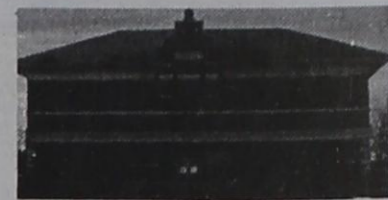


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## Commentary Corner

I would like to encourage readers of the Callahan County "Baird Star" to send any comments as to how our Newspaper could better service the town of Baird

Nicki Harle, speaks at TMCN Luncheon (Front Page)

Pastor Larry Gaumond and his wife, Willie, of the United Methodist Church of Baird, fulfilling their call as missionaries to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa this August (Story Inside)

by  
Gary Grady

## BAIRD BEARS Sports, Events and News Spring 2005

### Baird Varsity Baseball

April 29 - Baird VS Tolar 5:00 Home  
May 3 - Baird VS Gorman 5:00 There

### Bear Golf

May 9 - 10 - State Tournament Boys/Girls  
Morris Williams

**BHS! GO BEARS!**

## Baird Coyotes

In the 1920's Baird fielded a semi-pro league team known as the Baird Coyotes. The papers of the day covered the Coyotes in detail and the exploits of their players such as pitching all-star Rawleigh Ray who was called up to pitch for the San Angelo professional team on occasion. In honor of that historic ball club, the Baird Little League minor division team has taken the nickname "Coyotes" with great pride.

May 2 - Coyotes VS Mets 5:00 Home  
May 5 - Coyotes VS Blue Claws 5:00 There  
May 9 - Coyotes VS Diablos 5:00 Home  
May 12 - Coyotes VS Mets 5:00 There  
May 16 - Coyotes VS Blue Claws 5:00 Home  
May 21 - Coyotes VS Mets 5:00 There  
May 23 - Coyotes VS Blue Claws 5:00 Home  
May 28 - Coyotes VS Diablos 5:00 There

\*all games played at Clyde Little League field\*

### Junior League Football Association Forming

Anyone interested in playing in a junior league are invited to attend an organizational meeting Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM in Clyde, Texas at the Pizza House, on the South Access Road to Interstate-20. The league is anticipated to be comprised of four levels of competition based on age and weight, flag level for ages 5-6, and three divisions of tackle play for ages 7-12. This meeting will be to determine what towns might be interested in forming teams to play in the league and to get input as to how to make this league work.

To be eligible for the league, towns must compete in class 3-A or lower in their respective school districts. Smaller towns in the same vicinity may combine to form teams. For more information, please attend the meeting on May 11th, or call 325-665-9945

Submitted by Shane Deel

We Welcome Birth,  
Wedding, & Engagement  
Announcements  
Mail to 211 Market Street  
in Baird



A. J. Ratliff, Texas Midwest Community Network Board Member and Ranger City Manager, Joe McFarlan of Stephenville, TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle of Baird, and Jeane Pruett, TMCN Ranger Delegate, are pictured at the organization's luncheon held April 20 in Ranger.

### Texas Midwest Community Network Holds Lunch In Ranger Delegates Challenged To Define Regional Vision

by Margaret Hetrick  
Texas Midwest  
Community Network  
(TMCN) delegates were  
challenged at a networking  
luncheon in Ranger on

April 20 to formalize a  
regional vision.

Nicki Harle of Baird, TMCN executive director, said they must be willing to try. "What is the alternative if we don't?" she ask.

TMCN is an organization with the purpose of helping communities work together to achieve what one community can not alone.

The organization started in 1994 with 28 cities. It is now 43 cities (in 25 counties) strong.

The luncheon was held in the Open Range Restaurant in downtown Ranger.

A delicious salad and entree buffet was prepared and served by owner Tim Shelton and staff. The restaurant will soon be open to the public for business, he said.

Nicki Harle said TMCN was excited to be in Ranger, and she welcome all those attending.

Among other cities, TMCN representatives were present from Ranger, Munday, Gorman, Carbon, Thurber, Cisco, Cross Plains, Stephenville, Sweetwater, Breckenridge and Abilene.

Over 60 people attended. Representing a cross section of community leaders, elected city and county officials, chamber of commerce representatives from Cisco, Eastland, Gorman and Breckenridge, school representatives, as well as leaders from the medical and business fields attended.

Two county judges were present: Judge Brad Stephenson from Eastland County, and Judge Travis Floyd from Knox County, as well as Eastland County Commissioner Norman Christian.

Kevin Christian, a field representative from Gov. Rick Perry's office also attended, and Amy Lorange, representing the Texas Department of Agriculture.

TMCN President Don Henry, Secretary/Treasurer Lori Dodd, and several Board Member were introduced.

Nicki Harle especially thanked Ranger's TMCN delegate Jeane Pruett for the great job she did in organizing and arranging the luncheon.

In order to define a regional vision, TMCN delegates from member towns were asked to arrange planning sessions to receive and encourage local input.

These meetings could be a time of sharing information about what visions people have for their own community.

Some of the questions

which could be ask at the sessions were: What will keep our town growing? What will keep City Hall open? What will keep our schools strong and open?

Each person should also ask themselves: How important is the future of the community to me personally, and what am I willing to do?

A one day summit is planned for July, Nicki Harle said, where representatives from the communities will meet and discuss the results of the local planning session. It would be a meeting of minds, she said.

The delegates were also given an assignment at the luncheon. They were ask to write a positive headline they would like to see about their town in a major newspaper.

A headlines suggested for Ranger: **Ranger Economy Returns To Oil Boom Days.**

Although the growth and economic forecast for Texas is very good, this growth was mainly forecasted for urban areas, Nick Harle pointed out, adding that rural Texas faces challenges.

"We must take on this challenge now," she said.

Nicki Harle gave a list of "C Words" which could be used as a guide for a joint community or regional effort.

They were: collaboration, cooperation, compromise, communication, coming together, and contributing your own personal time.

### Baird Elementary & Junior High

Dismissal is now at 3:15 P.M. Buses will run at 3:20 P.M. This will be the daily release time until the end of the school year

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Donald King Crown and C.L. "Sam" Webb, accredited members of the International Society of Appraisers, will be hosted by Anita Mays, owner of Wit's End, 400 Pine Street, Baird. This marks the third Appraisal Fair the famous Dallas duo has presented in Baird during our annual second weekend in June Antiques Market/Trade Days.

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Baird Market Alliance Committee.

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Experienced convenient store cashier wanted in Putnam, Texas. Please call 325-662-3328. B52



The Romans wrote all numbers using some combination of only seven symbols: I for 1, V for 5, X for 10, L for 50, C for 100, D for 500 and M for 1,000.

HUGE MOVING SALE and 8 other families: May 5, 6, 7 105 E. 13th Cisco. Cash only. Appliances, glassware- Fenton, Murano, Bacarah, Waterford, Jade, Ebony-Avon; fishing tackle, motorcycle, lanterns, generator, trailer, welder, TV's, movies, tools, Solo Flex, boat trailer, tire machine, motor home, portable VCR-DVD, riding lawn mower, 7 1/4 circular saw, new gasoline chain saw, drill, home interior, Avon thimble collection, Ty Beanie Babies, baby items, books, toys, Angel collection, bedding, quilt, jeans, lots more! B18

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**Obituaries**

**Virginia Lou Moran**

Virginia Lou Moran, 76, of Abilene died Thursday, April 21, 2005.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2005 at Independent Order of Oddfellows (Abilene City Cemetery) Pastor Bob Wright officiated, directed by North's Funeral Home.

Ms. Moran was born July 18, 1928 to Rufus and Ora Hargrove in Abilene. She has lived in Abilene all of her life, marrying John Thomas (Blondie) Moran, Jr. on June 23, 1945. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Survivors include three sons, Jim Moran of Abilene, Paul Moran of Bertram, Malcolm and wife Linda Moran of Baird; two daughters, Linda and husband John Beyer, Evelyn Diane and husband Rick Brooks all of Abilene; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved. —Victor Hugo

**Prayer For The Nation**

Written by Max Lucado  
Dear God,  
Not to us, O Lord, but to You goes all the glory. We depend on You. You give birth and breath and determine our days. You make every nation and set every boundary. We exist by Your power. We exist for Your glory. Showcase Your power through this land. Display Your justice in our courts, wisdom in our governments, guidance in our schools and love in our homes. Have mercy upon our sins. We have disrespected Your word, disregarded Your gifts, discarded Your children. We are sorry. Forgive us, dear Father. Grant strength to all our leaders. May they serve You first and honor You most. Remind us of the brevity of this life and the beauty of the next. Prepare our souls for the day we meet You in eternity. This we pray in Your Holy Name, Amen

Thursday, May 5, 2005 has been declared as our nation's National Day of Prayer. This day presents an opportunity for us to join as a community and as a nation to pray prayers that will bring a positive and dynamic effect within our lives and upon our future.

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**Warm Weather Skin Shape-Up**

(NAPS)—When the weather warms up, it may be time to repair the damage that the cold has done to your skin. Cool weather outside and dry heat inside can take quite a toll on your skin, zapping its moisture and leaving it pale, uneven and flaky.



Luckily, there are a number of ways to revive skin and achieve that healthy glow. Robert Scott, celebrity aesthetician and wellness expert, emphasizes the importance of caring for skin during this transition period: "During the winter months, clients often complain about dull, dry skin, but there are some fantastic products out there with a double duty formula that moisturize skin while adding a hint of color so we can transform winter skin from drab to fab."

Using a color-enhancing moisturizer that hydrates skin and gives an instant radiance helps get skin in shape for the warm weather. Try a product like Olay Radiance Reviver, which delivers the following benefits:

- Hydrates skin—Moisturizing ingredients eliminate dryness, delivering soft, healthy, hydrated skin.
  - Adds a hint of color—A customized formula works with every woman's skin tone, resulting in a natural-looking glow.
  - Evens skin tone—High levels of glycerin help improve skin tone and texture.
- Once your skin is glowing and ready for body-baring fashions, you can focus on building a warm weather wardrobe to complement your radiant skin. According to celebrity stylist Jeanne Yang, "summer looks should be

fresh, light and flirty."

She offers several suggestions for getting your wardrobe ready for the body-baring season.

**Clean out your closet**

- Dry clean your bulky winter sweaters and overcoats and keep them folded up in paper for protection.
- Store heavy winter items in the back of your closet or inside hallway closets.
- Donate clothes you rarely wear to a charity such as the Women's Alliance (log on to [www.womensalliance.org](http://www.womensalliance.org)).

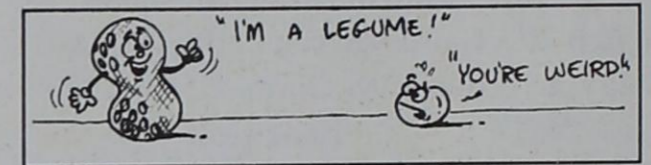
**Shop for fashions and colors that show off your skin**

- Wear strapless tops and halters, which are very popular this season and show off renewed, radiant skin.
- Choose clothing in citrus shades and bright colors like chartreuse, salmon and turquoise to accentuate skin tone.

**Use accessories to brighten up your outfit**

- Try donning some dazzling ethnic jewelry, Indian coral earrings or a turquoise necklace.
- Add a colorful summer bag or purse to a subdued outfit.

With these helpful tips, you can renew and revive your skin as well as your wardrobe for the warm weather!



The peanut is not actually a nut, botanically speaking, but the fruit of a vegetable plant related to the green pea.

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- 77 acres completely wooded with oak trees, older mobile home, water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs & dove. \$115,500. An additional 16 ac. will be deeded without a title policy at no extra charge totaling the entire property to 93 ac. Eastland Co.
- 78 acres with nice camper & shed, thickly wooded with oak timber, 2 good size ponds, big hills, lots of wild **SOLD** y, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$105,624.
- 81 acres completely wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 1 pond, 1 very large hill down to a creek bottom below, surrounded by large ranches, Stephens County, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail. \$87,075.
- 83 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail. \$82,585.
- 90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, **SOLD** turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$120,000.
- 110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills **SOLD** ficity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$995/ac.
- 117 acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquites, 3 fields, 3 ponds, pens, buildings, hilltop view, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, \$995/ac.
- 160 acres wooded with live oak, post oak & mesquite trees, 2 ponds & a creek, hills with views, waterline, **SOLD** er, turkey, hogs, duck, dove & quail. \$895/ac.
- 169 acres, mostly wooded with oak timber, large hills, creeks, ponds, canyons, Eastland Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,500 per acre.
- 172 acres w/3BR home, barns, livestock pens. 2 ponds, headwaters of Leon River, water well, 40% wood **SOLD** pastureland & fields, deer, turkey, dove, quail. \$189,200.
- 210 acres on Battle Creek, wooded with oak & mesquite, 1 small lake, Battle Creek is a large creek/small river size, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, and quail. \$950 per acre. An additional 137 acres that joins the 210 acres can be purchased at \$600 per acre. Stephens Co.
- 217 acres, 80% fields and grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 20% oak and mesquite timber, Stephens Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,350 per acre.

**••••HOMES••••**

- 2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, reduced to \$9,800.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home, separate **SOLD** other outbuildings, reduced to \$16,500.
- 2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, **SOLD** fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.
- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$25,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate dining room plus space in kitchen for table, some wood floors, WBFP, carport, 2 storage bldgs, \$27,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home, separate **SOLD** big kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000.
- 2 BR, 1 bath home, could be converted into a 3BR home, 6 ceiling fans, inside and outside recently repainted and carpeted, oversized yard, \$35,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home inside has been recently repainted & floor covering replaced, also has CH/A, 5 ceiling fans, carport with storage, fenced back yard, \$36,000.
- 2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, reduced to \$36,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room and breakfast nook with built in cabinets, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.
- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick **SOLD** CH/A, WBFP attached garage, covered patio, detached guest room with full bath, shop, fenced backyard, \$49,500.
- 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home, CH/A, storm windows, attached garage, large covered patio, carport/RV storage, 2 metal bldgs., fenced backyard, city water plus water well.
- 5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property. Reduced to \$79,500.
- LAKE CISCO••••
- 2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.
- 2 BR, CH/A, partially furnished, lots of parking space, storage building, boat dock, \$59,000.
- Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CH/A units, woodburning heater, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boat dock with boat lift, septic system recently replaced.
- Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR, many extras.
- Must see - Lovely 4 BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large gameroom. Many extras including inground pool.
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**Early Cancer Detection Saves Lives**

Most of us know April is the month in which spring bursts out across Texas, as flowers bloom, trees sprout leaves, and birds build nests. It is also, according to the American Cancer Society, National Cancer Control Month.

We use a month in which life flourishes to remind people of the progress we have made in the fight to eliminate cancer. Over the past several decades, we have developed new drugs and surgical techniques to provide cancer sufferers improved chances for survival. We need to continue research to improve the treatment for this disease.

We can modify our behaviors to lower our risk of cancer. We can eat healthier foods and exercise. We also know cancer risks are increased by abusing alcohol and smoking.

There is another habit we can cultivate which can have a major impact on our health - getting screened for cancer. Today's physicians have a wide range of diagnostic tools which help us discover cancers early when the chances for successful treatment are high. Many of these screenings should be done on a regular basis after age 50, although those with family histories of certain types of cancer should consult their physician about starting to test even earlier.

We are also aware that cancer affects various groups differently. African-Americans have the highest cancer mortality rates of any group, a factor some doctors attribute to a lack of access to early testing and treatment.

Cancers with few obvious symptoms are the most dangerous because they are usually too advanced for easy treatment when they are finally discovered. This is why men should get screened for prostate cancer. Women should get tested for cervical cancer and get mammograms to detect breast cancer. Adults over 50 should start having tests for colon cancer. Blood work can detect lymphoma and other types of cancer.

We should also be on the lookout for the most common form of cancer - skin cancer, which is diagnosed over 1 million times per year in America. The best check up is to keep an eye on skin changes. The best prevention is to avoid exposure to the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays by wearing protective clothing or sunblock lotion.

In addition to adopting healthier lifestyles and getting early screening, we can take other steps to fight cancer.

Many of us donate to organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Leukemia and Lymphoma

Society. We can also participate in their fundraising activities, such as the annual Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure. These organizations support scientific research and public education programs.

In addition to backing these organizations, we have worked to increase funding to fight cancer. The National Institutes of Health emphasizes cancer research.

In 2002, Congress enacted my bill, the Hematological Cancer Research Investment and Education Act, which directed the NIH to establish a coordinated blood cancer research initiative to improve our response to this deadly disease. Under this program, MD Anderson received a five-year, \$12.75 million grant to research Leukemia. The grant is funded at \$2.5 million each year, through 2007.

I have a personal stake in this fight: I have had friends who have fought cancer, and my brother Allan is a survivor. Everyone owes themselves and their loved ones an early screening so that they have the best chance possible to survive if cancer should strike.

**Did you know?**

The first adhesive postage stamps went on sale July 1, 1847.

A single fiber-optic cable can carry as many as 4,000 telephone conversations as well as several television signals.

**14th Annual Spring Swing May 14th At Maxwell Municipal Golf Course In Abilene**

West Texas Catclaw Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly announces the 14th annual Spring Swing women's golf tournament sponsored in part by Lawrence Hall Abilene. The tournament is a four-woman scramble to be held on May 14, 2005 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course (soft spike shoes only), Abilene, Texas. This fundraising event allows the West Texas Catclaw ABWA chapter to award educational scholarship to area students.

Tee-off is at 9 a.m. with team and special event prizes. Players will have an opportunity to win a Hawaii trip, Dell Computer, Hogan Irons, Boise radio/CD player, cash prizes and more! If you need a golfing partner, no problem, as arrangements will be made to get you on a team. There is a registration fee of \$60.00 each, which includes green fees, golf cart and lunch. For more information contact West Texas Catclaw Chapter members, at (325) 675-6164, 695-7914 or 695-1389, or mail registration and fees to ABWA Spring Swing, P.O. Box 7642, Abilene, Texas 79608. The "Spring Swing" tournament has grown from 44 entrants in the first year increasing to 136 with women coming from San Antonio, Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. The tournament has become the largest ladies golf tournament in Texas west of Fort Worth and people keep coming back because they have so much fun.

Our Chapter can be described in three words: friendship, leadership, and

scholarship. ABWA offers an opportunity to discover and extend friendship to a diverse group of women. Leadership positions offer the opportunity to practice skills and develop self-confidence. Leadership and teamwork are the backbone of an ABWA chapter and of putting together a successful golf tournament.

ABWA is a national network of women dedicated to helping each other reach new heights in their careers. ABWA is all about support, about reaching out to each other, giving a hand, learning from each other, being there for each other, and growing together. Nationally ABWA has 45,000 members in 1,100 chapter across the United States.

**Seeds From The Sower**

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, GA.

One day, many years ago, a Ford car sputtered and stopped.

Just as the driver was wondering what to do, a stranger came along and offered to help. He turned a screw or two, and the car started.

"Thanks!" shouted the owner. "What's your name?"

"Henry Ford," came the reply. "I made your car."

Just as the man who made the car knew how to make it run, so the God who created you knows how to make your life run smoothly and successfully.

A man who's out of fellowship with God isn't right with others or himself. But a man who's governed by God is at his best.

Let go and let God!

**House Wiring "Bundles" Could Be A Fire Hazard**

*New Research Leads To Electrical Code Change*

Almost every home has electrical cables bundled together in various locations, and those bundled wires typically run through holes in the wood framing. Do such bundles get hot enough to create a fire hazard? The answer is "not likely, but it could happen," especially when a combination of undersized wiring and high current loads are present, says Bill Black, vice president of wire and cable for the Copper Development Association.

Recent research has shown that bundled cables passing through holes in building materials can reach dangerously high temperatures, particularly when outdoor and attic temperatures are also elevated.

**The Trouble with Bundles**

Overheating is compounded when some of the wires are not only bundled tightly together but are also carrying heavy electric-current loads. Black says, in tests conducted recently, the worst scenario occurred when loaded, bundled wires passed vertically through a hole in building materials such as wood wall framing. According to most construction codes, such holes must be "fire-stopped" with insulating material. Although this is

intended to control the spread of a house fire, it has the unintentional effect of preventing heat generated in the hole from escaping. Under these conditions, wire temperatures can approach, and sometimes exceed, the maximum rated temperature of wire-installation materials (typically 194 degrees Fahrenheit).


**New Code Requirements**

Faced with these research results, the CDA, which sponsored the research, proposed a change to the National Electrical Code. Though the new Code does not prohibit wire bundling, it does require that measures be taken, known as "derating," to prevent excessive heat buildup.

Bundling can be especially hazardous above the electrical panel, where many wires converge and the loads are concentrated. It's a good idea to visually check for bundles of wires throughout your home, Black recommends.

If you have doubts about the safety of the wiring in your home, you should call a qualified electrician. If you and your electrician determine that unsafe or hazardous conditions exist, you need to take immediate corrective action. You can also visit [www.copper.org/buildingwire](http://www.copper.org/buildingwire) for more info about residential electrical wiring.

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## Pleasant Hill Cemetery Meet Monday, May 2

The Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association annual meeting will be held Monday, May 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Church, Secretary Shirley Tucker has announced.  
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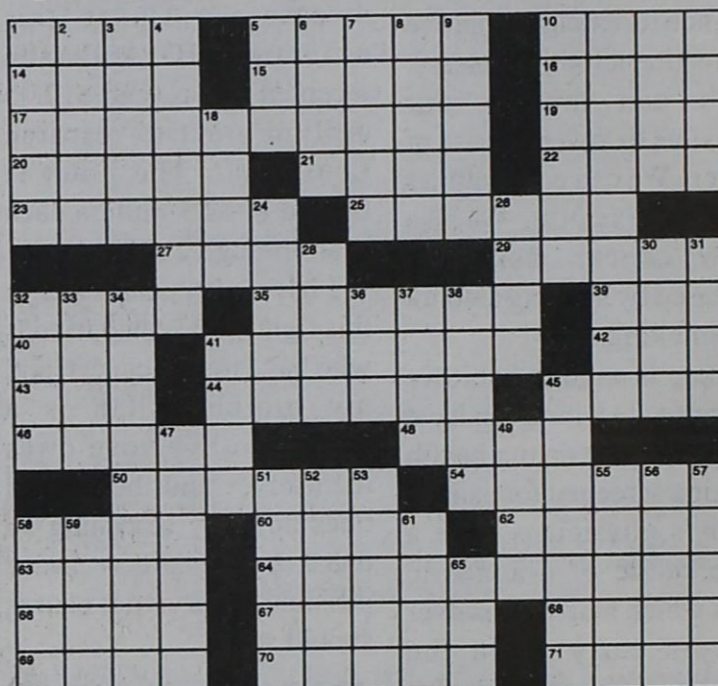
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**Directions:**  
 1. Brown ground beef in a large skillet. Drain fat. Stir in seasoning mix, tomato paste and water. Bring to a boil,

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- Across
- Merge; blend.
  - Struck down.
  - Expression of doubt.
  - Epithet of Athena.
  - Former title of Turkish officials.
  - Japanese sandal.
  - Comedy starring Michael J. Fox.
  - 2002 Stiller Brothers album.
  - Toughen or harden.
  - From \_ to Eternity.
  - Jones & \_, country vocal team.
  - Brody, 2002 Oscar winner.
  - Comic \_.
  - Ancient Greek goddess of discord.
  - Small vehicles pushed by hand.
  - Abitragers.
  - Sea \_ 2002 Beck album.
  - Swedish bronze coin.
  - \_ Gees, Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb.
  - Cant hooks used to handle logs.
  - Born.
  - \_ & Order.
  - Worker ant.
  - Lively, remake of Room Service.
  - Christine \_ Emily Valentine on Beverly Hills: 90210.
  - Against.
  - Company.
  - Gary Coleman Diff'rent Strokes role.
  - and Again.
  - The Robert \_ Band.
  - Domed hut built of ice.
  - John \_ host of I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
  - Drama starring Christopher Burke.
  - Person who frequently attends.
  - Contains acetaminophen.
  - Betty White Golden Girls role.
  - Younger brother of 40 across.
  - Delicious.
  - John \_ Oliver on The New Leave It to Beaver.
  - Down
  - Lloyd Bridges' last film.
  - Large rare African antelope.
  - Large-eyed arboreal prosimian.
  - Farms devoted to milk production.
  - TV show starring Robert Culp.
  - Order of Hindu monks.
  - Willow used in wickerwork.
  - Somebody Up \_ Likes Me.
  - Artwork stand.
  - False honeysuckle.
  - Drama focusing on returning WWII GIs.
  - Day before a Jewish holiday.
  - Kolb, Jeff's mother on Curb Your Enthusiasm.
  - Sly look.
  - by the Hour, 1999 Rocker-T album.
  - Frosts a cake.
  - The Movie, 1989 teen flick.
  - One \_ Hill.
  - Ooze into.
  - Qualified.
  - The \_ World, an MTV series.
  - Comedy starring Elizabeth Montgomery.
  - Gardner, Julie in Show Boat.
  - Talbot, Beatrice on The Thin Man.
  - Davis, 1988 Oscar winner.
  - The \_ Sessions, 2002 Merle Haggard album.
  - Cher, Sting and Madonna.
  - Stringfield, Susan on ER.
  - Peter, Paul and Mary.
  - Reputation.
  - Susan Lucci All My Children role.
  - Steel boxes used to store valuables.
  - Nancy \_ Jessica on Kingstons: Confidential.
  - Every Which Way but \_.
  - Set of literary premises.
  - Russell, Lisabeth on Jake and the Fat Man.
  - Golden, 2003 Notwist album.
  - Gate.
  - Marcia \_ Harden, 2001 Oscar winner.

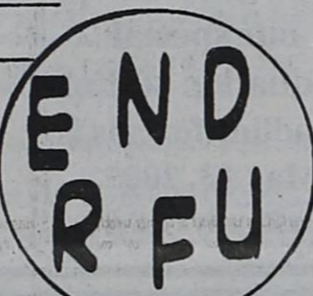
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# Top 10 Auto Accident Tips

What Every Driver Should Know In The Event Of An Auto Accident

Although responsible drivers try to avoid getting into auto accidents, even the best of drivers can have bad luck behind the wheel. According to the National Safety Council approximately 20 million drivers--nearly 10% of all U.S. drivers--will be in an auto accident this year.

"With the start of the heaviest driving season upon us, this is the perfect time for drivers to familiarize themselves with some basic advice," said Ray Palermo, Director of Public Relations for Response Insurance. "Drivers should learn what to do before they need it."

Response Insurance's spring public information campaign attempts to answer the question of what to do in the event of an auto accident. They are offering a free "Top 10 Tips" brochure to help prevent injury, save time and money and minimize the stress involved in an auto accident.

**\*Tip #1- Stay calm.** Avoid tendencies toward "road rage" and stay calm if you encounter another driver who is behaving irrationally. When these situations escalate, they can often lead to dangerous driving and crashes. There is no slight,

vulgar gesture or foolish behavior that is worth endangering your life, your car and the lives of others.

**\*Tip #2- Protect yourself.** Be alert to traffic scams that seem like "accidents", such as when driving on a lightly traveled road, particularly at night, and being tapped from behind. Predatory criminals do this to get the driver to exit the car and then either rob the driver or steal the car. If you are suspicious of the circumstances, stay in your vehicle and drive to a police station or heavily populated area for assistance.

**\*Tip #3- STOP!** If you are in an accident do not leave the scene until you have spoken with the other driver or the police.

**\*Tip #4- Take steps to prevent further accidents.** If practical, move the car and all passengers safely to the side of the road--preferably to the right shoulder. If functioning, turn your emergency flashing lights on and, if available, set out a flare on the road for nighttime accidents.

**\*Tip #5- Call the police** from the scene or ask someone to call for you. It is usually best to have the police address any traffic infrac-

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tions, assist with injuries and memorialize the occurrence for the record.

**\*Tip #6- Request medical assistance** if needed. If you or others are bleeding, feel light-headed or are suffering any physical injury, always err on the side of calling for assistance. Unless trained in emergency medical assistance, do not attempt to move injured persons or perform medical procedures yourself.

**Tip #7- Do not admit fault** or discuss the accident with anyone except for the police or your auto insurance company. And, remember to call your insurance company as soon as practicable.

**\*Tip #8- Write down pertinent information** such as the other driver's name, address, telephone number, license plate and driver's license number and the time of the accident. Note the names, addresses and phone numbers of any witnesses, the badge number of any police officers and where to obtain a copy of a police report and any other pertinent information about the scene, such as exact location, the issuance of any tickets by the police, and any recollections about your vehicle's handling or mechanical functioning just prior to the accident.

**Tip #9- Carry an emergency kit** in your car that should minimally include: a road flare or traffic triangle, brightly colored cloth to tie to your radio antenna and driver side door handle, a flash light, with fully charged batteries, a first aid kit, a basic tool kit with duct tape and a pen and paper. Always have a copy of your Insurance Company ID card in your glove compartment and have with you, your driver's license and car registration.

**Tip #10- Assist others.** If you come upon an auto accident that you are not a party to and wish to offer assistance, pull your car off the road ahead of the accident scene. Do not park in back of the accident, which will only make your vehicle vulnerable to oncoming traffic and block the view of emer-


gency or police vehicles looking for the scene. When arriving at the scene of an accident, first determine if there are any injuries. If there are, immediately call for medical assistance. Unless trained in emergency medical assistance, do not attempt to move injured people or perform medical procedures yourself.

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### Stay cool under pressure

Replace the heating and cooling system filters once a month and schedule routine maintenance checkups to increase efficiency and keep your customers and staff comfortable. Invest in an automatic thermostat that sets the air-conditioning system at a higher temperature when the building is not occupied.

Install weather stripping and make sure to caulk and seal doors and windows to maintain a constant temperature and decrease energy usage.

### Assess facility efficiencies

When looking at ways to increase energy efficiency, business owners have three options: a self-assessment, a professional evaluation or a full energy audit.

**\*Self-Assessment.** Create a checklist that includes all

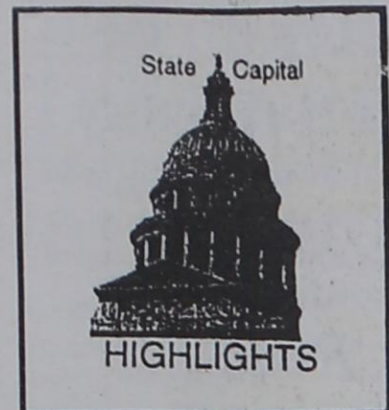
appliances, electronic equipment, lighting, windows, doors and heating and cooling units. Take the time to inspect each item on your list, take notes on where problems are found and create a timeline for correcting the problems.

**\*Professional Evaluation.** When hiring a professional to conduct a walk-through evaluation, be sure to accompany the inspector and ask questions. Getting a thorough idea of the building's deficiencies can be invaluable when managing any upgrades to increase efficiency.

**\*Energy Audit.** A full energy audit consists of a complete analysis of energy inefficiencies and recommendations for increasing energy efficiency by a licensed professional. If a business uses large or numerous pieces of equipment, a full energy audit may be the best choice to identify specific equipment problems.

### \*Manage energy needs

Deregulation has given small business owners the opportunity to actively manage their energy needs. A variety of factors impact the amount of energy used and the efficiency opportunities available to each business. These factors include the type of business, size of the facility, location, number of sites and electricity demand levels. Each small business owner should evaluate their company's energy usage to determine the best solutions to lower overall operating costs.



By Mike Cox

### Joint committee to iron out state budget

Big power comes in small numbers in the Legislature. In case you skipped civics the day the teacher wrote the number of state representatives and senators on the blackboard, the figure is 181 — 31 senators and 150 representatives. District boundaries change every decade with the latest census data, but the size of Texas' legislative body does not.

The political power of these lawmakers hinges on party affiliation, seniority, savvy and support, but 10 of them have now been conferred with extra clout. The power upgrade comes with appointment to the joint conference committee that will have to work out the differences between the House and Senate's take on the state budget. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has appointed Senators Kip Averitt (R-Waco), Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), Steve Ogden (R-College Station), John Whitmire (D-Houston) and Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) to the committee. Appointed by House Speaker Tom Craddick are Representatives Dan Gattis (R-Georgetown), Lois Kofkhorst (R-Brenham), Vilma Luna (D-Corpus Christi), Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) and Sylvester Turner (D-Houston.)

### Forewarned, forearmed...

According to the Department of Public Safety, which runs the state's concealed handgun licensing program, 30 members of the Legislature are among Texas' 230,000 licensed gun toters. Most of the legislative pistol packers are members of the House (26) and the GOP

(21) and most are male (25.) The joint conference committee that will wrestle with the state's multi-billion dollar budget has only one licensed handgun carrier, Rep. Gattis. Another of the handgun license holders is Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (R-Lampasas), author of a bill that would prohibit the DPS from releasing the names of those who can pack concealed heat legally. The measure has passed the House and now is in the Senate. The list of legislative pistoleros does not include Rep. Fred Hill (R-Richardson). That may explain his recent analogy, one of the more colorful quotes from the floor so far this session: "The time to kill a snake is when you've got the hoe in your hand."

### Pricey pride...

Approved April 20 by voice vote, House Bill 137 by Rep. Ken Paxton (R-McKinney) would add the words "Proud to be the Home of President George W. Bush" to the 66 "Welcome to Texas" signs on highways leading into the state.

As introduced, the bill only required an addition to existing signs, but as amended, the bill also provides that the signs be changed in 2009 when the nation will have a new president. The new text, which would require new signs, would say: "Welcome to Texas - Proud to be the Home of Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush." The Texas Department of Transportation had not yet released the cost for the new signs that would have to be added after Bush's term ends. The Senate received the bill April 22 and referred it to the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee.

### Water tax down the drain...

The drain plug's been pulled on a proposal by Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) to tax retail water consumption exceeding

5,000 gallons a month. Minus the tax provision, Armbrister's water use planning bill flowed freely

from the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 21, ready for floor consideration.

## Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

### Terri Schiavo Gone But Not Forgotten

Terri Schiavo's heart-wrenching case will become a cultural watershed, prompting changes in the law, health care practice and philosophy. It's the last development that's most important, for it involves questions like, Should human life be extended at all costs?

This is a particularly compelling question for religious and especially Christian people. The Bible teaches that God is the giver and sustainer of life, that life is a gift, one that should be stewarded for his purposes, and that under no circumstances should the lives of other people be forfeited carelessly. The Bible also teaches that while Christians need not fear death, they don't have to like it either. Death is an enemy, the last enemy that will be destroyed before God establishes his eternal kingdom in the new heaven and new earth. So while death is the result of sin in the world and is not generally pleant, it is nevertheless a transition. It is not the end, and Christians who cross over Jordan go to a better place. So why do we hold to

life so tenaciously?

Terri's case made it plain that Christians disagree on whether life should be extended by any means and at all costs. Some pro-life advocates seem to suggest that virtually any decision about life support must always result in the extension of life. Yet this position begs the question of whether it is God's will or life itself that has become sacred. Surely, as Cornerstone University professor Mark Blocher says, Christians must "err on the side of life." But as he agrees, we must not make the mistake of substituting the creature for the Creator.

Our moral responsibility is to preserve and protect human life, even life that is afflicted and vulnerable. But we must also remember that for the Christian, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:54).

Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D., book author and president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich., pens this column, which appears in 89 newspapers--alan@blanchardgroup.net ©2005, The Blanchard Group, LLC

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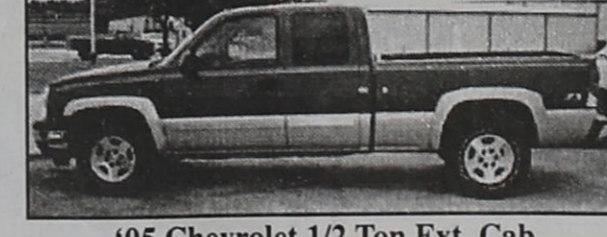
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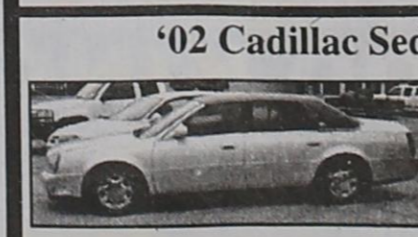
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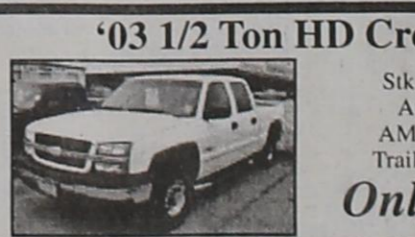
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tions:

- 1 hamburger with 1/2 bun and pasta salad
- 3 ribs, corn and green salad with low-fat dressing
- Grilled chicken without skin, grilled veggies and fruit salad

- Reduced-fat hot dog,

green salad with a squeeze of lemon and a small roll

• Turkey burger (patty only), French fries and a Caesar salad with lemon for dressing.

Also, consider bringing your own tasty, healthy dish that showcases some of the season's fresh produce. Internet sites such as AOL Food offer a great selection of eat-smart recipes.

### Wedding Weight

While the happy couple

says "I do," you can say "I won't" when it comes to over-eating at wedding receptions. Consider these alternatives to fattening wedding fare:

- Fish, rice and vegetables
- Chicken, pasta and salad
- Scallops with broccoli salad
- Omelet with spinach, tomatoes and potatoes
- Sliced roast beef, potato and green salad.

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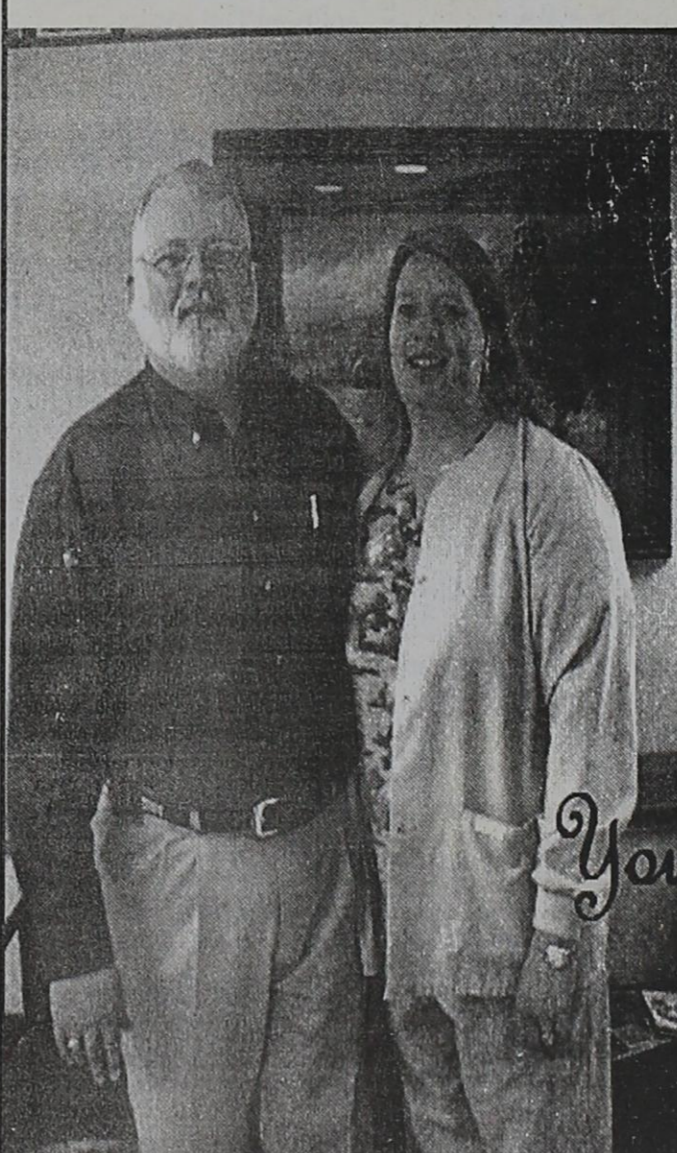
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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## In the Spring a Young Man's Fancy

A full gamut of emotions blankets the nation in the springtime, when the fancy of young men—and women—lightly turns to thoughts of proms. "Lightly" may fit participants, but "heavily" better suits harried parents who sign off on a litany of expenses so their kids can be with the "in group." (One parent groaned, "Just when we think we've caught up with the Joneses, they refinance.")

No sooner than the check is written to the IRS and a bank note is signed to buy a tank of gas, parental brows furrow at the cost of dresses, tuxedos, limousines and fancy dinners as seniors across the land kick up their heels. Their dreams are awash in dollar marks as budgets are blown.

Youngsters are on cruise control with gleeful "no problem" outlooks. Creative juices flow as they ponder new ways to remember their senior year—and to be remembered! One young lady sported a prom dress made from 8,400 Starburst candy wrappers, most of them provided by classmates throughout the year.

A senior guy, in shock since the day the campus beauty said "yes" to his prom invitation, fidgeted nervously in the living room. "I'll be down in five minutes," she shouted to her suitor. He so hated the awkward moment, well aware that the delay caused him to sweat, and her dad was seeing the droplets moisten his collar.

It was just the two of them in the living room. The youth couldn't imagine "Dear Old" in front of "Dad" in this household. Dad broke

the silence with occasional growls, his eyes shooting bullets at the befuddled youth, and he continued to mindlessly stroke a small, hairless dog nestled in his lap.

"Is that a hairless Chihuahua?," the kid inquired. "Nope, it's a Yorkie gone bad," father responded. (The youth wished he'd stuck with small talk about the weather.)

Meanwhile, in Wisconsin, hair of cats is standing on end as legislators dance around a controversial proposal to legalize cat hunting. Feral cats abound there, and if the issue carries, these wild felines will be in the same category as skunks and mice. One study suggests that the wild felines—unowned, uncollared and untamed—may exceed 1.5 million—perhaps consuming up to 200 million birds per year.

The prospect of hunters laying down cash for a small-game license to take down cats has feline lovers up in arms. Bird fanciers are cheering. For the legislature, it is a hot potato—a bonafide "Catch 22."

Picture this: Wife says, "Honey, you reek of tuna. What's the deal?"

Husband: "Got my license yesterday. Hunting season begins tomorrow, so I've been in the backyard putting out bait around my cat blind."

Anyone notice that there's a whole lot of chafing going on? The judge in the Martha Stewart trial is chafing about her complaints that her ankle surveillance collar is chafing. Owner George Steinbrenner

**Eastland County Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting To Be Held May 2nd**

The Eastland County Alzheimer's Support Group will be meeting on May 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., in First Baptist Church's Carlton Hall, Eastland.

is chafing that his New York Yankees are off to a lackluster start. Most Dallas Cowboys' fans don't remember when they weren't chafing. And Democrats can't begin to count their chafes that seem chronic in this new century. They're everywhere! They're everywhere!

Had President Bush attended the opening day game for the Texas Rangers (he had ownership in the team prior to the presidency), he would have been chafed to the max when he saw Florida as a red state!

Here's what it happened: During pre-game ceremonies, pomp was leaping with circumstance. A military band played, troops back from deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan marched in, and the fly-over of a B-1B bomber at crop duster altitude shook the stadium. It was a picture-perfect day, the kind you'd special order to begin a new season for the boys of summer. Their cares on the shelf for a few hours, the fans cheered.

Troops then unfurled a U.S.-shaped flag that covered much of the outfield. They "cut the pattern to fit the country." There was a 50-50 chance, of course, that Florida, dangling from the southeast corner of the country, might be white. Alas, it was red.

For it to be blue, it would have been necessary to present the flag upside down, with coasts reversed. All kinds of protocol would have been violated.

Meanwhile, many Republicans also are chafing, perfectly happy to press on without DeLay.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in several states. He invites feedback by phone at 817-447-3872, or by e-mail at newbury@speakerdoc.com. Check his website: www.speakerdoc.com

## Guest Slot

### I'm Impressed

By J.B. Johnston  
Carbon, Tx.

Have you noticed how the writers of today use such big words so as to impress us with their education? I could have called them jouranlist, but then I might have impressed someone. I just hate to have to go to a dictionary several times when reading an article to find out what they have said. Some people would consider me as undereducated. I call it just plain dumb. Now don't you think that dumb is easier to understand than undereducated.

The other day I was reading an article where the writer described an object as having two parts that were incongruent. Fortunately, since I did study math in school, I understood that they were different. To me different is much easier to understand, but that wouldn't im-

press anyone.

In my recent AARP magazine, which they call a bulletin, there is a real good article under the heading of BRAIN-AEROBICS entitled, "Gobbledygook: The Quiz". It is very enlightening. That is to say that it is an eye opener. I would suggest that if you don't have a copy, that you borrow some old persons copy and read it. (Page 46 of the March issue). I really enjoyed it. But having said that; right on the same page is the following statement about Massachusetts. "AARP helped block expanded estate recovery efforts that would have resulted in financial devastation for spouses of nursing home residents." Now why didn't they just come right out and say that, they helped block a bill that would prevent the State from taking people's property and bankrupting people with a spouse in a

Thursday, April 28, 2005  
nursing home.

I think one of the greatest speakers of all time is Reverend Billy Graham. I never heard him preach a sermon that a child could not understand. Why can't we all talk and write like that?

I have listened to some very eloquent speakers over the years and some, I have not understood a word that they have said. Did you catch that word ELOQUENT? Webster says it means, "Skilled in fluent, forceful, and appropriate speech". What ever that means! Washington, D.C. is full of these masters of speech that can talk all day and never say a thing.

When I am in a conversation with, (that is to say, talking to), one of these so called intellectuals, I usually throw in a few antidisestablishmentarianism's or supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'. I don't have a clue what they mean, but they sound impressive to me.

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**Welcome To The EASTLAND OUTDOOR ART MUSEUM**  
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Far right: A large Campbell's Soup can sits near a Dairy Queen in Eastland, Texas. The display is part of the Eastland Outdoor Art Museum with replicas of famous works by well-known artists distributed throughout the town. Former TCC student Cathi Ball started the project in May 2002 to bring art into the community.

Driving directions: From Fort Worth, go west on I-30 W, which will become I-20 W. Take exit 343 toward TX-112/FM-570/Eastland. Follow signs into town. Total driving time is about 1.5 hours.

## Former student replicates classics for small community

by Haley Morris  
 reporter

Few artists can brag about their work hanging in museums, but even fewer artists start their own museums.

North Texan Cathi Ball, a former TCC student, is a nominee for State Artist of Texas because of a local project.

She is building an outdoor museum in Eastland, an endeavor she started in May 2002.

The paintings in the exhibit are replicas of famous works by well-known artists.

Each piece includes a short history of the original piece and its artist.

With 25 sites around the town 94 miles west of Fort Worth, visitors can experience art while driving through the community.

Ball says the exhibit is her way of sharing art with a community.

Each site is specific and relates in some way to the business where it is located. For instance, Site #1 consists of a 15-foot tall tomato soup can on Interstate 20 next to the Dairy Queen.

When visitors drive around it, they can find the story of Andy Warhol on the back.

Another piece of art is on Farmers and Merchants Bank: Grant Wood's "American Gothic."

Although known as the farmer



A work by Pablo Picasso.

and his wife, his models were his dentist and his sister. Mona Lisa graces the local Pizza Inn.

Ball says each site has a fun and interesting story, so while someone is in line at the drive-thru at the bank, he can learn art history.

Many townspeople have helped Ball with her project, including one former mayor, who painted the Mona Lisa.

Ball attended NW Campus 1992-93 in the interpreting for the deaf program. Ball has served as interpreter for the deaf in her church as an assistant and the lead interpreter.

Ball said she attended TCC to make sure she knew what she was doing.

Her major teacher was Mike Cinatl, who now has transferred to SE Campus and is the coordinator of Career Campus Services.

Cinatl's wife, Mary, was also one of her teachers.

Ball described the program as extremely intense. She took 20 hours of college credit four semesters in a row at two colleges—100 miles apart.

Ball originally went to TCU in 1968 as an interior design and fashion merchandising major.

"I hated college and had some bad experiences with two teachers in my department. One lost a semester project," she said.

Ball later learned that other students had experienced similar problems, so she dropped out six weeks before the semester was over and moved home.

Ball returned to school at 40. She decided to take art as an elective because her youngest child liked to draw and public speaking to help her older daughter, who was a beauty contestant.

Ball loved learning and going back to school. She graduated from Cisco Junior College and then transferred to Tarleton State University and earned a degree in art education with secondary certification in 1996.

She was named outstanding graduate in fine arts and speech and had a 3.842 grade point average. Ball currently has 250 hours of undergraduate credits and an additional 24 hours toward her master's degree.

Ball taught at Eastland High School for four years until she had to quit for health reasons. Her room was on the third floor of a school with no elevator. After foot surgery, she had no way to get to class.

However, Ball plans to return to teaching next year after graduating this summer with her master's in art education.

Returning to her TCC roots, Ball invited Eddy Rawlinson, adjunct instructor of visual arts on



American Gothic by Grant Wood

NW Campus, to be a guest artist for one of the art history works in the Eastland project. Rawlinson selected Gustave Klimt's "The Kiss."

Rawlinson went to Eastland in August and began work on the piece at Ball's studio.

The works are painted on 4-by-8 pieces of plywood prepared with a white background. The images are already drawn on the surface.

A small area at the bottom of each work is left for the name of the artist, title of the work and a short biography of the artist.

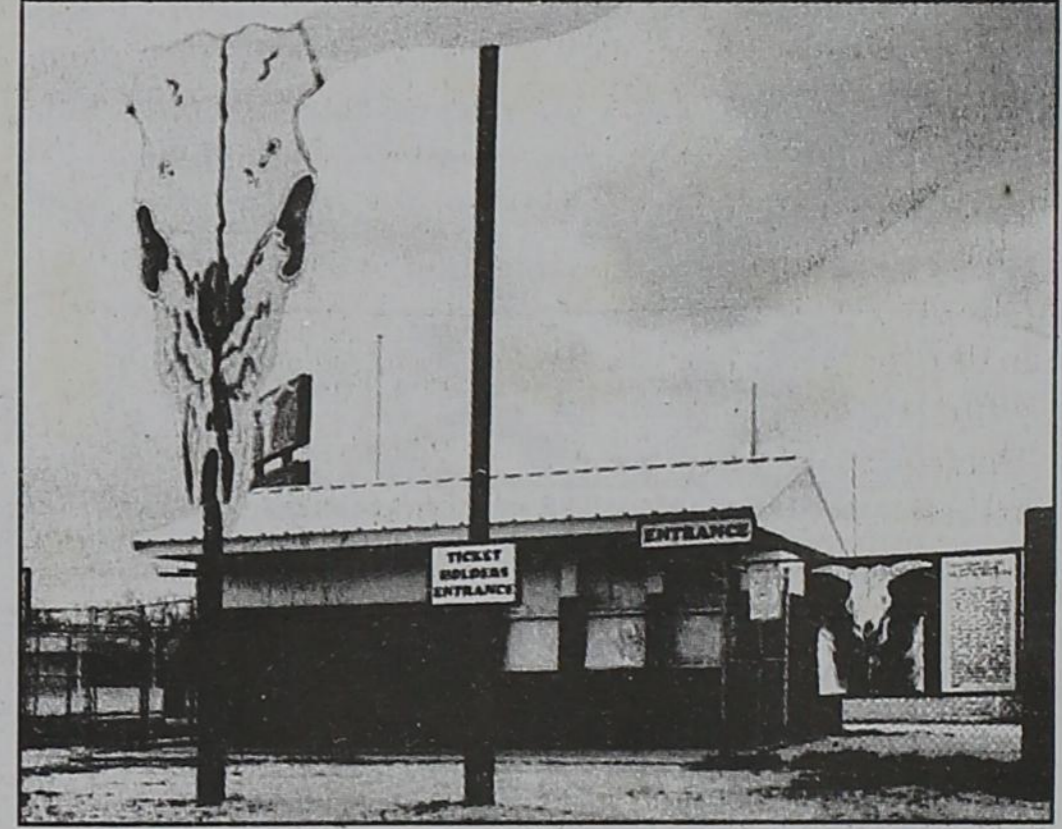
Rawlinson said the piece was completed over the span of two full days of painting.

"Cathi and I both worked on this selection and began another work by Picasso. This is a wonderful way to bring the history of art to the public," he said.

"As an artist and an educator, I think this is a fantastic way to raise interest in the visual arts," he said.

Most people who live in major cities with major museums rarely take advantage of visiting their local fine art museums. Ball hopes her museum will draw a dedicated group of museum fans.

Ball believes her project will make art more accessible to the public and the public more comfortable with art.



Photos by The Collegian staff

Above: Cow's Skull: Red, White, and Blue by Georgia O'Keeffe.

Below: Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh.



Young Mother Sewing by Mary Cassatt



USMC War Memorial by Felix de Weldon



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each. The Ranch Rodeo sponsored by Callahan County Sheriff's Posse is scheduled to get underway at 6:00 Saturday evening at the Rodeo Arena. Beginning at 9 p.m. a dance featuring Rigo, the band that opened for the Daryl Dodd dance last year, will be held in the 200 block of Market Street. Dance tickets, priced at \$10 for adult and \$5 for children 6-12, will be on sale later this week. Children under six and accompanied by a parent will be admitted free of charge. Entertainment scheduled throughout the day on Saturday will include live music and the Texas Tornadoes, a line dance club from Abilene. Several other events are currently being finalized. Main Event Sports on Air of Midland will provide four super-sized air games and a train for youngsters, while other youth events are also in the planning stages. Sponsors for this year's event include KTXS Television and Clear Channel Radio, KEAN 105 FM. For information, booth rental, cookoff entry, dance tickets contact Baird Chamber of Commerce at 328 Market, Phone (325) 854-2003



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Baird U.M.C. News

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for Jesus Christ. The urgency of this command is emphasized by the realization that Arab nations are pouring millions of dollars into Africa to claim the entire continent for Allah. Given the religious and political climate of the Middle East this should be disturbing to all Christians. Everyone in Baird and the surrounding communities is encouraged to join us in making this mission trip a reality. Anyone who is interested in financially supporting this ministry should contact the Baird United Methodist Church at 854-1080 or mail a tax-deductible contribution to Pastor Darrell Patterson at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1741 Sayles Boulevard, Abilene, Texas 79605. Contributions should be designated for Larry Willie Gaumont. Friends of the Gaumonts are asking not only for your financial, but for your prayers also, as they endeavor to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Submitted by Catherine Brock

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Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

April - May '05'

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| <u>Friday, April 29</u><br>Chicken Patty Sandwich,<br>Southwest Beans, Tater<br>Tots, Apple, Milk                | <u>Wednesday, May 5</u><br>Chicken Nuggets, Quick<br>Baked Potato, Mixed<br>Vegetable, Fresh Fruit Cup,<br>Hot Roll, Milk |
| <u>Monday, May 3</u><br>Fajita Chicken Breast, Rice,<br>Broccoli & Cheese, Bread<br>Stick, Peaches, Milk         | <u>Thursday, May 6</u><br>Cheese Pizza, Tossed<br>Salad, Apple, Chocolate<br>Cake, Milk                                   |

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