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Community Leaders To Meet For Lunch

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series set for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect quality of life and local economies.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to attend the most convenient location to meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Robert Lee - April 6th, Eastland - April 7th, Early - April 12th, Snyder - April 27th and Anson - April 29th. All luncheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN President Kirby Andrews of Sweetwater, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a

Runoff for the Office of Pct. #4, J.P.

Callahan County election officials say that the early voting for the Republican Party Runoff Election consists of just one early voting location, the Room is #107 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Early voting for the Republican run-off will occur on: April 11, 2006 with Early Voting from Monday, April 3 and continue through Friday, April 7. Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the Early voting locations open through 12 to 1 p.m..

The election pits candidates Burlie Taylor against Bob Hill and the regular Tuesday April 11 runoff election will consist of just two locations. Republican party voters in Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #5, Precinct #6 and Precinct #7 will vote in the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde. The Republican Callahan County voters in Cross Plains Precinct #4 will cast their votes at the Cross Plains Community Center in Cross Plains. Poll on Tuesday, April 11 will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting in the the Democratic Party Runoff Election will also take place in Baird at Room #107 in the County Courthouse from April 3 through April 7th. There are no local Runoff Candidates in the Democratic Primary election.

The Democratic Primary Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 11 will be held at the Baird Activity Center with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

D.P.S. Report

3-19 until 3-25-06

Cases

Warnings.....104
Complaints.....115
Possession of marijuana...2
There were -- 2 accidents investigated in this time span.

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brighter future for their respective city. This year's series of luncheons will focus on issues that will be addressed in the next Legislative Session. City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, health professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

Interested participants are encouraged to select the most convenient location and make reservations online at www.texasmidwest.org or by calling the host city: Robert Lee at 325-453-2831, Eastland at 254-

629-2332, Early at 325-649-9317, Snyder at 325-573-3558 and Anson at 325-823-2411. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of communities work-

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Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

Monday, April 10th
Baird Cafeterium--400 W. 7th St.
10 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 N. Main
2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin

10 to 12 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 P.M.

**Please Bring Child's Immunization Records
For More Information call 325-754-4945**

Baird School Board Election to Be May 13th, Early Election Starts May 1

The Baird School Board election will take place with a slate of candidates which include Alfred "A.L." Hunter, a resident of Putnam, and a retired Principal, who takes position One on the Ballot drawing, followed at 2 with Joe Clark, 3 with Kenneth Brock, 4 for Sandra Collins, 5 for Burke Robinson, and 6th with Julie Patterson.

Early voting for the Baird School Board Election will begin Monday, May 1 and continue through Tuesday, May 9th, 2006.

The Baird School Board election is on May 13 and

Callahan Commissioners' Meet

Having only one bid for the opening of sale of the J.P. building in Clyde, North First St., the commissioners of Callahan county, in a meeting held on March 27th, 2006, decided to reject that bid on a motion by Commissioner Holland, seconded by Commissioner Farmer which carried unanimously.

In attendance at the meeting were Roger Corn, Judge presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Prct. No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Prct. No. 2; Tommy Holland, Commissioner Prct. No. 3; Doris Grider, Commissioner Prct. No. 4; and also Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer; as well as Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court; the

meeting was held at its regular meeting in the Courthouse and began at 9:34 a.m. called to order by Judge Corn.

Its actual first line of business was to approve paying the County membership dues in the West Central Council of Governments. Judge Corn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The decision to reject the early bid on the Clyde J.P. building followed and subsequently Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve accepting land donated by Darlene Peters for the purpose of lengthening a curve on CR 250. The land is a portion of 157 ac located in SPRY Co. Survey 11, Block 8 The

motion was seconded by Grider and the motion carried by all. Following this Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Farmer at 10:00 a.m. and Hicks seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

There will be a Baird Project Graduation meeting on April 4, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in Lauren Rodriguez's classroom in the high school building. Please bring any tickets and money you have sold for the quilt and the gas raffle.

Callahan County groups participate in 20th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

ABILENE, Texas — Drivers will see something different along Texas roadways April 1, when approximately 200,000 volunteers around the state participate in the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off — one of the nation's largest one-day litter clean-up events.

So far, two Callahan County Adopt-a-Highway groups have signed up to take part in this annual event. They are the Baird Chamber of Commerce and 4-His Kids, Inc.

Trash-Off will launch a spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The public is invited to participate by contacting your local TxDOT district office at 325/676-6806 or the Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353 to adopt a stretch of highway or by signing up online at www.ktb.org.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and Trash-Off is certainly one of the things we are most proud of."

In January, TxDOT debuted the new "Real Texans Don't Litter" television public service announcements (PSA) as a springboard for the Don't Mess with Texas 20th Anniversary. The PSAs feature some of Texas' most recognized celebrities including

2006 DMWT TRASH-OFF

Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Chuck Norris, Janine Turner, Owen

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Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

In addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring a "Real Texans Don't Litter" Cleanup Contest, challenging "Real Texans" to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August.

Visit www.DontMessWithTexas20.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.



THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS PITCH IN FOR STATE'S LARGEST CLEAN-UP EVENT

Annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Celebrates Litter Prevention Campaign's 20th Anniversary

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"People who volunteer for Trash-Off are often surprised by how the experience moves them," said KTB President Lynn Lantrip. "It's such an eye-opening experience. You see the type of litter people are tossing on our roadways or in our parks, and you become even more determined to keep our state clean. Usually people will volunteer again the following year because they feel so good about what they're doing. Of course, we couldn't do it without our volunteers."

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ADDITION-Hometown News

Army & Air Force Hometown News
Army Pvt. Phinesia L. Hyde has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.
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Gilbert V. Calderon Graduates Basic at Lackland
Air Force Airman 1st Class Gilbert Calderon has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.
During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches,

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

KNOW YOUR FACTS

By Ron Pipkin, RN and Rhonda Pipkin, RN

Osteoporosis or porous bone is a disease in which bones become fragile and more likely to break due to the tissue loss of bone matter. The disease is characterized by low bone mass and structural deterioration of bone tissue. If not prevented or if left untreated, osteoporosis can progress painlessly until a bone breaks. These broken bones, also known as fractures, occur typically in the hip, spine, and wrist. Any bone can be affected, but of special concern are fractures of the hip and spine. A hip fracture almost always requires hospitalization and major surgery. It can impair a person's ability to walk unassisted and may cause prolonged or permanent disability or even death. Spinal or vertebral fractures also have serious consequences, including loss of height, severe back pain, and deformity.

While women are four times more likely than men to develop the disease, men also suffer from osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for an estimated 44 million Americans, or 55 percent of the people 50 years of age and older. In the U.S., 10 million individuals are estimated to already have the disease and almost 34 million more are estimated to have low bone mass, placing them at increased risk for osteoporosis.

Of the 10 million Americans estimated to have osteoporosis, eight million are women and two million are men. Significant risk has been reported in people of all ethnic backgrounds. While osteoporosis is often thought of as an older person's disease, it can strike at any age. Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for an estimated 44 million Americans or 55 percent of the people 50 years of age and older. In the U.S., 10 million individuals are estimated to already have the disease and almost 34 million more are estimated to have low bone mass, placing them at increased risk for osteoporosis.

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Women

Eighty percent of those affected by osteoporosis are women. Twenty percent of non-Hispanic white and Asian women aged 50 and older are estimated to have osteoporosis, and 52 percent are estimated to have low bone mass. Five percent of non-Hispanic black women over age 50 are estimated to have osteoporosis; an estimated additional 35 percent have low bone mass that puts them at risk of developing osteoporosis.

Ten percent of Hispanic women aged 50 and older are estimated to have osteoporosis, and 49 percent are estimated to have low bone mass. Osteoporosis is under-recognized and under-treated not only in Caucasian women, but in African-American women as well.

Men

Twenty percent of those affected by osteoporosis are men. Seven percent of non-Hispanic white and Asian men aged 50 and older are estimated to have osteoporosis, and 35 percent are estimated to have low bone mass. Four percent of non-Hispanic black men aged 50 and older are estimated to have osteoporosis, and 19 percent are estimated to have low bone mass. Three percent of Hispanic men aged 50 and older are estimated to have osteoporosis, and 23 percent are estimated to have low bone mass.

Fractures

One in two women and one in four men over age 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in her/his remaining lifetime.

In General Osteoporosis is responsible for more than 1.5 million fractures annually, including:

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- 700,000 vertebral fractures;
- 250,000 wrist fractures; and
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Hip fracture risk is increasing most rapidly among Hispanic women. Women with a hip fracture are at a four-fold greater risk of a second one, and the risk factors are similar to those for the first hip fracture. Osteoporotic fractures lower a patient's quality of life. Just a few facts to let you know how serious osteoporosis really is for women and men!

For more "know your facts" regarding Osteoporosis, visit website www.nof.org (National Osteoporosis Foundation). Information sited from the www.nof.org website, and the Clinical Teaching Guidelines. Send us your questions to, "knowyourfacts@sbcglobal.net"

Caring for a seriously ill person is very stressful. Whether they are at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing home, it is a difficult time for the primary caregiver as well as the immediate family. Hospice care is an important source of help and support to patients, caregivers, and their families in this situation. A team of healthcare professionals and counselors works together to assist families in caring for their loved ones. However, one of the most valuable members of the hospice team is not a healthcare professional or a trained counselor. It is the hospice volunteer.



VEDA ADAMS

Hospice volunteers are individuals in the community who give their time and talents to help others in their time of need. After some training by the hospice team, they assist patients and their families in a variety of ways such as reading to patients, running errands, or delivering supplies. Volunteers also help without having direct contact with the patients. They bake cookies for grief support group meetings, address envelopes, and file charts.

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

Girling Hospice of Eastland is always in need of more volunteers. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Girling Hospice Volunteer Program can call the Girling office at 629-1268.

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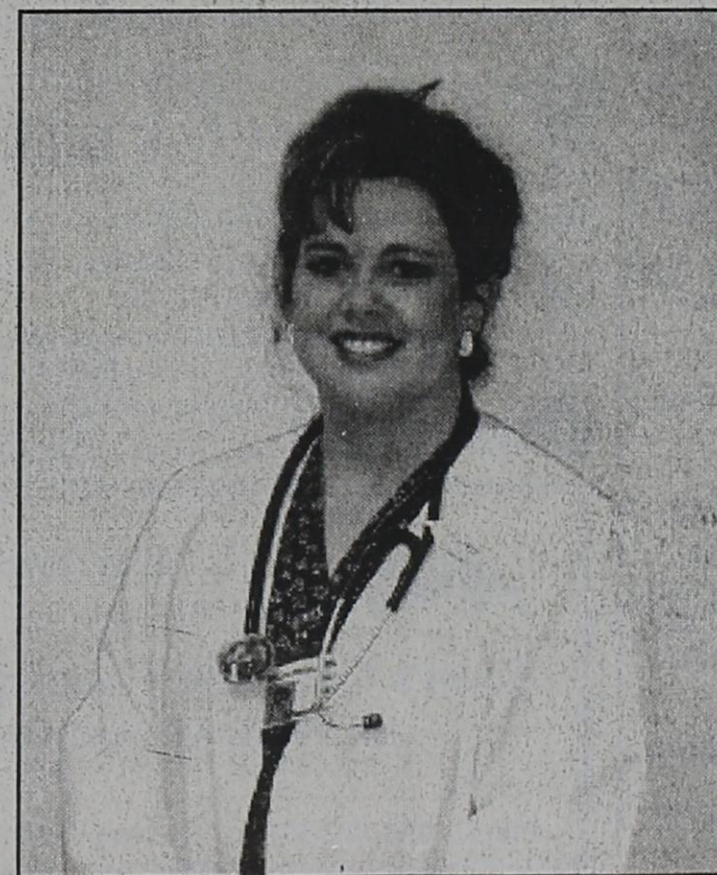
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1406 Bullard, 8-4, Bargains galore!

109 Hwy. 6 north, across the tracks. Fleamarket Resale Store,, 7:30am-7:30pm. Inside-Outside sale. All types of tools, tables & night stands, beds twin, regular beds, king size mattress, 2000 books of all kinds, 4 large tables of curios and gifts, full size large mirror, old movies, doors, windows, lumber of all sizes, lawn mowers, chain saw, glass and ceramic, all kinds of metal and different iron, gate hooks for gate builders.

1900 Ave. H, (1 block from water tower off I-20) 8-5, household, appliances, decorations, dishes, furniture, outdoor, tools, pot plants, yard deco.

Nice probably antique big dining room suite, RCA console radio and record player, buffet chest or drawers, dresser, inside & outside yellow house, 607 E. 8th, 442-3642.

307 W. 11th St., 8-5, Shoes, knives, clothes, misc.

700 W. 10th, 6 BR - \$8,000 - plumbing all done, wet bar, 40 gal. hot water heater propane, clawfoot and garden tubs, 4' wide exterior door-\$60.00, 3 rooms carpet, teen girls size 8 sportswear, waterbed headboard (full). Call 442-1269 for appointment.

1201 W. 10th, 8-4. Rug shampooer, Rainbow sweeper, Hoover sweeper, bread maker, blender, wheel chair, bedroom suite, riding lawn mower, 2 very nice LR chairs, rocker recliner & velvet swivel rocker with matching ottoman, 4 solid wood kitchen chairs, lots of

misc. 500 E. 6th (Breckenridge Hwy), 8-?, Too much stuff to list.

403 E. 7th St., 8-?, Tools, 50's wedge wood stove, ladies left handed golf clubs, old stuff, semi new stuff, windows, doors, too much to list.

1109 W. 9th - Sale - \$14,000, 2 full baths, carport, garage & privacy fence, large basketball goal, XL womens sportswear, 3XXX overalls, Sears 19' frostless green refrigerator-\$100. guaranteed, electric hospital bed, barbeque pits. 254-442-1269.

1508 Bullard, 8-3, Stereo, treadmill, trampoline, marble base hat stand, 7 ft. Christmas tree, microwave, lots of other stuff.

809 Conrad Hilton (Ledbetter Ins. Agency parking lot), 8-4 p.m., adult clothing, women shoes, kitchen items, light fixture, too much to list.

Inside & outside Yellow House at 607 E. 8th, 442-3642, rocking chair, desk, owl collection, what nots, speaker & stereo system for cars, suitcases and lots more.

1704 Ave. F, 8-5, washer, vacuum cleaners, tools, fabric, thread, clothes, toys & misc. household items.

602 CR 141, 8-2, AB lounge, fishing and camping equipment, children's toys, bird cages, and lots of misc. Take Hwy. 206 from Cisco, 1 mile toward Cross Plains to CR 130, turn right

and follow signs. 1612 FR 2945 (log house), Old Putnam Hwy. 8-4, 10 x 20 canopy with tarps to fully enclose, .22 rifle, 20 ga. shotgun, 2 wheel trailer, Rancho oven, bread machine, fishing supplies, boat anchors, chairs, old bottles & telephone insulators.

1113 W. 7th, 9-6, furniture, misc.

1012 W. 16th St., 8-?, hospital bed-complete, bikes & kids stuff, misc. kitchen & household, a lot of odds & ends.

601 W. 9th St., 8-2, Treasures galore.

1201 W. 14th, 8-5, household file cabinets, some furniture, typewriter, printer, large variety of gift type items, moving type sale.

1206 W. 13th, shutters 36", exterior 12 panel door with hardware - \$100., electric treadmill, exercise bike, Honda 250 parts motorcycle, pickup 80's no title, Chevrolet body only \$20.00, baby clothes, HP older computer. 254-442-1269. House \$22,000 or make offer.

I think I have my place sold so I need to dispose of lots of stuff, 611 E. 8th, 254-442-3642 (home) or 325-660-1074 (cell).

1104 Ave. J, Sturdy rock home \$4,000. 2 pretty lots, garage, Hollywood bedframe, large aluminum camper shell - \$40., wooden doors & windows for crafts, 3 queen size headboards - \$10 each, books. 254-442-1269 for appointment.

1502 Primrose, 8-3, Clothes, misc.

1207 Ave. F West, 7-3, toys, movies, clothes, furniture, shoes, dishes and more stuff.

1108 W. 11th St., 7-3, Go-cart \$750., boys bikes \$5, printers \$2, misc. clothes \$50¢ a piece, boys & mens shoes \$2., outdoor pool \$40, old type stereo w/CD player \$10., odd and end items as well.

704 W. 4th St., 8-dark, recliners, dishes, books, odds & ends.

1510 Humble Ave., 7-12, reel push lawn mower, new.

210 Tourist, 7-5, antiques.

1404 Bliss, 7-?, tools, antique, dishes, elect. pots, etc.

Farm two miles N. on Hwy. 6 past railroad tracks - \$20,000, 2 acres, water well and city water, 3 buildings to move: 1975 Morgans Bldg. Office 12'x20', '84 Champion 14'x70' ch/ca Mobile - \$2500 and 1966 12'x60' mobile - \$500. Parts for remodeling sinks, tubs, lumber, Big "O" 8 horsepower tiller, 8 horsepower plow "mule.", 10 kitchen chairs, doghouse and go cart with tractor seat. Call 254-442-1269 for appointment.

1014 W. 5th, 7-5, 5 Households, furniture, clothes, misc. books. (Carport in back)

1414 Liggett, 8-12, Couch & love seat, window air conditioner/heater, golf bag, computer equipment, clothes, games, china plates and bowls.

910 West 6th, 8-?, Nik naks, different items, furniture.

Church of Nazarene, 1008 W. 10th, 8-3:30, sale items, kid's section, koolade, lunch - rocks, grass & sweet rocks, silent auction. Love & blessing benefit for Ad & Nell Stuard.

1311 W. 13th, 8-5, Microwave, kitchenware, clothes, cb antennas & other truck supplies, drapes and many other items.

2300 Beech St., 8-3, Misc.

I want to buy musical instruments, especially bass fiddle regardless of condition, except organs & upright pianos. 611 E. 8th, 254-442-3642 (home), 325-660-1074 (cell).

705 W. 2nd St. (across from cemetery), 1988 Ford Crown Victoria Car, furniture (cedar chest, bedframes,

e-cinc.com stereo, chair(s), table (sm.) etc.), doors, portable room evaporative coolers, wooden birdcage, lrg. metal Christmas tree holder, wall decorations, jigsaw puzzles, clothes (men's & missy & womens), books (Christian) & other, lots of miscellaneous stuff.

304 W. 11th, Mini Estate Indoor & Outdoor Sale, glassware, furniture, antiques, lots of misc., prices 10¢ and up.

903 W. 7th, 8-4, Moving in sale - kitchen, clothes, books, collectibles, some antiques, furniture, misc.

600 Front St., 8-3, refrigerator, matching sofa & loveseat, electric stove, clothes, fabric, dryer, tools, men's clothing plus much more.

1111 Conrad Hilton, 8-?, Estate Sale, old Brassfield Roofing office.

300 E. 9th, 8-3, Misc.

1004 W. 6th, 9-1, Furniture, guns, old patio glider, lamps, clothing.

608 E. 21st, 9-12, household, furniture, clothing, Multi-family.

708 W. 9th, Friday noon - ?, Saturday 8-noon, fooseball table, airhockey table, Weider home gym, car speakers, truck speaker box, clothing, prom dress, lots of misc.

114 W. 8th St., Garage Sale and Bake Sale, 8-?

Thursday, March 30, 2006 404 N. Hwy. 6, 8-6, kitchen supplies, couch, sword set, Craftsman tools, books, Star Wars collectables, toy cars, women's clothes, jewelry, shoes, DVD movies, music CDs.

N. Hwy 6, second house on right passed Ted's & Rex's One Stop, right across from Cisco Junior College dormitory.

701 W. 7th St., 8-5, Furniture, table & chairs, couch, household decorations, clothes, tools, fishing equipment, computer w/desk. Moving Sale - everything must go!

1111 W. 7th St., 9-6, Furniture, baby clothes, some adult ladies clothes, lots of misc.

510 W. 11th, 7-?, girl's baby clothes, odds & ends.

1010 W. 5th, starts at 8:00, nice clothes, shoes, boots, purses, dishes, recipe books, western books, and a lot of misc.

104 W. 8th, 8-2, dishes, gift items, king linens, kitchen items, toddler to 4T girls, women's clothing.

801 W. 13th, \$10,000 landscaped lot, Papasan chair, coffee table set, desk-3 drawer, also lots 600 E. 10th - \$4,000, also city block 407 W. 14th - \$10,000 and 1102 Ave. B - 100'x115' - \$1,500. Call 254-442-1269 for appointment.

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Poor Rix's Almanac by Rix Quinn

Hi, Poor Rix: What should I give my special someone for Valentine's Day - Jessica

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Buy your girlfriend a corsage. Pin it on her blouse but not directly into her skin. (On second thought, let her pin it on.)
2. Pick out a real mushy card for her. Look for romantic messages full of words like "sweet," "love," or "honey." Avoid rhymes that contain the words "contagious," "alien," or "burp."
3. Finally, take her out to dinner. And this time, offer to pay the entire check.

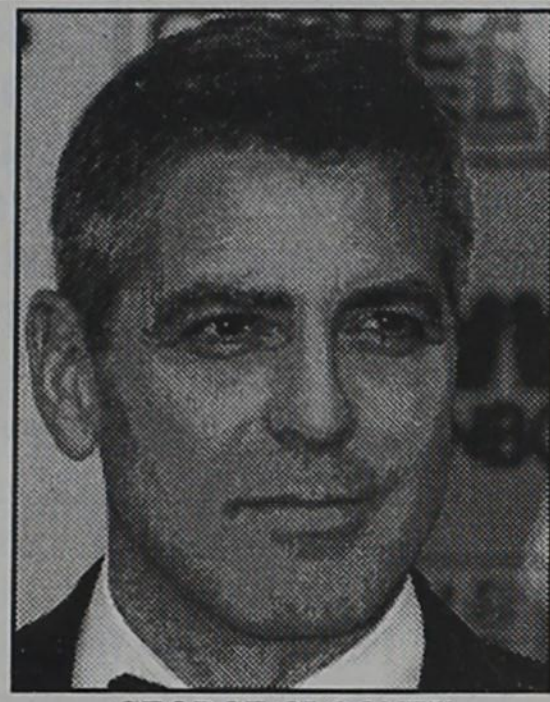
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Chit Chat

by Mickey Greene

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



GEORGE CLOONEY

Recently, he was in New York to film the movie, "Michael Clayton." The scenes were to be filmed at the Crown Plaza LaGuardia where hotel workers there have been on strike for nearly a year and a half. Rather than cross the picket line, Clooney and the film company cancelled the shoot altogether. Apparently, the dispute began when the workers decided to unionize, and management balked, refusing to recognize a union.

Anyway, I hear that Clooney's refusal to cross that picket line has bolstered the morale of the striking workers. What to go, George (for once!).

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Dear Dr. Doe

by Doe Lang, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. DOE:

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

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

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

BASEBALL MOM

DEAR MOM:

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

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

The Savvy Senior

by Carol Martin

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

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

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

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

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

The Green Thumb

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

Comics

GEORGE

By Mark Szorady



JET NEWS

By Bill Murray



THE LEFTERSONS

By Collin T. Hayes



THE GOLDEN YEARS

By Bill Murray



The Creative Cook by Julia Merla

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



trying any diet which stresses one food group over another.

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

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

them readily available.

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

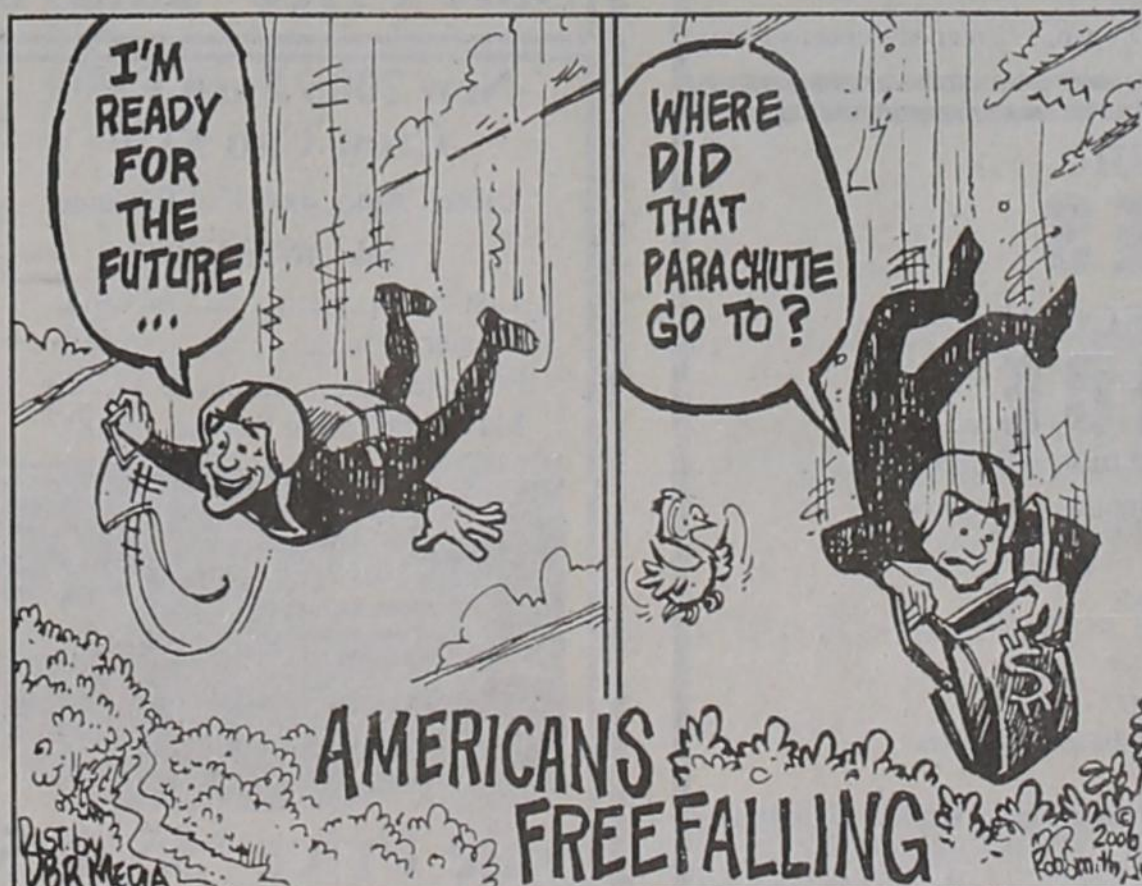
SMUCKER'S SESAME AND GINGER SHRIMP

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

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

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Political Cartoon



You Don't Say!

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

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

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

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

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

Flicks

by Sarah Linwood

APARTMENT 12

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

"Apartment 12" begins with the world loudly thrashing our star performer. Ruffalo plays a pizza delivery man who also works tossing tomatillo pies - but only till the day the world recognizes his hidden talent. It should be soon, too, as he's mandated to land his first real show. Ruffalo also has a knock-out girlfriend, but she dumps him. His upcoming show is snatched away, too, allegedly because his art "has no soul." From this low point, he falls even further, eventually landing in a shackle apartment building brimming with eccentric, nosy neighbors. Fortunately for Ruffalo, his salvation lives directly across the hall. Her name's Beth Ulrich, a real-life

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

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

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

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

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Large Crowd Expected For Drilling Damages Suit Monday

A jury has been summoned to appear at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 3rd in 91st Court to hear a civil case that is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators.

The suit is styled Wilson vs. Interstate Oil Company, and has to do with the manner in which an oil company, which had secured mineral rights, had moved onto a land owner's property for drilling purposes. The landowner did not have mineral rights.

The Wilsons claim that their property was damaged extensively by the manner in which the company operated.

(Earlier this year, the Wilsons ran a public notice advertisement in this newspaper, asking for persons who had had property damaged by oil companies, to respond. The advertisement reportedly drew over 500 responses from land owners.)

It is normally understood that Texas law historically has held that mineral rights are superior to surface rights, because the state is a major oil producing state.

The Wilsons outlined some of their damages in a statement:

"Minerals were leased without our knowledge. (We) got a phone call one day

before the surveyors came out. We were told our minerals were leased by Interstate Explorations and if we didn't let them use our gates they would cut our fences.

"They made a road through our coastal fields even though there was a shorter way to the pump that was already cleared. We were lied to and roughshod ran over.

"A major gas pipeline was ran over and damaged by their dozers and big trucks. Our lives were put in danger by their neglect.

"My husband was bothered at work. I was cussed at and spit on by one of the workers, which was Intastates lead man on the site. I was locked out of my own place.

"I had to take the gate off the hinges to get in. We have lost over 100 trees and about 10 acres of coastal grass was damaged or destroyed.

"The trucks came and went at all hours of day and night an they were about 20 feet from my yard fence when they damaged the pipeline, which had to be dug up and repaired.

"The muffler was left off the pump so we had a lot of noise for about 3 months till

they were made to put it on. They filled a small creek with dirt and downed trees.

"Ron Yeager, their land man, would come out and drive all over the coastal patches for no reason. They left the gates open and cattle were let out, and one cow was caught in their mud pits.

"Even though they had 1 year to backfill the pits, they still went past and the railroad commission had to call them. When they did fill the pits they buried an electric fence so the wire was half buried and posts were left sticking half way out of the ground.

The Wilson's retirement fam is located off State 206 South of Cisco.

Veterans Benefits Seminar Set Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

New programs and updates will be discussed. The success of last year's event was great; however,

hundreds of veterans are still waiting on a list to receive care. That is why it is important that we all need to show up and be heard and help our fellow veterans.

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

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

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Annie Payne

CISCO - Annie Viola Payne, 91, of Cisco died March 27, 2006 in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held Friday, March 31, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the East Cisco Baptist Church officiated by Reverend Vernon Payne, assisted by Reverend C.P. Floyd. Burial will follow in Scranton Cemetery directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home chapel.

Annie was born August 16, 1914 in Evant, TX to Lonnie and Ethyl Almada (Thames) Lisenbee. She married Melvin Benjamin Payne on October 30, 1932 in Atwood, TX. He preceded her in death in 1973. They owned and operated the Quality Cafe in Cisco for many years.

Annie has been a long-time faithful member of East Cisco Baptist Church.


Survivors include one daughter, Jessie Wright, of Roscoe; six sons, Garland Payne and wife, Iva of Hamlin, Larry Payne and wife, Wanda of Cisco, Wesley Payne and wife, Mary of Bluffdale, Vernon Payne and wife, Sheila of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Lonnie Payne of Midland and Rex Payne and wife, Brenda of Pampa, a brother, Earl Lisenbee of Odessa. She is survived by 20 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, and 16 great great grandchildren. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and a whole host of friends.

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Bro. Ken Smith of Eastland preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, March 26. Other visitors were Mrs. Esther Smith, Greg and David of Eastland, Charles and Mary Jane Ellison of Tennessee, and Glenda Black of Abilene. Woodrow and Helen Browning, with Glynda Bond at the piano, rendered the special music, "Springs Of Living Waters". "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. Esther Smith and a "Happy Anniversary" was wished to Charles and Mary Jane Ellison.

Andy Hansen of Rocky Point Baptist Church will be the speaker for the Sunday services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on April 2. Visitors are always welcome at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Remember Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday April 2 so be sure and run your clocks forward an hour on Saturday night so you won't be late for church on Sunday morning.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited from Wednesday until Friday in Bullard with his sisters, Mell Bond and Eloise Shock. On Friday they went to Jacksonville, TX to pick up the steeple and baptistry

Suniga of Comanche, Laura and Ronnie Shelton of Sapulpa, OK, Kay Snider, Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Raymond Hattox and Mary Turner of Gorman visited with Oren and Norma Webb.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Glenda Black of Abilene, Zelda Jordan, Doris Bradshaw, Daisy Slaton, Carol Ward and Ruth Underwood all of Gorman, Joe and Glynda Bond, Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland and Sylvia Buchanan.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with Ima Boles at Heritage Manor on Sunday evening after church services.

Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney, Johnny and Jo Ann Scitern, Kerri, Kelsey and Nashton Guthery of Gorman and Kris Scitern visited with John and Troy Scitern.

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'Nanny McPhee' Arrives At Majestic This Weekend

Well, here comes a comedy to the Majestic - a story involving a bunch of naughty kids and one of the most intimidating nannies on record!

"Nanny McPhee" will open at the theater in Eastland on Friday, March 31 and show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, April 3.

Admission is \$4 at the box office, and admission to the balcony (adults only) is \$5.50.

This Universal release is rated PG for mild thematic elements, some rude humor and brief language.

Stars of the show are Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Kelly McDonald and Thomas Sangster.

This is a family comedy whose familiar elements will go down easily. There are some big surprises toward the end, however!

The story is adapted from the 1960's children's series of books called "Nurse Matilda."

"Nanny McPhee" is about a brood of children who just want their recently widowed father to pay some attention to them. But since he's too busy trying to support the family, this doesn't happen. So the kids behave horribly.

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By Kate Worth

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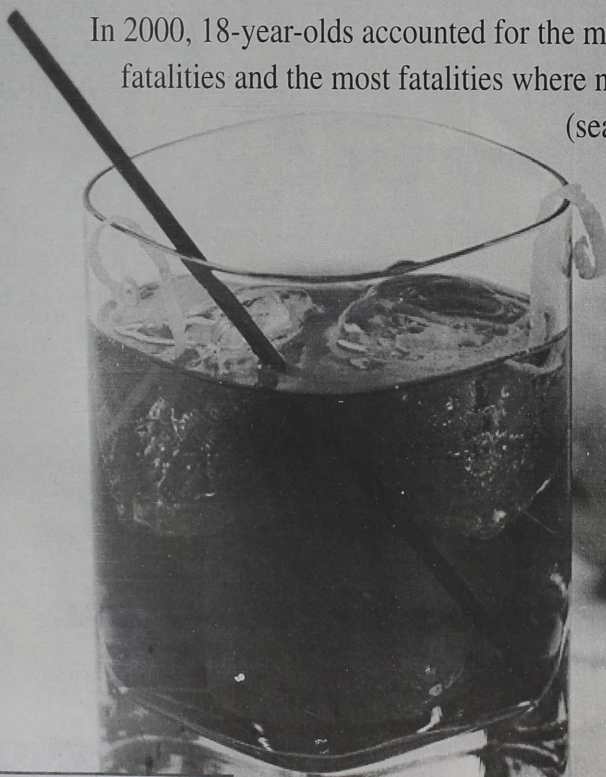
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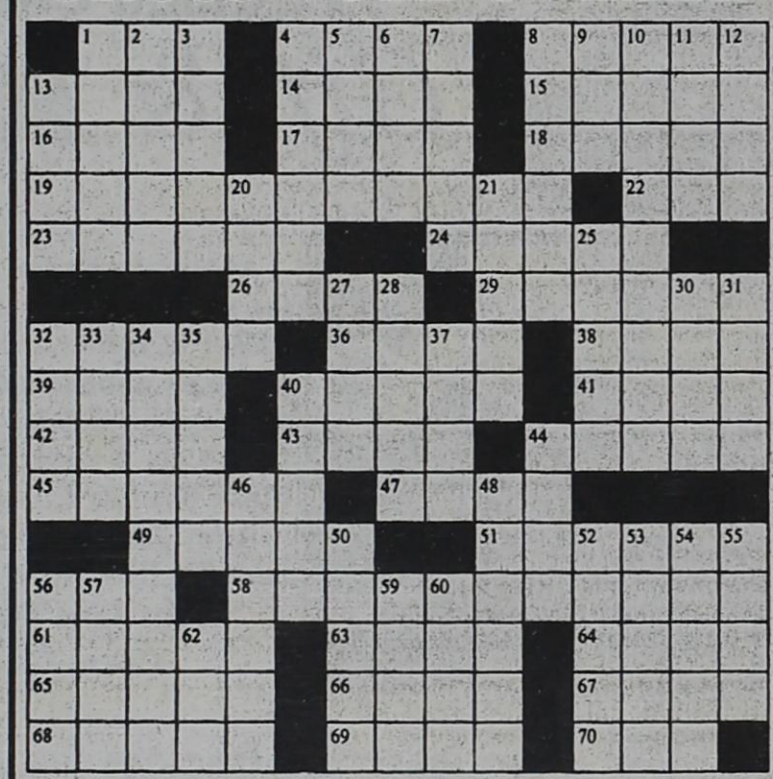
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OBITUARIES

Novel Baize

BAIRD- Novel Baize, 96, of Baird, Texas, died Friday, March 24, 2006 in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2006 at Parker Funeral Home Chapel. O.J. Riley officiated, assisted by Brent Hamilton. Burial followed at 4 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Tuxedo in Jones County.

Novel was born April 18, 1909 in Coryell County to John Oliver Baize and Laura Baize.

In the 1950s he raised

cotton in Jones County then moved to Potosi, Texas in 1957. He moved from Potosi to Callahan County in 1968. He was a farmer stockman and a Church of Christ minister. He was a member of the North 19th and Clinton St. Church of Christ in Abilene. He married Vida Amerson in Stamford on December 24, 1933. She preceded him in death in June of 2000.

He is survived by three sons, Paige Baize of Wingate, Texas, Wayne Baize of Ft. Davis, Texas, and Orlan Baize of Baird; one sister, Grace Box

R.C. Merryman

R.C. Merryman, 80, died Monday, March 20, 2006 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Jim Senkel officiating, and Bob Pipes assisting. Burial was in the Belle Plain Cemetery.

He was born July 20, 1925, in Callahan County, Texas to Bob and Carrie (Johnson) Merryman. R.C. married Wanda Warren in September of 1949 in Albany, Texas. He worked in the oil fields and owned and operated Merryman Drilling until he retired. He

then moved the location to his business to the local coffee shop, there R.C. and his friends spent many hours visiting and discussing world affairs and of course the price of oil. He will be missed by friends as they gather to remember the good times they had with R.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda of Cross Plains; sons, David Merryman and wife, Debbie, Tom Merryman and wife, Jan; daughter, Ann Knott and husband, Mike all of Cross Plains; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Neva McKay Stinson

Neva McKay Stinson, 96, of Baird, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006 in The Oaks Radford Hills Nursing Home in Abilene.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006 at Ross Cemetery annex with Don Cauble officiating, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Neva was born October 30, 1909 in Fort Worth, Texas. She has lived in Callahan County on Union Hill for 36 years. She was a licensed Vocational Nurse having worked for the Abilene State School and area nursing homes. She

was a member of First Baptist Church in Baird. She was state president of the Texas League of Vocational Nurses and was a member for over 30 years. She was also a member of the A.B.W.A.

She first married Gene McKay in Mulberry Canyon. He preceded her in death in 1958. She then married Wayne Stinson in Abilene in 1962.

She is survived by one sister, Irene Carroll of Abilene; daughter-in-law, Betty McKay of Abilene; six grandchildren; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

of Pecos, Texas; one sister-in-law, Hollis Baize of Stamford; seven

grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Horace Freeman

Horace A. Freeman-Horace A. Freeman, 83, died Friday, March 24, 2006 at home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains. Jim Senkel officiated. Burial

followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born November 5, 1922 in Cross Plains, Texas to John Oliver and Ida Rudloff Freeman. Horace married Billie Lee Rody on Feb. 1, 1950 in Cross Plains. He served in the Army during

World War II. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He lived in the community all his life. He was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Jack, Harold, Riley Freeman; one sister, Helen Marie Chandler.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Freeman of

Cross Plains; two brothers, Wayne and his wife, Lori Freeman of Abilene and Paul and his wife, Kay Freeman of Clyde; in-laws, N.A. and his wife, Brigitte Rody and Sue and her husband Bob McNeil all of Baird, Arthur Rody of Lake Coleman, Sally Rody of Cross Plains; host of nieces and nephews.

Dance, BBQ and Silent Auction to Benefit Doris Broadus...

On December 9, 2005, a friend of the Callahan County Community, Doris Broadus was seriously injured in a M.V.A.-motor vehicle Accident. Doris has spent almost three months in the hospital and in rehab. Doris does not have any medical insurance and the medical bills are tremendous. A large group of friends see the struggles Ronnie and Doris are facing with these large medical bills.

We are hoping to do our part in assisting these wonderful people. With your assistance, we would like to have a

Henley and Thompson Play and Take Home Medals in Final 4/Cowgirls Record Ends 24-7

The season ended without an upset over both teams, Southern Maine and the University of Scranton from Pennsylvania, but Melissa Henley of Baird and Lindsay Thompson of Eula got to take home trophies that put them in "elite company".

Henley and Thompson, both juniors at Hardin-Simmons University and on the women's basketball team played on the Cowgirls' team

Dance, BBQ and a silent Auction. Food items we are seeking include brisquets, bread, buns, BBQ sauce, Potato Salad, Red Beans, Cobbler, tea and paper goods. We are also looking for silent auction items and items to be raffled off to help raise money. The benefit will be held at Clyde City limits, April 15, 2006 and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Margot Stafford at 325-893-5754 or 325-439-5150. Dianne Cheek at 325-893-5754 or 325-665-9585 and Jackie Semmler at 325-854-1444 or 325-201-2032.

that reached the Final Four of the 25 NCAA Div. III Women's Basketball Championship tournament in Springfield, MA. Losing both games on the weekend of the fourteenth at Springfield College, the team received a trophy for its FOURth place finish. Each member of the HSA squad also received an individual trophy memorializing the team's great showing.

Emergency Farm Fire Loan Applications Being Accepted

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

"Callahan is one of 9 primary counties in Texas recently named by the President of the United States eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing."

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

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible

for a FSA emergency loan, Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have a figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 2006 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

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

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

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Fri., March 31: Chili Cheese Dog or Hamburger, French fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Dessert, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Monday, April 3 - Chicken Spaghetti or Chicken Burger, Whole kernel Corn, Fruit Cup, Cake, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk

Tuesday, April 4: Chicken Nuggets or Stuffed Baked Potato, Cheese Stick, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Cookie, Fresh Fruit,

Wednesday, April 5: Pigs in a Blanket or BBQ on a Bun, Baked Chips, Carrot sticks, Baked Beans, Jello, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

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Meals On Wheels In Need of Donations

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

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

You may contact: Project Director Katie Dunn, 854-5658 at the Office in the Courthouse or one of the site managers, Bruce Bell, Baird Center 854-1937, Vickey Burns, Clyde 893-4556 or Kathy Anderson, Cross Plaine, 254-725-6521.

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Bid packages can be obtained by calling 888-887 or (512) 782-6910 or sending an e-mail to tina.burford@tmfc.state.tx.us.

Site visits will be held at the property on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 starting at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Call the number(s) listed above to make an appointment.

2006 Baird Bears Tennis

March 10	@ Santa Anna	8:00 a.m.	Girls/Boys
March 22	@ ACU	1:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys
March 30	@ Clyde	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 6	@ Albany	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 11-12	San Angelo	TBA	Girls/Boys
April 24-29	Abilene	TBA	(District) Girls/Boys
May 8-9	Austin	TBA	(Regional) Girls/Boys
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Baird Baseball Roster 2006

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

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Tournament

Eula Hosts the Pirate Relays Saturday, Clyde Wins Girls Division, Hawley Wins Earns Team Title

Callahan Bear Country

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ing together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman,

Oplin Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry March 31

The Oplin Volunteers' will have their benefit fish fry at the Oplin Community Center with fish, red beans, coleslaw and hushpuppies for a generous donation of \$5 per person. Dessert in the way of cobbler for an extra \$1.00 will be served. Serving will be at 5:00 p.m. and continue until

Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters. "Communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

7:30 p.m. or until we run out (Plan on being early). There will be a dance where Jack Rosser will be playing all after, from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dance is still only \$4 per person The Oplin Community Center is located at intersection of FM 604S and FM 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not permitted.

State Regulates Placement of Campaign Signs Along Highways

Texans take pride in their beautiful state, especially during the spring when everyone can enjoy the beautiful wildflowers that grow along the highway rights of way. However, during campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower * the political sign.

Texas Department of Transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

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

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

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

TxDOT officials say the

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

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

"TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department.

Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff or a constable, depending on jurisdiction," Kilgore said.

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

Merkel 80; T4, Clyde, 70; T4, Rotan 70; 6. Anson 67; 7. Hamlin, 65; 8. Eula, 39; 9. Harmleigh, 0.

Triple Jump: 3rd, Chance Rodriguez, Baird 41-5.

High Jump: 1. Garrett Jennins, Baird; 2. Blan Scott, Baird; 3. Kody Sims, Hawley; 4. Michael Rosson, Anson.

Long Jump: 3. Chance Rodriguez, Baird, 20-5. Justin LaFranca, Eula 19-5.75

Pole Vault: 3. Justin English, Baird. 11-0. 4. Tyler Orlando, Baird, 11-0.

Shot put: 1. C. Mayers, Clyde, 45-10.

Discus: 5. Kobe Parker, Baird, 125-6.

3200 meter: 1. Cory Higgins, Eula 9:50.63; 2. Luke Walker, Hawley, 11:04.48. 3. Felipe Ochoa, Eula, 11:05.48.

400 relay: 1. Anson, 44.37; 2. Hamlin 44.45; 3. Rotan, 44.73; 4. Merkel, 45.00; 5. Clyde 46.07...

800 m.: 2. Cory Higgins, Eula, 2:01.78; 3. Gonzales, Merkel, 2:08.31; 4. Piatr Baidas, Clyde, 2:11.04; 5. Chuck Jones, Clyde, 2:12.41...

100 Hurdles: 3. Justin English, Baird, 19.00; 5. Chris English, Baird, 19.82.

100 m: 1. Chance Rodriguez, Baird, 11.14; 2. Scotty Brown, Hamlin, 11.31; 3. Gabaidon, Merkel, 11.42. 4. Johnny Jaques, Anson, 11.47; 5. Josh Reese, Rotan, 11.66; 6. Andrew Terrell, Clyde, 11.74.

800 Relay: 1. Hamlin 1:34.33; 2. Rotan 1:34.81; 3. Anson, 1:34.89; 4. Clyde, 1:36.86; 5. Hawley, 1:37.19.

400 m. 1. Gonzales, Merkel, 54.49; 2. Chuck Jones, Clyde, 55.83. 3. Joe Don Carrillo, Rotan, 56.54. 4. Justin LaFranca, Eula, 57.39; 5. Anthony Terrell, Clyde, 57.95; 6. Piatr Baidas, Clyde, 58.13.

300 Hurdles: 1. Seth Manly, Hawley, 42.34; 2. Tracy Whitehead, Hawley; 42.45; 3. Blan Scott, Baird, 47.73; 4. Chris English, Baird, 49.91.

200 m: 1. White, Merkel, 22:76; 2. Chance Rodriguez, Baird, 23.33; 3. Josh Winegaart, Hawley, 23.76. 4. Justin La Franca, Eula, 24.05; 5. Gwinn, Hawley, 25.40.

1600 m: 1. Brandon Bounds, Hawley, 4:52.41; 2. Luke Walker, Hawley, 5:02.68; 3. Justin Bristow, Hawley, 5:04.47; 4. Piatr Baidas, Clyde, 5:15.40; 5. Kelly Allen, Eula, 5:29.91; 6. Felipe Ochoa, Eula, 5:33.27.

1600 relay: 1. Hawley, 3:36.71; 2. Clyde, 3:38.76; 3. Rotan, 3:39.41; 4. Hamlin, 3:42.99; 5. Anson, 3:46.03. 6. Baird, 4:16.31.

Girls

Team Results: 1. Clyde, 193; 2. Hamlin, 125; 3. Rotan 66; 4. Merkel, 59. T5. Winters, 45; T5, Eula, 45. 7. Baird, 43; 8. Anson, 16; 9. Hawley, 15; 10. Hermleigh, 0.

Emergency Farm Drought Applications Being Accepted

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

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Lindstrom Scholarship Committee Announces Website Launch

The Micah Tate Lindstrom Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship committee has launched a website, <http://www.micah68.com>, that will inform and assist students in the scholarship application process. Students will be able to read scholarship eligibility requirements, print out the application, and contact scholarship committee members.

Visitors to the website can also view past winners of the scholarship as well as past winners of the Micah Tate Lindstrom/Huddle Coach of the Year award, which is presented to a Big Country coach each year by the Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The Scholarship committee and the family of Coach Lindstrom strongly encourage all college-bound seniors to apply. Students can also pick up applications from the Clyde High School Counselor's Office.

The scholarship fund, established by the family of Coach Lindstrom and administered by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will award the scholarship each May. Applications and all supporting material must be received in the Clyde High School Counselor's office by March 31, 2006.

Past winners of the Micah Tate Lindstrom F.C.A. Memorial Scholarship include Anne Marie King (2004) and Kris Johnson (2005).

Triple Jump: 1. Yates, Clyde, 35-4; 2. Morin, Rotan, 32-6; 3. Portlack, Clyde, 32-4; 4. Korzenewski, Clyde, 32-4. 5. Frye, Hamlin, 32-0; 5. Branch, Hamlin, 31-7.

High Jump: 2. S. Butcher, Clyde; 3. B. Steele, Hamlin.

Long Jump: 1. E. Yates, Clyde, 16-3.5; 2. S. Sampson, Clyde, 16-0; 3. Shelby Walker, Winters, 15-7.25.

Pole vault, Clyde, 9-0; 2. Chuck Norris, Janine Turner, Ashley Guernsey, Anson, 7-6

Shot put: 1. V. Ramos, Clyde, 31-5; 2. N. Titus, Hamlin, 30-6.5; 3. Childre, Rotan, 29-7; 4. Alex Auiree, Anson, 29-3; 5. Burns, Baird, 29-1; 6. Briana Besherre, Merkel 28-3.5.

Discus: 1. Burns, Baird, 103-1; 2. Villanueva, Clyde, 98-10; 3. V. Ramos, Clyde, 98-10; 4. Hargis, Hawley, 95-10; 5. Addison, Bergman, Winters, 98-5; 6. Green, Baird, 93-0

3200 m: 1. A. Guerrero, Hamlin, 12:46.02; 2. Jessica Rodriguez, Winters, 12:51.01; 3. Holly Tittle, Merkel, 12:56.90; 4. Galle, Eula, 13:29.74; 5. Patricia Carrillo, Winters, 14:48.17; 6. Price, Rotan, 15:17.76.

400 relay: 1. Clyde, 51.80; 2. Hamlin, 52.08; 3. Rotan, 53.71; 4. Baird, 54.00; 5. Eula, 54.16; 6. Hawley...

800 m: 1. Cavan, Hamlin, 2:36.70; 2. Portlock, Clyde, 2:36.92; 3. Galle, Eula, 2:37.18; 4. Haley Sugart, Merkel, 2:37.18; 4. Haley Sugart, Merkel, 1:07.90;

100 m: hurdles: 1. 3. Rachelle Ely, Merkel, Karzenewski, Clyde, 15.14; 2. 1:08.79; 4. Viertel, Clyde, B. Steele, Hamlin, 15.54; 3. 1:09.27; 5. N. Titus, Shelby Walker Winter, 17.05; Hamlin, 1:10.26; 6. 4. B. Harris, Clyde, 17.54; 5. Carrigan, Eula, 1:11.34. K. Steph, Clyde, 17.87; 6. Etheridge, Rotan, 18.94.

300 Hurdles: 1. Carrigan, Eula, 1:11.34.

300 Hurdles: 1. Carrigan, Hamlin, 12.67; 2. C. Bartlett, Eula, 52.71; 2. K. Steph, Clyde, 12.84; 3. Cumby, Clyde, 53.01; 3. B. Harris, Baird, 13.25; 4. Boles, Rotan, Clyde, 53.50; 4. Cassi 13.46; 5. Haley Arnold, Mendoza, Winters, 56.02; 5. Merkel, 13.50; 6. Orlando,

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including Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Owen Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

In addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring a 'Real Texans Don't Litter' Cleanup Contest, challenging O'Real Texans' to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August.

Visit www.DontMessWithTexas20.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas

Baird, 13.65.

800 relay: 1. Hamlin, 1:54.29; 2. Rotan, 1:54.86; 3. Eula, 1:56.00; 4. Baird, 1:56.26; 5. Merkel, 1:59.26; 6. Hawley, 1:59.34.

400 m: T. Portlock, Clyde, 1:02, 1:02.27; 2. Haley Shugart, Merkel, 1:07.90;

300 Hurdles: 1. Carrigan, Eula, 1:11.34.

300 Hurdles: 1. Carrigan, Eula, 52.71; 2. K. Steph, Clyde, 53.01; 3. B. Harris, Baird, 53.50; 4. Cassi 56.02; 5. Merkel, 56.02; 5.

Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.

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Etheridge, Rotan, 56.05; 6. Moore, Clyde, 57.91.

200 m: 1. E. Yates, Clyde, 26.95; 2. Martinez, Rotan, 27.37; 3. Sampson, Clyde, 28.05; 4. Caffey, Hawley, 29.18; 5. Mendez, Merkel.

1600 m.: 1. A. Gurerra, Hamlin, 5:54.88; 2. Jessica Rodriguez, Winters, 6:09.46; 3. Suarez, Baird, 6:17.29; 4. Ashley Guernsey, Anson, 6:29.44; 5. Morin, Rotan, 6:41.05; 6. Patterson, Baird, 6:45.83.

1600 relay: 1. Hamlin, 4:21.48; 2. Clyde, 4:31.38; 3. Merkel, 4:36.47; 4. Eula, 4:44.39; 5. Winter; 6. Rotan, 4:58.20.

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