the state for serving as

state historian." Kinky update...

Kerrville singer-mystery writer Kinky Friedman continues to say he expects no trouble in getting the 50,000 signatures necessary to get him on the ballot next year as the first independent candidate for governor since Sam Houston in 1859. And his effort may get some help from an unlikely person, a Republican House member. Rep. Todd Baxter's (R-Austin) House Bill 1721 would eliminate the present provision in the state Election Code that prohibits a registered voter from signing a petition to get another name on the ballot if he had already voted in his party's primary.

that this case should be a family issue, he pointed out that Terri Schiavo's wishes are not known, that there are conflicting accounts of what course of action Terri would want her doctors to take, and a family that disagrees on the fate of Terri's life.

The husband wants to end her life, and the parents are willing to do everything it takes medically, emotionally, and financially to save the life of their child, Neugebauer said in Congressman Neugebauer continued.

"Some may ask why Congress is getting involved. The answer to that is simple. One of the primary duties of the federal government and members of Congress is to uphold and defend the constitution and the individual rights its sets forth. So we are acting to allow that every possible legal process has been exhausted to ensure that Terri's federal rights have been properly defended. One of thos federal rights is the right to life. The Fourteenth three days ago. So, medi-Amendment establishes that no 'State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, and property, without due process of law.' Everyday, in cases where the action of the state will result in the death of an individual, that individual is provided the opportunity to have her case heard in both the state and federal court systems. That is all we are asking to be done today."

Congressman Neugebauer emphasized: "Terri is not on life support, she is not brain-dead, and no heroic measures are needed to keep her alive, she simply needs the assistance of a feeding tube for food and water. If we knew beyond a shadow of a doubt the answers to these questions, we would likely not need to be here tonight. However, because these questions remain disputed, the responsible course of action is to err on the side of life."

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tice wanted to say "Thank You" for your support, your caring, and most of all your prayers that you gave to Jayd. We thought we would share with you Jayden's miracle and his long journey.

To begin Jayd was to have his heart surgery on Thursday, February the 10th. We arrived at the hospital on time prepared for at least a 6 hour surgery and maybe an 8 hour. We knew that at best we would be going home in 7 days after surgery, at worst days. The road begins...the doctors felt Jayd had more problems with his lungs than needed to go ahead with the surgery so the surgery is postponed until March 2nd and we are sent directly over to a lung specialist to receive medicine and go home. The lung doctor put Jayd directly into ICU February 10th. On Sunday, February 13th Jayd's cardiologist came in and told us that it is not his lungs but his heart and he is worse now than when he came into ICU cines are changed and method of care and we go on. Finally!!! On Monday, February 21st Jayd goes in for surgery. The surgery lasted for 12 hours and they were unable to get his heart to beat on its own after 2 attempts. So our little Jayd (who by the way turned I during all this in ICU) came out of surgery on the small bypass machine (life support).

Miracle #1: Jayd's doctor explained to us that he could not tell us how sick Jayd's heart was that they do not see cept in newborns because if not caught and corrected the child does not live. He also tells us that he will leave Jayd on the small bypass machine for 5 days but that is all the time the heart will need to repair and rest and if after 5 days it still doesn't work, there will be nothing else to be done.

Miracle #2: Tuesday morning, February 22nd the doctor finds a hole down in Jayd's heart (Jayd came out of surgery without being sewed back together and remained that way for 7 days) so back into surgery we went for 6 1/2 more hours. This

The family of Jayden Jus- time his heart started to beat on its own. However, the doctor left him on the bypass machine until Friday, February 25th to allow his heart to rest all that it could.

Miracle #3: All was going really well Jayd was sewn back together on Monday, February 28th and was to get his breathing tube removed on Thursday, March 3rd. Not liking something they saw the doctor's did another echo on Jayd and found that his patch over where they had went into the heart had come loose. So on Friday, March 4th we go back into surgery for 6 more hours. The doctor came out and told us that the heart muscle was too soft to hold the stitches, he had put a patch onto the end of the other patch and stretched it over to what he hoped was good muscle, but if it didn't hold there would be no use in going in again and we would probably just need to take him home and enjoy him for the time that we had him. As you can imagine we were all very upset. We begin to pray and seek God's will and He lead us to Matthew 18:18 -19. We all gathered in our motel room and prayed and read these scriptures out loud and believed, then we went back to the hospital and asked if we could all come into Jayd's room for just a minute (there were 6 of us). We went in and read these scriptures over Jayd out loud and then prayed and turned him over to God!!! Since then Jayd has not looked back! He stopped draining on Saturday, March 5th, so, they removed his drain tube Sunday morning, March 6th and this kind of heart failure ex- his breathing tube that same evening. After 34 days in ICU Jayd was moved to the regular floor on Wednesday, March 16th, and hopefully will get to come home before

We had the very best doctors and staff and their effort and concern over Jayd was amazing but without the prayers of everyone Jayd would not be with us today. "Thank You" seems so small but we are truly grateful, and will never forget the kindness, and concern of every-

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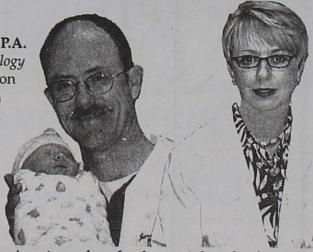
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### Obituary

### **Alma Fay Shipley**

Eula - Alma Fay Shipley, ing arts and crafts. age 66, of Eula, Texas, died Friday, March 18, 2005 at her home. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Eula Baptist church. Reverend Larry Adams officiated and burial followed in Kendrick Cemetery at Denton Valley directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird, Texas.

Mrs. Shipley was born October 11, 1938 in Abilene, Texas. She married October 7, 1954 in Abilene, Texas. She moved to Eula, Texas in 1978. She was a member of the Eula Baptist Church. Achievements: LVN, ORT, Pest Control licenses. She enjoyed do-

Survivors include: Alfred L. Shipley of Eula, Texas; children, Janie and Tony Camburides of Chatham, VA., Billy and Donna Shipley, Sandy and Ray Hardin of Eula, Texas; eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren; two sisters, Ganeva Askins of Abilene, Texas, and Emily Weeks of Irving, Texas; one brother, Alvin Cavaness of Dallas, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Sean Shipley, Tim Hardin, Harold Moore, Wayne Cavaness, Rodney Cavaness, and Cory McCall.

### **Obituary**

### Mrs. Lloyd (Emma) Hughes

Baird - Mrs. Lloyd (Emma) Hughes, 105, died March 21, 2005, in an Abilene care facility. Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Baird directed by Parker Funeral Home. Pastor Larry Gaumond will officiate, and burial will follow in the Ross Cemetery.

Emma was born June 7, 1899, in Clyde to Jeremiah and Laura Williams. She was a lifelong resident of Callahan County, and a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and was the oldest member of the church. She married Lloyd R. Hughes on April 1, 1913 at Belle Plaine.

Survivors include: three daughters, Marie Cargal of Abilene, Helen Miller of

Baird, and Laura Louise (Buck) Hughes of Baird; one daugher in law, Earlene Hughes of Baird; two grandsons and wives, Dr. Harold H. Miller and Pamella of Grand Prairie, and Lloyd Ray Hughes and Evelyn of Baird; five great grandchildren, and four great great grandcildren.

She was preceded in death by: one daughter, Ruth Novella Hughes; one son, M. L. Hughes; husband, Lloyd R. Hughes; father and mother Jeremiah and Laura Williams; one brother, Willie Williams, and two sisters, Velma Walker and Bessie Black.

Pallbearers will include: Dr. Joe Reed, Lloyd Ray Hughes, Hal Miller, B. P. Stephenson, David Miller. Dyer Windham, Jim Hatchett, Sr., and Glen Bohannon.

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A.M. Worship Service - 11:00

A.M. Evening Service - 6:00

P.M. Wednesday Choir Prac-

tice 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service -7:00 P.M

Wednesday, March 23 -NO Choir Rehearsal or Prayer Meeting

Thursday, March 24 -6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal -7:00 pm Lord's Supper - All Church council Members will meet in the Fellowship Hall after service.

Friday, March 25 - OF-FICE CLOSED

Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Trey and Sally Dyer's 283 South. Start to gather around 6:45 am - Coffee and Donuts will be served after the ser-

Sunday, March 27 - See service times listed above -COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!!!

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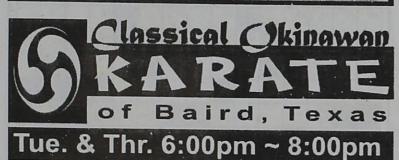
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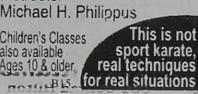




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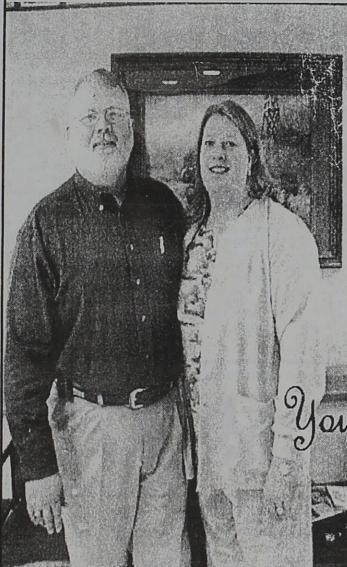
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issues dominated my time in Washington over the last week. Early in the week, the House worked on setting the budget for 2006. And finally, and possibly most importantly, Congress worked to find a way to protect Terri Schiavo's right

of talk recently, both in Washington and in the 19th district, about next year's budget. Congress took a couple of steps in that process last week as the House and Senate each passed their own budget bills. There are some differences between the two bills, which we will begin to iron out in April.

budget which limits spending to \$2.553 trillion. No matter how you look at it, that is a big chunk of taxpayer dollars to be spending. The silver lining in that number is that this limit will allow Congress to continue its efforts to get rid of the federal deficit.

Specifically, there are two important items to note as we work on solving our deficit problems. First, all USDA spending will be on the table as we look to find savings in that area of the government. It is essential that we take this approach if this country is going to eliminate deficit spending in a fair and equitable way. Secondly, the budget allows for Congress to move forward with tax cut measures such as relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax and elimination of the Death Tax. This aspect of the budget is also essential

have to our deficit-cutting policy. Last year, the federal government took in \$32 billion more than did in 2000 - the year before three straight rounds of tax cuts implemented by Congress. This demonstrates that when taxpayers are able to use their hard-earned dollars to fuel the economy rather than fund the There has been a lot federal government, our budget situation improves.

Judging from the number of phone calls and the amount of mail coming into my office concerning Terri Schiavo, the tragic situation of this Florida woman is on the minds of many folks in the 19th district. In last Roundup, week's mentioned some of the efforts taken by the House to help The House passed a Terri. After discussions with the Senate, the House voted on a bill just after midnight Monday morning that gives Terri some hope. The legislation we passed - and signed by President Bush shortly after our vote - allows Terri's parents to file a suit in federal courts to determine if her right to life has been violated. Below is my contribution to the debate that members of the House held late Sunday evening before

voting on the bill: "As many before me and many still to come have indicated, this is not an easy situation. If it were, we would not be here at this late hour, on this day. What makes this situation difficult is that there are so many unresolved questions. What are Terri's wishes? Terri Schiavo never prepared a living will to express definitively what her wishes would be. So we are left with Amendment establishes that no 'State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, and property, without due process of law.' Everyday, in cases where the action of the state will result in the death of an individual, that individual is provided the opportunity to have her case heard in both the state and federal court systems. That is all we are asking to be done today.

course of action Terri would

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decided? Opponents of this

legislation say this should be

a family issue. I agree.

However, we have a family

that disagrees on the fate of

Terri's life. While her

husband wants to end her

life, we have a set of parents

who are willing to do

everything it takes medically,

emotionally, and financially

to save the life of their child.

We have some doctors saying

that Terri will not recover.

Yet we also have other

neurologists saying that with

the proper medical care,

there is a chance that she

could improve considerably.

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not on life support, she is not

brain-dead, and no heroic

measures are needed to keep

her alive. She simply needs

the assistance of a feeding

tube for food and water. If

we knew beyond a shadow of

a doubt the answers to these

questions, we would likely

not need to be here tonight.

However, because these

questions remain disputed,

the responsible course of

action is to err on the side of

"Some may ask why

Congress is getting involved.

The answer to that is simple.

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the federal government and

members of Congress is to

uphold and defend the

Constitution and the

individual rights it sets forth.

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After making contact with the driver of the vehicle (Vuicich), the officer asked for consent to search it and discovered a loaded pistol grip shotgun containing five loaded slugs in the backseat. Vuicich told the officer he was on parole and had been out of prison less than four

Vuicich had previously

been convicted of a felony in Travis County for Burglary of a Vehicle, Felony Theft by Appropriation in Palo Pinto County, Felony Escape in Stephens County and Burglary of a Building in Stephens County.

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Vuicich to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County on March 21, 2005 after Vuicich entered a plea of guilty.

Vuicich's case had been set to be tried to an Eastlan County jury prior to hi deciding to accept a plea.

Defense Attorneys John Saringer of Eastland and Bob Estrada of Wichita Falls represented Vuicieh with District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

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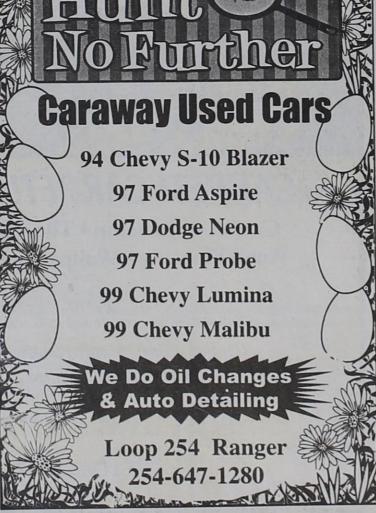
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Thunderstorms affect relatively small areas when compared with hurricanes and winter storms. Despite their small size, ALL thunderstorms are dangerous! The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and

lasts an average of 30 minutes. Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the United States, about 10 percent are classified as severe.

1,800 thunderstorms occur at any moment around the world. That's 16 million a year!

### What Are Thunderstorms? What Causes Them?

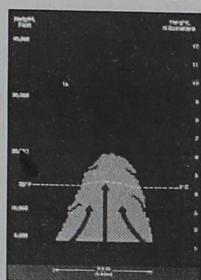
- The National Weather Service considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least 3/4-inch in diameter, winds of 58 mph or stronger, or a tornado.
- Every Thunderstorm Needs:

Moisture - to form clouds and rain.

Unstable air - warm air that can rise rapidly.

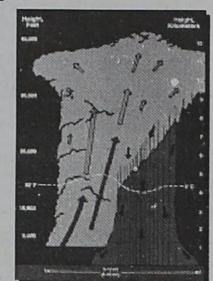
Lift - cold or warm fronts, sea breezes, mountains, or the sun's heat are capable of lifting air to help form thunderstorms.

### Life Cycle of a Thunderstorm



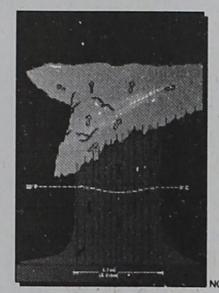
### **Developing Stage**

- Towering cumulus cloud indicates rising air.
- Usually little if any rain during this stage.
- Lasts about 10 minutes.
- Occasional lightning.



### Mature Stage

- Most likely time for hail, heavy rain, frequent lightning, strong winds, and tornadoes.
- Storm occasionally has a black or dark green appearance.
- Lasts an average of 10 to 20 minutes but may last much longer in some storms.



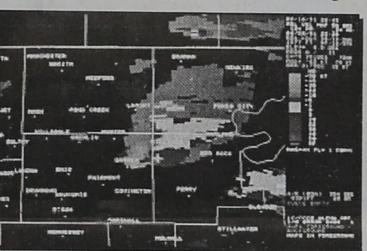
**Dissipating Stage** 

- Rainfall decreases in intensity.
- Can still produce a burst of strong winds.
- Lightning remains a danger.

### Weather Radar Watches the Sky

The National Weather Service has strategically located Doppler radars across the country that can detect air movement toward or away from a radar, Early detection of increasing rotation aloft within a thunderstorm can allow life-saving warnings to be issued before the tornado forms. In the figure below left, Weather Service Doppler radar detected strong

rotation within the storm where red colors (winds moving away from the radar) and green (winds blowing toward the radar) are close together. The photograph at below right shows a violent tornado in northern Oklahoma at the same time the radar image



**Tornado Myths and Truths** 

MYTH: Areas near lakes, rivers, and mountains are safe from tornadoes.

TRUTH: No place is safe from tornadoes. A tornado near Yellowstone National Park left a path of destruction up and down a 10,000 foot mountain.

MY H: The low pressure with a tornado causes buildings to "explode" as the tornado passes overhead. TRUTH: Violent winds and debris slamming into buildings cause most structural damage. MYTH: Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and

minimize damage. TRUTH: Leave the windows alone. The most important action is to immediately go to a safe shelter.

MYTH: If you are driving and a tornado is sighted, you should turn and drive at right angles to the storm. TRUTH: The best thing to do is to seek the best available shelter. Many people are injured or killed when remaining in their vehicles.

MYTH: People caught in the open should seek shelter under highway overpasses. TRUTH: Take shelter in a sturdy reinforced building if at all possible. Overpasses, ditches, and culverts may provide limited protection from a tornado, but your risk will be greatly reduced by moving inside a strong building.

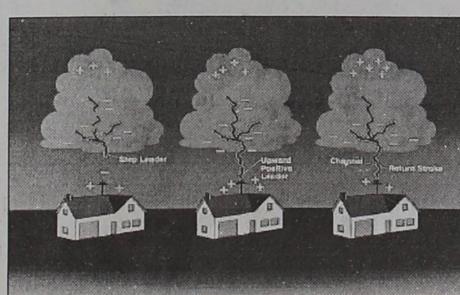
> Frequently asked questions about tornadoes can be found on the Internet at www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/index.html.

## Lightning...

### **How Lightning Forms**

Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged areas. Rising and descending air within a thunderstorm separates these positive and negative charges. Water and ice particles also affect charge distribution.

A cloud-to-ground lightning strike begins as an invisible channel of electrically charged air moving from the cloud toward the ground. When one channel nears an object on the ground, a powerful surge of electricity from the ground moves upward to the clouds and produces the visible lightning strike.





### Lightning Facts

- Lightning causes an average of 80 fatalities and 300 injuries each year.
- Lightning occurs in all thunderstorms; each year lightning strikes the Earth 20 million times.
- The energy from one lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months.
- Most lightning fatalities and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
- Lightning can occur from cloud-to-cloud, within a cloud, cloud-to-ground, or cloud-to-air.
- Many fires in the western United States and Alaska are started by lightning.
- The air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000°F hotter than the surface of the sun! The rapid heating and cooling of the air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in thunder.

### How far away is the Thunderstorm?

- Count the number of seconds between a flash of lightning and the next clap of thurder.
- Divide this number by 5 to determine the distance to the lightning in miles.

### Tornadoes.

Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world, they are found most frequently in the United States. In an average year, 1,200 tornadoes cause 70 fatalities and 1,500 injuries nationwide. You can find statistic information on tornadoes at www.spc.noaa.gov.

#### Tornado Facts

- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground.
- Tornadoes may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms within the funnel. The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed is 30 mph but may vary from nearly stationary to 70 mph.
- The strongest tornadoes have rotating winds of more than 250 mph.
- Tornadoes can accompaga tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes which form over warm water. They can more onshore and cause damage to coastai areas.

#### When and Where Tornadoes Occur

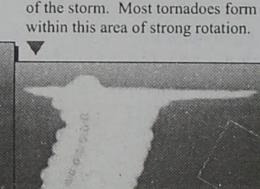
- Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year.
- Tornadoes have occurred in every state, but they are most frequent east of the Rocky Mountains during the spring and summer months.
- In the southern states, peak tornado occurrence is March through May, while peak months in the northern states are during the late spring and summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 and 9 p.m. but can happen at any time.



#### How Tornadoes Form

Before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere.

Rising air within the thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from An area of rotation, 2-6 miles horizontal to vertical.



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### Tornadoes Take Many Shapes and Sizes

### Weak Tornadoes

- 88% of all tornadoes
- Less than 5% of tornado deaths
- Lifetime 1 10+ minutes
- Winds less than 110 mph

### Strong Tornadoes

- 11% of all tornadoes
- Nearly 30% of all tornado deaths
- May last 20 minutes or longer
- Winds 110-205 mph



Mary Hurley

**Violent Tornadoes** 

- Less than 1% of all tornadoes
- 70% of all tornado deaths Lifetime can exceed 1 hour
- Winds greater than 205 mph



### In recent years, people have been killed by lightning while:

✓ boating ✓ swimming

✓ bike riding

✓ golfing

- ✓ standing under a tree
- riding on a lawnmower
- ralking on the telephone
- ✓ loading a truck
- riding a horse ✓ playing soccer
- rishing in a boat mountain climbing

### **Lightning Myths and Truths**

MYTH: If it is not raining, then there is no danger from lightning. TRUTH: Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. This is especially true in the western United States where thunderstorms sometimes produce very little rain.

MYTH: The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning. TRUTH: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

MYTH: People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should not be touched. TRUTH: Lightning-strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information on CPR and first aid classes:

MYTH: "Heat lightning" occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat. TRUTH: "Heat lightning" is a term used to describe lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard.



### 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule

Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thurder.

### **Baird Golf Invitational 2005**

### **Boys Division**

**Team Scores** 

1st: Wylie: 314 2nd: Clyde: 316

3rd: Comanche: 334

Medalists

Jay Calvo-Baird-74 Nick Chiappone-Clyde-79

Chris Larremore-Breckenridge-76

Matt Qualls-Merkel-76

Baird: 347
Jay Calvo - 74

Blake Manning - 87 Chance Rodriguez - 93 Koby Parker - 93

Dillon Fox - 94

Breckenridge: 376

Chris Larremore - 76 Will Echols - 92 Ronnie Langford - 97

> Zach Shortes - 111 Cisco: 344 Dan Nicks - 81

Joe Traweek - 90 Austin Conger - 85

Colby Murray - 88 Clyde: 316

Nick Chiappone - 76 Hunter Yates - 81 Eric Clinton - 81

Abe Chiappone - 91
Blake Watts - 78

Kobe Kimmell - 85 Robert Lubke - 78

Jacob Marwitz - 83 Riley Hillard - 88 Ryan Ellis - 89

Medalists

Chris Noice - Clyde - 78 Jacob Agnew - Clyde - 80 Mike McDaniels - Eastland - 102

Justin Bays - Eastland - 114 Matt Qualls - Merkel - 76 Brent Blakenship - Merkel

Kelly Brown - Merkel - 96 Cade Miller - Tahoka - 85

Eastland: 381
Trent Pack - 90
Nathan Lowrie - 98

Josh Mey - 110 Tper Holley - 102 Link Lourance - 91

Matt Brown - 116 Moses Munoz - 140 Gary Frierson - 103

Gary Frierson - 103 Scott Wilson - 123 Clyde Frierson - 145

Hawley: 346
Weston Bartlett - 83
Corbin Coonrod - 99
Josh Winegart - 80
Kelsey Cagle - 96
Daniel Winegart - 87

Jim Ned: 396 Sawyer Smith - 87 Cameron Decker - 96 Colt McCoy - 91 Andrew Young - 122 Matt Gleason - 123 San Saba: 399

Colby Mahan - 84 Robert Pulatie - 98 Travis Long - 102 Austin Miller - 115 Dillon Smith - 119

Wylie: 314
Beau Davis - 77
Keenan Cook - 78
Marc McLean - 77
Sam Eidson - 82
Zac Taylor - 85

### Girls' Division

Team Scores

1st: Baird - 368 2nd: Wylie - 382 3rd: Breckenridge - 383

Medalists

Jodi Neal - Baird: 76

Kelli Knight 
Breckenridge: 79

Kalee Mehaffey -

Breckenridge: 79
Baird: 368
Jodi Neal - 76
Misty McDowell - 85
Kayla Windham - 91

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### Baird I. S. D. Lunch Menu

Kaysi Adams - 115

Kendall Parker - 110

Jessica Dye - 118

Comanche: 573

Krista Davis - 143

Rinske Brand - 144

Jessica Pirkle - 137

Kallie Swindle - 150

Emily Reedy - 149

Eastland: 505

Whitney Truran - 85

Brooke Thomas - 130

Ashley Elliot - 150

Amanda Skinner - 140

Jim Ned: 410

Saegan Allyn - 87

Sara Taylor - 115

Malorie May - 94

Kelly McCoy - 114

Merkel: 426

Monica Harris - 86

Shanda Griffth - 112

Amy Jones - 102

Sydney Head - 125

Wylie: 382

Darby Beal - 88

Tiffany Gipson - 96

Samantha Evans - 97

Cadie Taylor - 101

**Medalists** 

Cameron McIntire - Baird -

122

Ashley Webb - Cisco - 93

Brooke Dezem - Clyde -

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Lasea Beatty - Comanche -

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Candace Brister - Haskell -

Mollie McKnight - Haskell

- 113

Mali Torres - Haskell - 111

Whitney Womack - Hawley

- 97

Toni Hargis - Hawley - 122

Heather Pack - Hawley -

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Sabel Paredez - San Saba -

Megan Cisneroz - San Saba

### March

Wednesday, March 23
Turkey & Dressing, Mash
Potatoes, Rolls. Cranberry
Sauce, Milk
Thursday, March 24
Sack Lunch
Friday, March 25
Good Friday
Monday, March 28
Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad,
Brownies, Milk

Tuesday, March 29 Chicken Fajitas, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Cobbler, Milk Wednesday, March 30

Wednesday, March 30 Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots, Fruit, Cookies, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Milk Thursday, March 31

Steak Fingers w/gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Peas, Rolls, Jelly, Milk Friday, April 1

Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk

There are currently 90 volunteers who help Hospice of the Big Country meet its missions.

In April 2000, Hospice of the Big Country merged with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Hospice of the Big Country accepts all terminally ill patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Call Jo Ann Wilson, Director of Volunteer Services, in Abilene at 325-793-5450 for more information or to reserve your place in the classes.

# Protecting Our Children

Clearing The Air About Secondhand Smoke

(NAPS)—Parents may have a new reason to snuff out their smoking habits. A recent study cailed "Secondhand Smoke, Tearing Families Apart" found that in 2001, the effects of secondhand smoke on children included:

• 263 cases of sudden infant death syndrome
• Nearly 300,000 pedi-

atric asthma cases

• More than 99,000 cases
of ear infections

 More than 26,000 lowbirth-weight births.
 In addition, the study estimated that in 2001, secondhand smoke attributable low-

birth weight, asthma and ear infections in children cost

over \$588 million to treat.

"Smokers know that their addiction is harmful, but they rationalize that their smoking will hurt only themselves and they think that will happen years down the road," says Dr. Cheryl Healton, president and CEO of the American Legacy Foundation, authors of the study. "This research shows us that tobacco isn't just killing years down the

its silent victims are children."

The foundation and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) outlined three immediate steps they say smokers can take for their children's health:

road. It is killing today, and

Make your home smoke free
 Keep your car smoke

free
• Stop smoking for your children's sake.

The American Legacy Foundation develops programs

Quitting smoking today can help protect your child from asthma, ear infections and more.

meant to address the health effects of tobacco use through grants, youth activism and other grassroots efforts. The foundation also supports a number of campaigns geared toward helping people kick their smoking addiction, including "Bob Quits." This reality-TV-based advertising campaign shows how smokers can become ex-smokers by choosing to quit, developing a solid plan and identifying support from family and friends.

The campaign follows Ethan Teicher, a real-life smoker who quit in front of the cameras for the campaign. Teicher has said his motivation to quit was his family. Each year, about 43,000 children lose one or both parents because of smoking-related deaths.

For more information and a complete copy of the report, visit www.americanlegacy.org and click on research and publications/publications. To learn more about Bob Quits, visit www.bobquits.com.





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Hospice Volunteers

Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Each session will be held at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center boardroom from 6:00 - 9:30 pm. The class is open to all interested persons. There is no charge for the training, and refreshments will be provided at each session. Pre-registration is required so that there will

materials for everyone. All Hospice volunteers are required to complete the training. Training consists of a series of sessions designed to educate hospice volunteers about hospice care and all the ministries involved in being a volunteer for terminally ill patients. Some of the topics that will be covered include ethics, communication skills, the disease process, stages of death and dying, care and comfort measures, grief and bereavement, and spirituality in death. The trainers for each topic are all

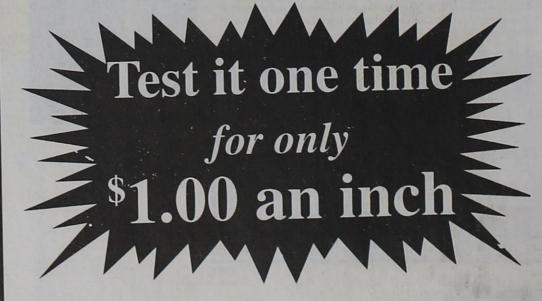
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"A hospice volunteer's time commitment is flexible, just like the services he or she provides," said Jo Ann Wilson, Director of Volunteer Services. "Services range from providing companionship for patients and their families, to running errands and providing respite care. Volunteers are a very important part of our program," she

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