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Wit's End is one of the many shops in Baird featuring antiques, memorabilia, & collectors items. These shops bring tourists from the Interstate & visitors from near and far into Baird. Don't forget Baird 2003 Antiques Market & Trade Days are June 13-14.

Commissioners Court Holds Open Meeting

The Callahan County Commissioners Court gave notice of an Open Meeting to be held on April 28, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courthouse Commissioners' Court Room in Baird.

The Commissioners were to deliberate and consider action on the following items:

I. Review and sign minutes of previous meeting.

II. Public comment (5 minutes per speaker) no discussion or action.

III. Discuss - Approve annual County Attorney's report.

IV. Discuss - Approve Granting Easement - Precinct 4 - Randal L. Wiginton

V. Discuss - Pay Approved Bills.

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chap. 551, the Commissioners Court may

convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the

specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 which provide statutory authority will be announced.

Immunization Clinic

Texas Department of Health will hold the following Immunization clinic in Callahan County Wednesday, May 7th 1:30-5:30.

Baird Students Place At Region 11-A Track Meet

Sean Rountree and Traci Windham of Baird both placed among the top winners in the 11-A Track Meet held at Elmer Gray Stadium on Friday, April 25.

Rountree captured the best qualifying times for the boys 100 (10.95) and 200 (22.67).

Traci Windham took third place in the Triple Jump with 35-063/4, only slightly

behind second place winner Stephanie Brown of May (36-011/5). Windham ran 16.18 in the 100 hurdles, and also booked the third best time in the 300 hurdles.

Unemployment Rates

Texas and U.S. Unemployment Rates

TEXAS - ACTUAL*

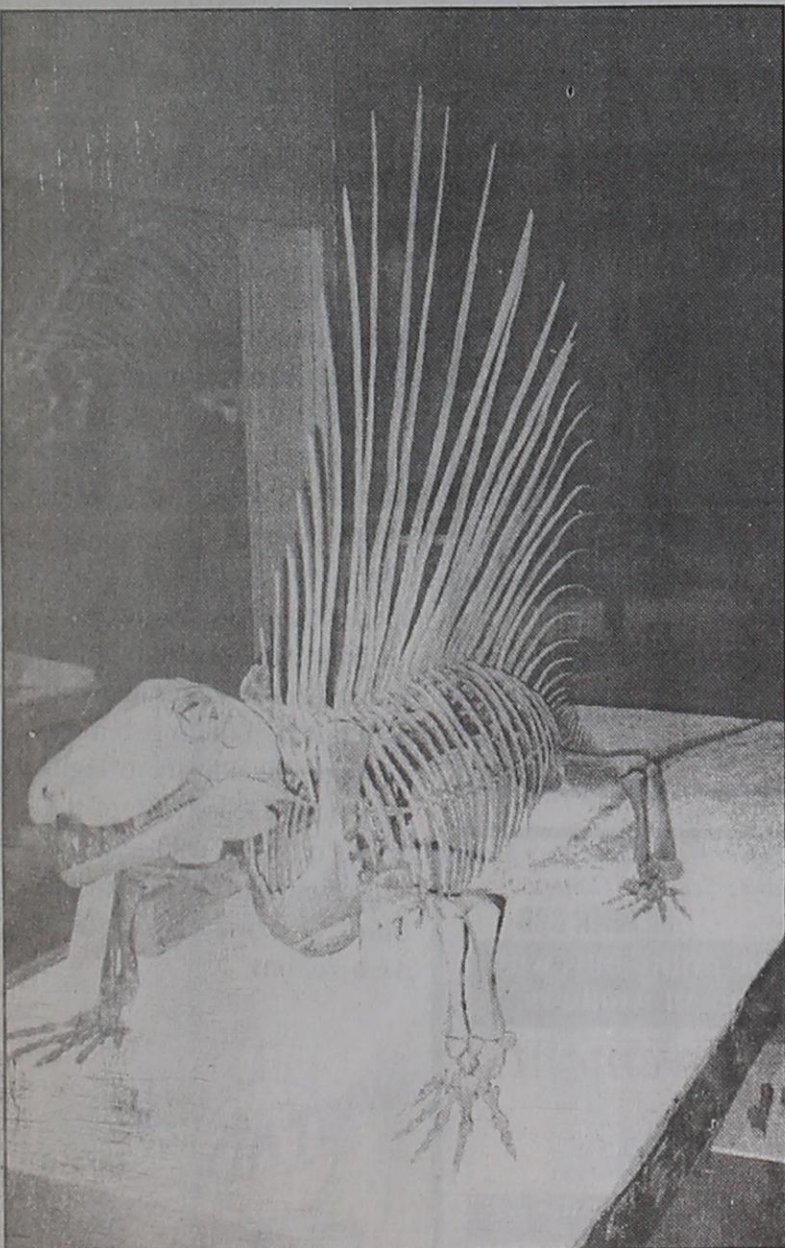
		Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
March	2003	10,885,300	10,180,800	704,500	6.5
February	2003	10,842,800	10,125,300	717,500	6.6
March	2002	10,637,100	9,993,800	643,300	6.0

TEXAS - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

		Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
March	2003	10,954,000	10,221,700	732,300	6.7
February	2003	10,942,800	10,217,300	725,500	6.6
March	2002	10,705,200	10,036,000	669,200	6.3

CALLAHAN COUNTY

	Jan	Feb	Mar
Labor Force	6,626	6,537	6,714
Employment	6,346	6,254	6,461
Unemployment	280	283	253
Rate	4.2	4.3	3.8



Dimetrodon, a "mammal-like" reptile from the Permian Period on loan from the Texas Memorial Museum of Science and History at the University of Texas, Austin. (Story inside)

Baird's Hometown Heroes

Dub Scott	Chris Bisbee	Missy Keith	Clay Smith	Bill Menzie
Eric Plait	Randy Ross	John King	Sarah Fudditt	Scott Martin
Dichie Greenway	Scott Norwood	Josh Glosson	Tyson Poindexter	Kenny George
Brad Cotton	Lee Michael Reyna	Dennis Chambers	J. K. Elkins	Aaron Morgan
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Bradley Neal is the son of Tommy and Telitha Neal 6th Grade - Mrs. Barton

Dinosaurs Of Texas Exhibition Offers A Journey Through Prehistoric Texas

Specimens found in the Big Country are among display objects

Visitors to the Grace Museum in Abilene will get an exciting look at dinosaurs, Texas style, in the exhibition, *Dinosaurs of Texas*, slated to open June 7, 2003.

Of approximately 300 different kinds of dinosaurs recognized worldwide, Texas has more than a dozen. Texas dinosaurs include some of the earliest as well as some of the latest of these ancient creatures.

Authentic fossil and cast specimens from the Paleozoic and Mesozoic Eras of the Texas region will be on exhibit. Children and adults alike will be able to take a walk through geologic time, beginning in the Permian Triassic and Jurassic Periods and finally the Cretaceous Period. *Dinosaurs of Texas*, a

years of planning by teachers and community supporters, promotes comprehension of the vast geographic and biological changes that occurred in Texas. On exhibit are full and partial fossil specimens of prehistoric reptiles, amphibians, and dinosaurs, as well as a paleontology lab where fossils are being prepared and cast for study. The specimens in the exhibit are based on fossil discoveries in Taylor County, the Texas Panhandle,

Glen Rose, Big Bend, and international sites.

The authentic and cast specimens are on loan from Texas Memorial Museum of Science and History at the University of Texas in Austin, Dallas Museum of Natural History, The Museum of Texas Tech University, Dinosaur World and Fossil Gallery in San Antonio, and private collectors. Included in the exhibition are authentic invertebrate fossils, fossilized ammonites, five canvas wall murals of different periods by the well-known dinosaur muralist LaGina Fairbetter of Post, Texas, a 16 foot long replica track way (dinosaur tracks) similar to the authentic track way at Glen Rose, and a replica dinosaur foot in which children can sit.

Also featured will be a Dino Dig Site in the outside courtyard of the museum. The site is a hands-on exhibit, built by Boy Scout Troop 232, in which a replica of a fossilized juvenile Hadrosaur is covered in sand. Children will be introduced to paleontological fieldwork with buckets, shovels, brushes, and gloves to uncover the remains of a dinosaur.

A few of the highlights included in the exhibit are a skull, femur and jaw from everyone's terrifying favorite, the Tyrannosaurus Rex. The exhibit will also feature a complete Dimetrodon, a "mammal-like" reptile found near Abilene in 1907. In addition to the exhibit, visitors will enjoy a view of the working Paleontology Preparatory Lab in which a group of area high school students called the Boneheads and their teachers have been working for months getting ready for the exhibition.

A cast of a Hadrosaur, on loan from a private collection, was found near Terlingua, Texas. It was excavated, cast and prepared by the Bonehead Paleontology Student Club.

The Grace Museum store is scheduled to reopen on June 7, 2003 — just in time for the museum's *Dinosaurs of Texas* exhibition.

Kay Wetteman, the new store manager, is preparing the store for the opening and stocking up on classic and historic children's toys, art and dinosaur books for children and adults, t-shirts, and gifts.

Among the *Dinosaurs of Texas* exhibition sponsors is the Dodge Jones Foundation, which has also offered a Challenge Grant to the Baird Foundation's Depot Renovation project.

The Dodge Jones Foundation is well known for its philanthropic activities throughout the area and Texas.

The First National Bank of Baird - Abilene Office - is among the Free Thursday Nights sponsors.

Museum Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Admission is free for museum members, and on Thursday evenings from 5-8:00 p.m.

Regular admission as of June 1, 2003 will be Adults - \$5, Seniors, Students, Military - \$4, Children (4-12) - \$3, Children (3 & under) -

free. Group tour discounts are available.

Educational activities and programs are planned throughout the exhibition, which runs through August 28, 2004. For more information contact The Grace Museum at (325) 673-4587.

Rain For Local Area

By Viola M. Payne

A series of thunderstorms ahead of a dry line brought rain to Eastland and Callahan County on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23. On Wednesday it also brought a tornado watch to a number of counties around Abilene and east.

A tornado was spotted north of Clyde, moving to the northeast. But no special damage was reported from this storm, or from the high winds and hail that raked a number of communities on the south side of Eastland County.

The disturbed weather rolled on east late Wednesday. Storms erupted about 9:30 p.m. in Johnson County near Alvarado, south of Fort Worth. Forty-eight mobile homes were over turned, and power lines were ripped down. Several residents were injured, with some trapped in their homes until firemen could free them.

The storm split and skirted

Baird. No substantial rainfall or hail damage was reported in the city.

In Eastland County, the heaviest rain was reported around Rising Star. This town got .9 of an inch on Tuesday morning, and Wednesday 1.5 inches - falling about 6 p.m. There was marble-sized hail west of Rising Star to Cross Plains, and as far north as the Romney community. Apparently it didn't fall long enough to ruin gardens or fruit trees.

The rain was a lot of benefit to hay, grass and gardens in all the counties around - but a lot more is needed. All were reminded of that on Thursday, April 25, when the skies had cleared and a high, rolling wind came in from the west.

The sky had turned red with dust from the rolling plains, the high plains and far west Texas, where things are really dry.

Pending Bills Could Threaten Trinity Aquifer

The freshwater source of Callahan County - the Trinity Aquifer, may be in jeopardy if two pending bills pass into law during Texas' current Legislative Session.

HB 2020 and SB 1408 seek to change the bonding laws for oil well operators, lessening financial security requirements of the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC).

The proposed law will not require either owner's testing of oil wells for environmental safety or plugging abandoned wells to assure that they will not contaminate aquifers.

More than 115,000 old dead oil wells, some idle for decades, lie rusting throughout Texas. Current estimates are that 1015 of these wells are in Callahan and surrounding counties. A deserted, unplugged oil well is a vertical pipeline that can transport saltwater from deeper geologic formations directly into shallow freshwater aquifers. Many of the state's water conservation districts suspect that these wells are leaking, perhaps polluting the aquifers they penetrate. These same aquifers provide drinking water to Texas cities, homes, farms and ranches.

In fiscal year 2001, the RRC began testing abandoned wells across the state. That year, more than 60% of tested wells failed because saltwater levels had pushed up into the level of the area's freshwater aquifer. Testing has continued during the past 2 years, 2002 and 2003, with failure rates even higher — increasing to 70%.

Today, the Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association (TLMA) announced opposition to the legislation on the basis that it weakens bonding laws to benefit small, high-risk oil operators and does not hold them financially responsible for leaving wells unplugged. The trend in Texas for many years has been for small high-risk operators to buy old depleted wells from larger, well-financed oil companies. The salvage operators pump the wells dry and move on without plugging the wells. They leave the wells to rust and eventually pollute water in the aquifer.

In 2000, the Sunset Advisory Commission review of the Railroad Commission revealed that the structure of the Oilfield Cleanup was insufficient to meet the State's current and anticipated liability. Further, without adequate financial assurance and enforcement, the State will continue to be burdened with shut-in abandoned wells waiting for someone to plug them. The legislature responded in 2001 by passing SB 310, which required mandatory bonding of all oil operators regardless of size by 2004. Today, approximately 95% of the state's oil operators are bonded.

According to a TLMA spokesman, the solution to the bonding problem is not to jeopardize the state's aquifers by reducing bonding, but for the Texas oil industry to begin plugging at least 15% of the state's oil wells each year.

(Submitted by the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association)

Pond Management Seminar

Wednesday, April 30
9:00 am
Baird Activity Center

The Seminar and meal are \$5 to those that pre-register by April 25th
Call the Callahan County Extension Office at 854-1518 to pre-register
Registration at program is \$10 per person.

Wheat Field Day

Friday, May 9
8:30 am

First Location: Taylor Co. Wheat Plots Highway 351 North of Abilene
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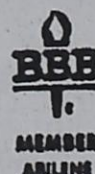
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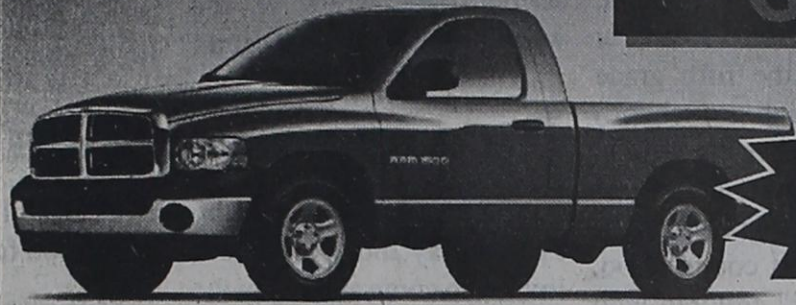


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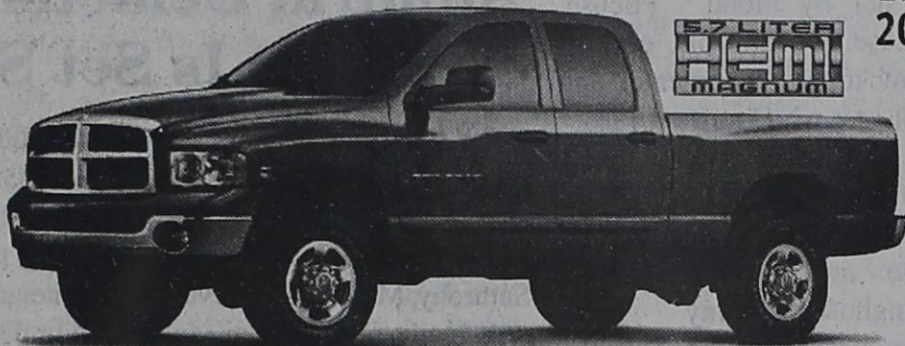
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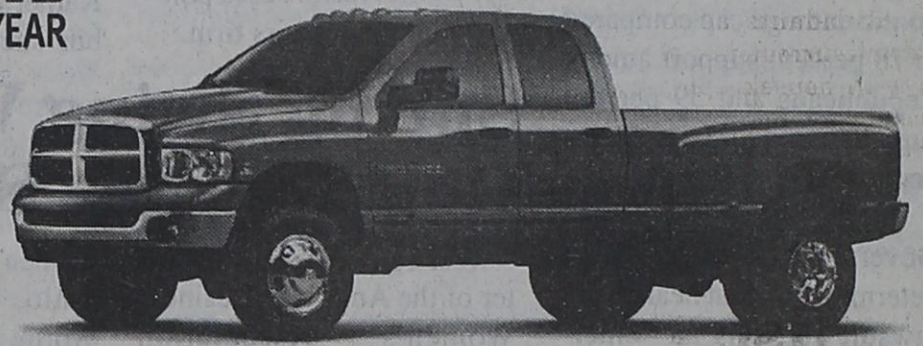
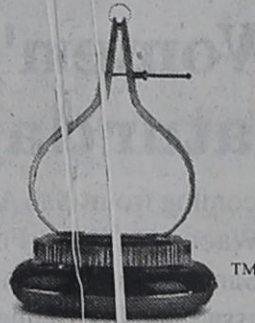


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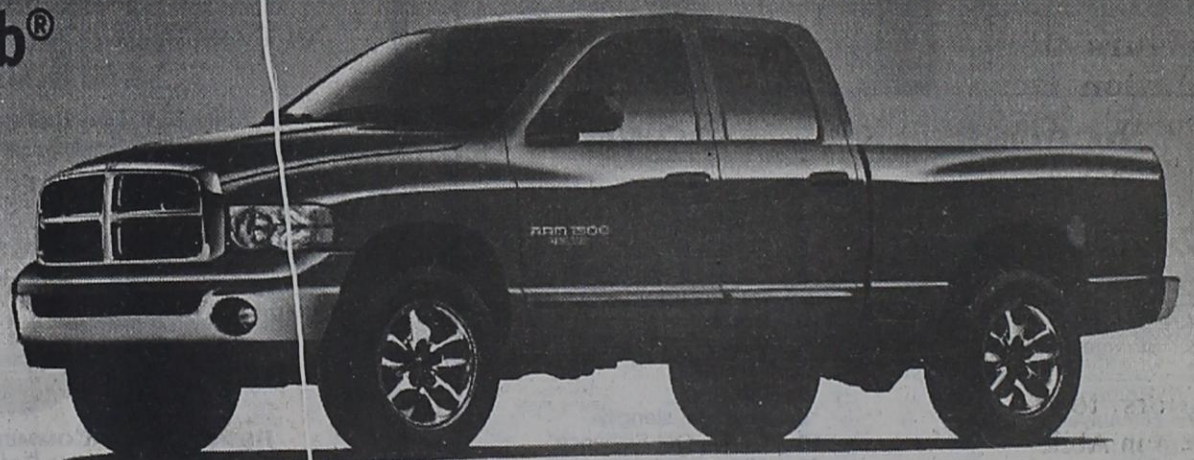
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Texans Support Non Economic Damage On Caps And Limits

Austin, Texas-- Some 69 percent of Texans support a constitutional amendment to cap noneconomic damage jury awards according to a recent telephone survey of 1,001 Texas registered voters conducted from March 5-8. The survey's margin of error is + 3.2 percent at a 95 percent level of confidence.

Strongest support for the noneconomic damage cap proposal was found in the Panhandle (81 percent) and areas with 70 percent or higher support included the El Paso/Border region, the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Houston, East Texas, and West Texas.

Also, 60 percent of Texas Democrats favor a noneconomic damage cap compared to 78 percent support among Republicans and 59 percent support among the state's independent voters.

Complementing Texas Governor Rick Perry's recent determination that health care lawsuit abuse is an "emergency" item for the Texas Legislature, the poll found 91 percent of Texans describing the issue of medical malpractice insurance in Texas today as a "crisis" or "problem."

Also according to the survey, by slightly more than a 2-1 margin, Texans feel the current legislative proposal for a \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages is either "about right" (40 percent) or "too high" (20 percent) while only 26 percent of Texans say "it's too low."

Additionally, 75 percent of

Texans favor "limiting the amount of money lawyers are paid for trying successful medical malpractice and other personal injury lawsuits."

And, 85 percent of voters statewide say it is unfair "for lawyers to charge contingency fees in medical malpractice lawsuits if this form of billing allows the lawyers to receive more of the settlement money than the injured clients they represent."

The survey was commissioned by the Texas Medical Association, Texas Hospital Association, and Texas Alliance for Patient Access. The poll was conducted by The Eppstein Group, a 20 year old Fort Worth/Austin based polling and public affairs firm.

Spring Swing Women's Golf Tourney Saturday

West Texas Catclaw Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly announces the 12th 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 3rd at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course, Abilene, Texas. All proceeds raised are awarded in scholarships to local young women to help them fulfill their educational goals.

The "Spring Swing" has grown from 44 entrants in the first year to 136 in 2002, with

Starlight

By Julia Worthy

Attending the first awards banquet for the Abilene Actors Guild formatted in 2002 were Catherine Worthy and son, Walt Worthy, from Baird.

Walt is the member and Catherine is the "means of transportation."

Accompanying them was Walt's first speech and drama teacher, a lady who has started many an Abilenian on the road to verbal comfort and success. Katherine Ricks, recently retired from classes at her studio, began her career (38 years of teaching) in Baird as "Katherine Freeman."

A bit of history here: Katherine was an only child, but she knew early on that

she wanted to teach. The biting bug never did bite her, but with all that "plike if only children go through, she knew she wanted a big family of her own and to teach people "how to act." (That usually meant how to behave in our childhood, which we shared over at Noran from the fifth grade through high school.) Catherine has her big family: ten grandchildren and beginning on great-grandchildren, and I have lost count. Too, there are "her" children who attended her classes. I have many of the same kind of children from my classroom teaching - - - "ours" by heart i not by blood. ('Scuse, please. I am old enough now to get sentimental and not care who knows it.)

Walt came home with three awards, and a flag from a minor "roast." He brought two awards for Timothy Rnghoffer, my other home-schooler, as Timothy was in the Guild production of " Magic Theater" last Christmas. Tim was unable to go with them Saturday night. He is the son of Donna and Robert Rnghoffer of Baird.

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 60,000 members in 1,200 chapters across the United States.

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is:

To bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition".

Walt seems to me to be like his mentor, more inclined toward direction and the techniques of getting a production on the stage. Tim is a "natural." If he tells you a yarn about a "poor little doggie," it is so mournful that it would be easy to shed real tears for a strictly imaginary "doggie."

Both Catherine and Walt received a certificate for the scripts they wrote at the workshop for the "Aesop's

Fables" the Guild produced in April: Walt for "The Fox and the Crow," and Catherine for "The Domesticated Dog and the Wolf."

My knees are as recalcitrant as ever, so I was not one amongst 'em. My loss, but I see no change coming. I am not grieved; just inconvenienced.

It seems like the Guild is off to a good start, and one of my earnest wish is for it to thrive.

Putnam Musical Is Friday

Putnam Musical will be Friday, May 2nd. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the good fellowship and Country, Western and Gospel music. There is no charge to get in.

Kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. with good food.

Music will start at 6 p.m. Carl Whiteley will be the emcee.

Admiral Cemetery Assoc. Workday Is Set Saturday

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual membership meeting and workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 3rd. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon. Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trees and bushes, and fill-in graves that have settled. The business meeting will include a financial report and an election to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Dora Hounshell.

The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas for the purpose of improving and maintaining this historic site. The work of the association is funded by interest earned on a certificate of deposit and gifts and memorials offered by friends and family members. Low interest rates have drastically reduced the yield of the

association's endowment over the past year. This has created a critical need for contributions if the present level of maintenance is to be continued in the amounts ahead.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, TX 79504.

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Obituaries

Alfred Newman

SWEETWATER- Alfred Sylvester 'Dooney' Newman, Jr., 70, died Monday, April 14, 2003 in Dallas, Texas.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003 at McCoy Chapel of Memories, Dr. Mark Alexander officiated. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Belle Plain Cemetery in Baird, Texas. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Mr. Newman was born September 12, 1932 in Baird, Texas. He was a graduate of Graham High School. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sweetwater. He was employed by Sweetwater Independent School District as a bus driver. He was a Korean War Veteran, a member of the Masonic Lodge and served on the Board of Directors of Sweetwater Housing Authority. He had lived in Sweetwater the past 11 years, moving there from Fort Worth. He had retired from Azle School District.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred S. Newman, Sr., and two sisters,

Katherine LeBlond and Rosetta Alexander.

Survivors are Sylvia Newman of Sweetwater; one daughter, Mikea-Lawhon of Sweetwater; two sons, Clint Newman of Albuquerque, N.M. and Jerry Newman and wife Mary Lou of McKinney, TX; three grandchildren, Trey McKenzie of Dallas, Tracie McKenzie of Abilene, Andrew Lawhon of Sweetwater; mother, Octavia Newman of Fort Worth; one brother, Roy Eugene Newman of Arling-

ton, TX.; two sisters, Sharon Kay Newman of Fort Worth, Eddie McKay of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were U.S. Burton, Eddie Puckett, Jerry Lawrence, Jack Lawrence, Tom Rithcey, Tim Fambrough. Honorary pallbearers were Ralph Weatherby, Guy Weeks, Sr., Andy Weatherby, Scotty Knox, and Dr. Luther Martin.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 309 Cedar St., Sweetwater, TX 79556 or Gateway Family Services P.O. Box 1394, Snyder, TX 79550.

July 1st Is Deadline For Depot Project Challenge Grant

July 1, 2003 is an important date for the project entitled *1911 T & P Railroad Depot Visitors Center and Transportation Museum*, sponsored by the Baird Foundation.

The project to renovate the historic Baird Depot, and to add important facilities for tourist and visitors has been described as a very significant project, and one that would be of great benefit to the city of Baird.

The Dodge Jones Foundation of Abilene, Texas, has given a \$50,000 challenge grant to help the Baird Foundation meet the required 20 percent local investment (\$296,000) toward the total cost of the project, which is \$1,480,630. TxDOT selected the project for funding January 31, 2002, and will pay 80 percent (\$1,184,504) of the total project.

"This grant [Dodge Jones Foundation] will be paid no later than July 1, 2003, upon notification by you and Judge Corn that the additional \$50,000 has been raised either in cash or pledges so long as it satisfies TxDOT requirements," Lawrence E. Gill, Grants Administrator stated in a correspondence with the Baird Foundation.

President Henson stated that to date \$136,178 has been

raised.

"To complete the required 20 percent match, \$159,948 is needed. If the Dodge Jones Foundation challenge grant can be matched by July 1, 2003, future sales tax revenues will be leveraged to complete the balance needed (\$59,948) and the project can proceed," she added.

On May 3, 2000, the Baird Foundation was informed by the Internal Revenue Service, - based on the information supplied by the Foundation, and assuming that the operations would be as stated in their application for recognition of exemption, - that they had determined the Foundation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the IRS Code as an organization described in section 501 (c) (3).

The Baird Foundation would greatly appreciate and will acknowledge all donations to their Depot project. These donations are tax deductible.

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Texas Advances in World Economic Rankings

If Texas were still a nation, it would have the eighth-largest economy in the world. Texas' 2000 ranking is a step higher than its ninth-place ranking in 1999. The rankings are based on the most recent Gross National Product (GNP) statistics from the World Bank Atlas.

With a 2000 Gross State Product (GSP) of \$725 billion, the Texas economy is more than three times the size of the Russian economy, and also outpaces the GNP of countries like Canada, Brazil, Korea and Argentina. The United States has the world's largest GNP - \$9.6 trillion.



Source: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us) and the World Bank Atlas.



Observando a Texas

Texas avanza en las clasificaciones de la economía mundial

Si Texas fuera una nación, ocuparía el octavo lugar en la economía mundial. La posición de Texas en el 2000 es un escalón más alto que su noveno lugar, en 1999. Las categorías están basadas en las más recientes estadísticas del Producto Nacional Bruto (GNP) del Banco Mundial Atlas.

Con un Producto Nacional Bruto de \$725 billones en el 2000, la economía de Texas es más de tres veces el tamaño de la economía Rusa, y también sobrepasa el GNP de países como Canada, Brazil, Korea y Argentina. Estados Unidos tiene el más grande GNP - \$9.6 trillones.



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Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Spring is here, and we probably can expect West Nile virus to be active again this year. Horse lovers across the state need to be aware. The bottom line is this - vaccinating horses offers the best protection.

West Nile is a virus that causes encephalitis - inflammation of the brain - in horses, donkeys, mules, humans and several other species of animals. Detections typically occur in the late summer or early fall, but in southern states like Texas the virus can be transmitted in the spring or year round.

The virus is transmitted by mosquitoes that acquire it from infected birds. Last year there were 1,597 confirmed West Nile cases among horses in Texas. With a population of more than 1 million horses in Texas, that number sounds like a drop in the bucket, but this virus can be devastating. Many horses infected with West Nile virus do not develop any illness, but of horses that do become ill about one-third die or need to be euthanized.

Equine owners should have their animals vaccinated this year, even if their horses and mules were vaccinated last year. Beyond vaccinations, the best way to protect animals is to target mosquitoes. Remove all sources of standing, stagnant water that could breed mosquitoes and thoroughly clean livestock watering troughs at least monthly. Insect repellents and screened housing are other great ways to protect horses from mosquitoes.

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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

My wife and I traveled to Little Rock last week to visit our son in the VA Hospital. On the way there we talked about how nice it would be to drive in a city where the traffic was much less hectic than in Austin. Wishful thinking! There is little, if any, difference in Austin, Dallas, Little Rock, or anywhere in between.

We experienced jammed highways all the way there and back. Our major concern was the obstreperous, irresponsible driving of several brainless wonders, who seemed to be in a hurry to meet their Maker and didn't care how many people they took with them. We were especially aware of those deplorable individuals who daringly darted from the far inside lane of traffic, across three lanes of speeding vehicles, and onto the exit ramp while still rocketing along at 70 miles per hour.

I learned to drive a Model T Ford in 1926 and have been a licensed driver in many of our States and a few foreign countries and I have never seen such traffic before. Makes me want to return to the days when we walked everywhere.

The other day a man tried to sell me a contraption that fastens to your leg and tells you how far you walk. If I had purchased one of those things in the early 20s it would have worn out years ago. In my younger days we walked everywhere, but not any more. I walked more than a mile to High School every day. I wonder how many miles I walked each year while I was "chopping cotton." In the Summers I walked seven miles from my Grandmother's house to church. My folks didn't own a car until 1926. If we wanted to go somewhere, we did like everybody else, we walked, and thought nothing of it.

My first real job was working for Uncle Abe Notgrass in his shoe repair shop. He had a good business because people wore out their shoes walking.

Not any more! We have been endowed with a tremendous malady called "laziness." Today we ride.

I was in a large department store the other day and some of the clerks were on roller skates. I've seen the same thing at drive-ins. I once saw a man walking backwards through

my hometown of Cisco. His goal was to walk around the world backward. I don't know if he made it. My wife says that must have been me because I don't know whether I'm coming or going.

By the way, I do wish that dear old lady in the motorized chair on television would get to the Grand Canyon. She keeps saying she is going, but she never does.

I asked my doctor if I would benefit from the use of one of those electric scooters and he advised me against it. He tells me I should walk more. I keep promising him I will, but I'm afraid that promise is like too many of my New Year's resolutions.

My wife just asked me to go to the store for a loaf of fresh bread. Man, that's a whole city block from here. I sure hope my car will start.

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Financial Focus
Edward Jones

Make Your IRA Contributions Early

Now that tax season is over, and you've made your final IRA contributions for 2002, it's time to start thinking about IRA contributions for 2003.

Of course, you do have until April 15, 2004 to fully fund your IRA for the 2003 tax year, so you might think, "What's the hurry?" But the fact is that the timing of your IRA contributions is important.

Why is that? First, consider that your Traditional or Roth IRA both offer tax advantages. Traditional IRA earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, while a Roth IRA grows tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. Consequently, the earlier in the year that you invest money in your IRA, the greater the benefits you'll receive from either tax-deferred or tax-free growth. Over a period of years and decades, the added growth you can get from making IRA contributions early can add up to a significant amount.

Of course, the investment vehicles within your IRA will not always increase in value. But you can't predict when they will start showing gains—so it makes sense to be prepared for any upturns by being fully invested as soon as possible.

Furthermore, by fully funding your IRA as soon as possible, you may be able to follow a classic piece of investment advice: "By low." As you doubtlessly know, the stock market has been in a prolonged slump. And, as a result, many high-quality stocks are now attractively priced. By investing in your IRA right now, you might be able to buy more shares of these stocks than you could if prices go up. Historically, the biggest stock market gains have been recorded in the first few months following a long bear market.

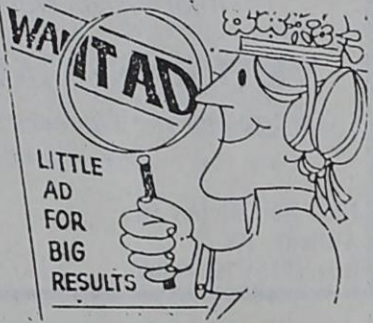
However, even if you want to put in the maximum amount to an IRA, you may question whether you can afford it. For 2003, you can contribute up to \$3,000 to either a Traditional or Roth IRA; if you're 50 or older, you can also kick in an extra \$500. It's not always easy for most of us to come up with \$3,000 or \$3,500 at one time. But by temporarily cutting down on other expenses, or looking at all your financial resources, you may be able to find ways to generate the money you need. And if you receive a tax refund, you've got a ready-made funding source for your IRA.

Once you've "maxed out" on your IRA, you may decide to look at other issues. For example, if you're like many people, you may have several different IRAs. While there's nothing wrong with this, it may not represent the most efficient use of your investment dollars. You may find it more advantageous to consolidate all your IRAs into one account. By consolidating IRAs, you'll get a clearer sense of just where your investment dollars are going.

Consequently, you can determine if you're properly diversified, or if you have too much money placed in investments that are substantially similar.

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So, there you have it—reasons to fund your IRA early and to consolidate your accounts. By taking these steps, you'll help get the most out of your IRA. And, as you build resources for retirement, you'll find that a well-managed IRA can be a tremendous asset.



Spotlight By Julia Worthy

There have been times through out the last 75 years when I shoved the memories of why I spent a lot of childish energy trying to kiss my elbow so I could turn into a boy to the back burner. The following list sent to me via cyberspace reminded me again of that long ago goal. I have been happy as a woman, but I DO agree with so many of these reasons...

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You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

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The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You don't have to shave below your neck.

At least a few belches are expected and tolerated.

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Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm

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CRP Sign-Up Dates Announced

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman announced that sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be held May 5 through May 30.

The Secretary made her announcement during an Earth Day celebration earlier this week, where it was also announced that the USDA is releasing more than \$1.8 billion for conservation assistance on working lands.

CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to improve the nation's natural resource base.

Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long term contracts for 10 to 15 years.

In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams.

Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving vegetative covers, making the program a major contributor to increases in wildlife population in many parts of the country.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 39.2 million acres. Current participants who have contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers.

Contracts awarded under this sign-up will become effective either at the beginning of the next fiscal year, October 1, 2003, or the following year, October 1, 2004, whichever the producer chooses. One other general sign-up will be offered through 2007.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) in order to determine the environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP.

Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends, and after analyzing the EBI numbers of all the offers.

The Natural Resources Conservative Service has set 2003 funding for Texas at \$69,201,376 for technical assistance, and \$61,774,700 for financial assistance.

Producers can sign up at their local USDA service center.

Deadline on the New Farm Program Sign-Up

The U.S. Department of Agriculture was very accurate when they said they fully expect to meet the June 2, 2003 deadline for 2002 and 2003 sign-up for the new farm program.

As of this week, farm program enrollment has

passed 88 percent, with five weeks to go before things wrap up.

This high percentage of sign-ups should remove any talk of the need to extend the June 2 deadline. So if you haven't signed up for the new farm program, I encourage you to do so.

If you have signed up, I would encourage you to be patient regarding the sign-up process.

Mandatory Country-of-Origin Labeling (COOL) Program

A top-ranking USDA official recently stated that the mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) provision of the 2002 farm bill is highly objectionable and could harm U.S. producers.

Nevertheless, the department is fully committed to carrying out the intent of the law to the best of its ability.

It is clearly not the intent of Congress that the full burden of the compliance and verification should be placed on the American producer.

Last October, USDA issued interim voluntary COOL guidelines for certain commodities, and is still asking for public input before the program becomes mandatory in September 2004.

On the retail side, the farm bill allows for fines of up to \$10,000 for retailers who violate COOL regulations.

Retailers will probably be unwilling to allow the less formalized self-certification system advocated by the National Farmers Union.

Instead, many anticipate that packers, processors, wholesalers and retailers will

require their suppliers to establish and maintain detailed audit trails so that the country of birth, death and processing can be verified for each animal.

\$6 in order to receive a "Product of the U.S." label, meat must come exclusively from an animal born, raised and slaughtered in the United States.

The American Meat Institute (AMI) has said that a voluntary U.S. meat certification program is a far better alternative to the mandatory COOL program that is scheduled to come into effect in September 2004.

AMI President Patrick Boyle told a Senate panel that AMI and several other associations petitioned USDA a year ago to create a new, voluntary, fee-for-service U.S. beef certification program administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

He believes such a system would meet the requirements of those who support country-of-origin-labeling, while providing U.S. consumers with a product they prefer and are willing to pay for: meat products from animals born and raised in the U.S.

He also stated that those who believe this to be true could enter the market with those products and, if the benefits outweigh the costs, could be successful.

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USDA estimates that implementing a mandatory country-of-origin labeling program will cost the industry approximately \$2 billion. The supporters of the new labeling requirements dispute these costs. Only time will tell.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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17th Annual Polo On The Prairie Is Set Saturday

The 17th annual Polo on the Prairie, one of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's most successful fund raisers, is slated for May 3 at the Musselman Brothers Lazy 3 Ranch in Albany, this year boasting the legendary, nine-time Grammy award-winning band, Asleep at the Wheel.

M.D. Anderson Board of Visitors member Mary Anne McCloud and her daughter and son-in-law Melinda and Henry Musselman, also a board member, co-chair the popular polo event, outdoing themselves each year. More than 1,500 supporters join polo players from all over the United States to attend the events of the action-packed weekend.

"Polo on the Prairie makes a huge difference in the lives of the patients and their families, and we count on their support for our success," McCloud says. "I never dreamed it would become as big as it has, but year after year hundreds of people continue to come to help us fight this war on cancer."

Because they have seen countless friends and family members touched by cancer, the Musselmans and McCloud were motivated to raise money for research and patient care at M.D. Anderson, as well as increase awareness of the institution's programs. Henry Musselman's converted a portion of the Musselman Brothers Lazy 3 Ranch into a regulation polo field, the size of nine football fields, for the express purpose of donating polo proceeds to M.D. Anderson. And since 1987 Polo on the Prairie has

raised more than \$2.2 million to fund targeted research initiatives and patient care programs.

"Our mission is two-fold," says Melinda Musselman. "We want to raise money for M.D. Anderson, but we also want to inform people outside the Houston area about where they can go to receive the best cancer care possible, and we believe that is M.D. Anderson. Many people have learned about the institution through Polo on the Prairie."

The weekend event is unique for polo play - combining the fast-paced game with a Texas twist - barbecue, fireworks and country music. The event is family-oriented, patriotic, and warm with tradition. Alongside the American flag, the six flags of Texas wave in the breeze as a World War 11 plane flies overhead and a brass quartet plays "The Star Spangled Banner." Paddocks for more than 100 horses have been temporarily erected, and the field is primed for the players, who are either amateur or professionals registered with the United States Polo Association.

As part of the Polo on the Prairie tradition since 1995, nearby Eastland sixth graders take a field trip out

to the ranch to watch the playoff games and meet some of the players after a special week-long curriculum about the rules and history of the game, as well as cancer education, prevention and M.D. Anderson research.

The students also raise funds for the event, presenting a check to Polo on the Prairie themselves. "The children work hard," says McCloud, a former teacher herself. "Last year, they were calling everyone they knew to raise money for M.D. Anderson, and they've collected more than \$4,400 to fight cancer. They're great kids with big hearts."

Each year, Melinda Musselman secures one of the highlights of Polo on the Prairie - the entertainment. "We focus on Texas musicians, and we've been thrilled to have had some of the best talent in the business," Musselman says. This year the event boast the legendary swing band, Asleep At The Wheel. Entertaining since 1970, when they opened for Alice Cooper, their career spans three decades - with highlights including being voted best country and western band by Rolling Stone magazine in 1977 to touring with Bob Dylan in 2000.

"This is improvisational music," says lead vocalist Ray Benson on the band's Web site. "I think it's interesting to listen to

updated versions of what people do, hearing how they have evolved. People change, and I love to have the luxury of having a career this long to do it."

Key programs this year's Polo on the Prairie will support include:

Genitourinary Cancers - Funds will be used in clinical trials testing surgical procedures, drug combinations and schedules, and gene therapies.

Endometrial Cancer (uterine cancer) - Proceeds will be used to advance basic and clinical research regrading endometrial cancer, the most common type of gynecological cancer.

Science Park/Library - The library links researchers at the Smithville, Texas campus to specific information in appropriate scientific literature and journals. It proves vital to furthering work at M.D. Anderson's Department of Carcinogenesis, which is headquartered there and conducts research into understanding the causes of cancer and how to prevent it.

The Anderson Network Hospitality Room - Proceeds

will support this special "patient oasis" where patients or family members may stop in for refreshment, comfort and assistance from volunteers who have had similar cancer experiences.

Chaplaincy and Clinical Pastoral Education - Money will be used to support chaplains who visit patients before surgery or other medical procedures, respond to patient or family requests

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for prayer or spiritual counseling, lead worship services and conduct support groups. Clinical Pastoral Education is an accredited program that offers educational opportunities to individuals who wish to advance their faith or pastoral skills.

For information about sponsorships of the event, call (800) 525-5841 or (713) 792-3450.

Poetry Corner

Easter To Me

As dawn spreads across the morning sky

We see three crosses standing side by side.

The pain and suffering showing on each face

When death comes and takes its place.

Thunder rolling from hill to hill

Lightning flashing everywhere.

His voice comes to answer me

This is My Beloved Son in Who I am well pleased.

As they lay my Lord in the tomb

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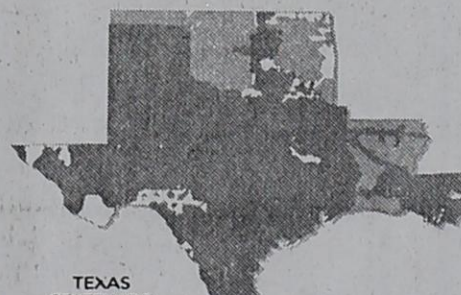
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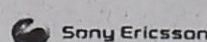
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Vaccine

Sars, West Nile: No; Whopping Cough: Yes

By Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D. Commissioner, Texas Department of Health

Sudden acute respiratory syndrome- SARS. It's new to the world. It can be fatal. No vaccine is available to stop the infection.

West Nile virus. It's new to Texas. It can be fatal. No vaccine is available to protect people.

Pertussis- whooping cough. It's been around for centuries. It can be fatal. But a vaccine is available to prevent it.

That is why it is cause for concern that we recorded more than 1,200 cases of pertussis in Texas last year, double the number in 2001. And we already have had one child die from pertussis this year.

We often are understandably fearful of the illnesses over which we have less control, such as SARS or West Nile virus or a bioterrorism attack of anthrax. But at the same time, we need to focus on the diseases we can control, using all our available tools, especially appropriate life-saving vaccines.

There is no denying this fact: Vaccines work. They are one of the great public health achievements of the last century.

They work against measles. In 1958, Texas recorded 88,000--yes, thousand- cases of measles. Last year, we had only one case. They work against mumps. In 1950, the Texas Department of Health listed about 32,000 cases of mumps. Last year the number was 14.

Vaccines work against paralytic poliomyelitis. In 1950, paralytic polio struck about 3,000 people in Texas. But since 1977, not one case of polio has occurred in the state.

And in my own short professional career as a physician, I have seen a vaccine

work against Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) infection. In just one decade from 1990 to 2000, even new physicians have seen the number of Hib cases drop in this state from 625 to four.

These diseases once were terrifying, until vaccines made them rare occurrences. Now most vaccine-preventable diseases are thought of as neither exotic nor a terror.

The encouraging news is the growing numbers of young children receiving their immunizations. Texas moved from last in the nation's rankings in 2001 to 42nd among all states last year. The National Immunization Survey shows that last year nearly 75 percent of Texas children ages 19 months through 35 months were appropriately vaccinated, up from about 70 percent the previous year. And many of the remaining 25 percent had some vaccines but were not fully vaccinated.

But while these numbers are encouraging, it is no time to become complacent.

Low immunization rates affect children, families, schools and entire communities. One unvaccinated child can pass a serious disease on to a younger child, to a pregnant woman, or to an elderly relative.

Parents and health care providers must work together to ensure that all children are appropriately vaccinated, protecting them and others from serious disease.

As a parent, I know that it may be difficult to keep up with the immunization schedule of each child. But parents must take the responsibility for keeping their children's records complete. Waiting for school admission requirements is too late to fully protect children. For the first year to life, children should be vaccinated at birth, and at two,

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Will We Help The House Of Cards Fall?

By Tom DeWeese

The United Nations is a house of cards and George Bush just blew on it. Is there now real possibility for the United States to get out of the UN?

Only months ago the possibility seemed remote, even impossible. Many American leaders spouted the mantra that, yes, the UN is a despicable, even clownish institution that wastes money in an over-bloated bureaucracy motivated by a decidedly anti-American point of view. But most still held on to the belief that the United States must remain an active member in order to maintain our leadership role in the world.

Supporters of UN membership argued that without the recognized legitimacy of that institution there would be no possibility of creating an international coalition to deal with terrorists. President Bush tried to do the politically correct thing. He went before the UN to plead for UN cooperation. Secretary of State Colin Powell made compelling arguments, providing proof of the dangers posed by Saddam Hussein. None of it worked. According to the new rules of UN protocol, the United States was supposed to continue asking, begging, pleading and dealing.

In such a world, the French ploy was a sound one. The French, allied themselves with the Germans in a bold attempt to diminish the influence of the United States. In fact, the whole purpose of the European Union is to create a mechanism for leverage against the United States. The French and Germans were just following the gameplan they had spent years debating and creating.

If the United States had played by the standard UN rules, the French gamble may well have paid off. We didn't. The United States, on its own, organized a coalition of more than 45 countries. We stood up for our own national interests and we declared our right to defend ourselves, no matter what the international community thinks. As a result, the UN and the European Union have both suffered immeasurable harm. Both could now be destroyed.

For those of us who have fought the battle to get the United States out of the UN it has been an astounding month. National television news programs, talk radio and newspaper commentary pages have suddenly begun questioning the need for UN membership. "Irrelevant" is the word most often used. Frankly, it's like reading from my own newsletter! Anti-UN sentiment has never been stronger. Like the shock of the fall of the Berlin Wall, it could all happen almost over night. As we've said all along, the whole house of cards has been propped up by American power, money and military might. Take those away and it all comes tumbling down. How could any of us ever have foreseen such a turn around? The truth is there has never been a better opportunity to send the clowns on the East River packing!

During my entire political career I have argued that, if

four, six and 12 months of age. By age 2, children should have received almost all of their childhood vaccines.

As a family physician, I know how crucial it is to talk with families about the need for on-time immunizations, to answer parents' questions frankly, and to help their children stay up-to-date. A health care provider plays a significant role in helping children complete all their necessary vaccinations.

As Texas Commissioner of Health, I also recognize the important role that the state health department, local health departments, and other public health system partners play in improving childhood immunization rates.

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Recipe

Cajun-Style Deviled Eggs
(Serves 6)

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Directions:
1. Place eggs in medium saucepan in a single layer. Cover with cold water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes; drain. Run cold water over eggs to cool them.
2. Peel eggs and halve lengthwise. Put yolks into small bowl; place whites on plate. Mash yolks with fork and mix in the salad dressing and Cajun seasoning. Pipe or spoon mixture into egg halves. Sprinkle tops lightly with seasoned salt. Cover and chill in refrigerator 45 minutes.

only the United States would do the right thing, without caring what the UN or pompous diplomats from other countries thought, then the world would follow. Finally, President Bush did exactly that and the world did follow. It's been almost comical to watch as the French and Germans jockey for roles, immediately after the start of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Suddenly they needed to be part of the post war rebuilding. The Turks quickly decided to open their skies to our planes and declared themselves part of the "Coalition of the Willing." We've also discovered the true nature of our new friends, the Russians, whom we now find have been selling hi-tech equipment to the Iraqis.

Our nation's decision to go it alone. Without the UN, has the possibility of truly creating a "New World Order." One much different from the global village envisioned by the UN and those like Germany and France who hoped their past glories could be renewed under its socialist dictates. Instead, this new order could be one of proud, free, sovereign nations, operating independently, looking out for their own interests in a true free market and limited government environment. In fact, it would simply be the re-establishment of the proper international order.

That will only happen if President Bush decides to take his decision to its logical conclusion and lead the United States out of the United Nations. It was because of UN dictates that the United States was stopped from toppling Saddam in 1991. It's taken us ten years and more American lives to finish the job. Let's not make the same mistake with the UN. By returning to business as usual we will only help re-establish the UN's power over us. Ten years from now - in the next crisis - we'll have to fight the battle all over again as the UN proves it is still an enemy to the ideals of the United States. To reasonable people it seems obvious that the only logical step is to withdraw membership.

However, there is great danger that the United States won't take the right road. That we will go back and take our seat at the Security Council. The pressure has already started to lead us that way. It's the natural order of today's politics. In fact, it's much more likely that our leaders will stay in the UN's comfort zone than have the courage to lead the world in a different, bolder direction.

It doesn't have to be that way. For those of us who desperately want to end American support of the UN, our greatest battle is directly in front of us. We must raise our voices in an unyielding scream - get us out of the UN now! Say it and keep saying it to elected officials, talk show hosts, letters to the editor and to your next door neighbor. Don't lose this opportunity to rid the world of the most evil regime ever known. No, not Saddam - but the United Nations. (991 words)

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