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## Open Meeting Announced for Callahan County Commissioners' June 31, 2006, 1:15

The Callahan County Commissioner's Court will meet in Open Session on June 31, 2006 at 1:15 p.m. in the Callahan County Courthouse at the Commissioner's Court Room, Baird, with the following Agenda:  
Call to Order.  
and Deliberation and Consideration of action on the following items:  
I> Review and Sign Minutes of Previous Meetings.  
II> Discuss and Consider Burn Ban  
III> Discuss and Consider Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement-Brown County V.F.D.'s  
IV> Discuss and Pay Approved Bills.  
V> Open Bids for Depot Restoration-Discuss and Consider Accepting or Rejecting.

## Baird High School Homecoming Set For Sept. 16 Addresses Needed

The Baird High School Homecoming has been set for September 16, 2006. All the activities this year will be on Saturday, September 16th including the game. We are trying to update our address file and are needing addresses for the following people from the class of 1967-1973: Janis Bryant, Lester Hughes, Shirley Simmons Manning, Arvin Thornton, Linda Alexander, Mary Ann Bell Jones, Carolyn Kimbrough, Ophelia Martinez Martinez, Linda Tollett McGinnis, Pat McGinnis, Kathy Franklin, Will Higgins, Joyce Kniffen, Roma Gamble Martin, Cindy Warren Cofield, Gary Gilmore, Paula Godfrey

## Chance Rodriguez of B.H.S. Featured In Total Texas Baseball Mag.

High School Senior at Baird High School Chance Rodriguez was featured in the magazine Total Texas Baseball a statewide publication that highlights professional college and, in his case, high school baseball in the Lone Star State and recently named to the Abilene-Reporter News All-Big Country Super Team. Chosen for being the Wide Receiver, Honorable Mention for the A-RN's team of 2005 on offense. Rodriguez ran for a combined yardage which almost put the Baird Bears to a win over Windthorste in the Bi-District game in which they were blocked from a continuing shot at the playoffs.

## Cross Plains High Graduate Randy Stephenson Featured in A-Reporter News for Stringing Tennis Rackets for Pros

Cross Plains High graduate, Randy Stephenson, was recently commended in the Abilene Reporter News. Turning a passion for stringing rackets for such tennis pros as winner of the

2005 China Open tennis tournament, into a career, Stephenson has repaired rackets for such matches as Wimbledon.

Starting in a career which began as a part-time job, Randy, a graduate from Cross Plains High School in 1993 moved to the Dallas area in 1993 to attend the Art Institute of Dallas. He was hired part-time as a stocker at Sports Town, in the metroplex. Learning the art of stringing at this sporting goods store when he hung out in the tennis department, after asking to be taught.

After two more hours, Stephenson had completed his first re-stringing.

After two more months Stephenson had a job. He took over after the two other stringers quit. Able to string a racket in less than 15 min-

utes, his average, his best time is about nine minutes.

Opening his own tennis store in Dallas in 2000, he even finished the Art Institute in Dallas, but eventually opened another store in 2001, which closed due to 9/11. His big break came in 2003 when he was with another sporting goods store after being a representative for a tennis equipment company.

He had earned at that time the Master Racquet Technician status from the U.S. Racquet Stringers Association and asked to become a sales representative for Bow Brand, a London Based company that makes tennis strings.

A resume at this store however landed a job as a stringer for that company which allowed him to string rackets for 165 Wimbledon participants in June of 2001 for such notables as Bob and Mike Bryan, the premier men's doubles team in the world, according to the Abilene- Reporter News.

Racquet Sports Industry magazine's String of the Year was the next sobriquet intended for Stephenson in 2004. And he strings for private clients, at Golfsmith and Lakes Tennis academy in the Dallas area, now, and is not so sure he will work any big pro tournaments this year, but is continually amazed that his "small skills" turned into a big career.

## Help Keep Light Burning At Nutrition Program

Callahan County Nutrition Project would like to ask the general public to help us monitor the Clyde Center, and kitchen, making sure the outside porch lights remain burning during the week, and especially on weekends. We had a power outage past weeks due to a squirrel, causing this problem inside the building. This is very important, due to freezers, milk boxes and refrigerators. If this had not been discovered, the project would have lost several hundred dollars of food. Please help us in reporting when the porch lights are not burning.

Numbers to call: Don Haley 893-5338, Katie Dunn 854-2403; Callahan County Sheriff's Dept. 854-1444; Vickey Burns 854-2042. Please keep trying until you reach someone. Your help will be appreciated. The seniors can also help. Anytime you are out, please drive by the center to check.

## Baird School News

**Superintendent Report-** enrollment is 360 for the district. The summer leadership conference in San Antonio is scheduled for June 7-10. At the buss Auction we sold three buses for a total of \$6000.00

**The High School Principal Report- TAKS results:** 9th reading-100%; math 81%; 10th ELA-90%; Social Studies-84%; math-80%; Science-75%; 11th ELA-92%; math-100%; Social Studies-100%; Science-92%. The inaugural season for soft-

ball was a success. Several athletes participated in the regional track meet and the baseball team made it to bi-district. The Band had its Spring Concert on May, 2006 and they did a good job. Saturday school is still going on. The art classes are going to have their Projects on display starting May 22, 2006 in the library. The sports Banquet was May 16, 2006 at 7:00 in the cafeteria. The academic awards ceremony for high school is Tuesday, May 2006 at 10:17 a.m.

Elementary Principal Re-

port; The awards ceremony for elementary school was Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. The middle school awards ceremony was Friday, May 26, 2006 at 9:0 a.m. Talent Show for middle school is Friday, May 26, 2006 in the auditorium at 1:45 p.m. Field day was set for Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at the track at 12:30 p.m. Talent for elementary was June 1, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. There will be an incentive program at the beginning of school next year for each six weeks for the elementary Students.

**TAKS results:** 3rd gr. Reading-100%; Math-96%; 4th Grade-Reading-80%; Math-80%; writing-94%; 5th Grade. Reading-89%; math-83%; Science-89% 6th Gr. Reading-73%; math 54%; 7th Reading-84%; math-79%; Writing-87%; 8th Reading-88%; math-87%;

Science-91%; Social Studies-91%. Pre-K registrations was earlier in May. There will be a.m. and p.m. classes starting next year.

A motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

## See the Sideboard

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July, wherever the Lord Leads!

Matson, Mike Young, Carlene Russing Fields, Marcie Morrison Lipham, Debbie Stafford, John Vandiver, Wilda Williams, Vincent, Vickie Griggs Whitehead, Mitchell Atkinson, Kenneth Bradley, Donna Collins Crain, Joann Alexander Grant, Brenda Day Murphy, Brenda Moore Ramos, Gay Sadler, Debra Williams.

We are putting a few names each week and will continue for the next several weeks. If you have any information about these former students, please let us know at P.O. Box 954, Baird, Texas 79504, or call 854-1497.

Thanks for your help. Baird Ex-Students' Assn.

## Summer Activities Underway For 6th -12th Grades At Baird Methodist Church

Baird First United Methodist Church is seeking youth, grades six through 12, who are interested in growing in Christ while having a great time this summer. There will be Bible Study, Worship, and plenty of opportunities for fun and fellowship. The highlight of these summer activities will be a Discipleship Now weekend and a trip to Six Flags Over Texas. For more information or to sign up, please call the church at 854-1080, Catherine Brock at 854-2053, or Brenda Lewis at 854-5994. Better yet, come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for Bible Study and worship at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is also invited to join in the special activities on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday

evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!!

## First United Methodist Youth To Hold Garage Sale July 14th & 15th

Baird First United Methodist Youth are having a garage sale on Friday, July 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They are in need of items for this fundraiser and are asking the community, as well as all our church members, to donate their unused "trash" and "treasures". Money raised will support a Discipleship Now weekend and trip to Six Flags. If you have items to donate, please call Brenda Lewis at 854-5994 or Catherine Brock at 854-2053.

D.P.S. Report	
6-18 -06 to 6-24 -06	
Cases Investigated	D.W.I.-----2
Warnings.....51	There was 2 accident investigated during this time span.
Complaints.....80	
Driving while License Invalid.....2	

## Callahan County Order Prohibiting Outdoor Fireworks

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Callahan County; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of June 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part, 173.100 (r) (2)(10-1-86 edition) as "sky-rockets with sticks" and "Missiles with fins," in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives.
2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosives by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this ORDER. An offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2006, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

(s) Roger Corn County Judge, (s) Jeanie Bohannon

Attest: County Clerk

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**Obituary**

**Willie Julius (Bill) Matson**

Willie Julius (Bill) Matson, 88, passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in Monroe, Louisiana.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 24, 2006 in the Parker Funeral Home Chapel in Baird, T.

Bill was born December 17, 1917, in Hosston, Louisiana. He was employed in the oil industry throughout his lifetime.

Bill is survived by: his son: Sam Wesley Matson, Sr. and daughter in law Jo

**Louise H. Weeks**

Putnam-Louise H. Weeks, 82, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at her home in Putnam. A graveside service was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 23, 2006 at Admiral Cemetery, Rev. Truman Johnson officiated, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Louise was born June 6, 1924, in Artesia, NM to John S. Hankins and Lela Davis Hankins. She has lived in

Putnam since 1977. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She married George Weeks, Jr., in Taylor County, TX on December 20, 1956. He preceded her in death March 3, 1990. She is survived by: one son: Billy H. Daniel of Houston; two nephews; one niece; dear friends Sheri Whitehead, Jo Lynn Collins, Linda Rivers, Amber Collins, and Don Miller and numerous other friends.

Matson of Ferriday, Louisiana; one daughter, Eddie Jean Kriederman and son in law Gary Kriedeman of Green Valley, Arizona; three grandchildren, Dawn Holder, Christina Wilie, Sam Wesley Matson, Jr; and two great grandchildren, Emma Jordan Holder and Samuel Matson.

Mr. Matson was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo Matson, and granddaughter Kelly Kriedeman. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made as follows to: Rutgers University. The Kelly Anne Kriedeman Memorial Scholarship fund. Donations may be mailed to 4481, Highway 568, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334. Kelly was the granddaughter of Bill and Betty Matson.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Parker Funeral Home.

**"Don't Mess With Texas"**

**Finalist for America's Favorite Slogan All Texans were urged to vote beginning June 20**

"Don't Mess with Texas" has been nominated as one of America's all-time favorite slogans along with some of the most-recognized and effective catch phrases in advertising history.

The Texas Department of Transportation's litter prevention slogan is keeping high-profile company in the competition with Nike's "Just Do It." Maxwell House's "Good to the Last Drop" and "Got Milk?" from the California Milk Processors Board.

Now it was up to the voters in the June 20 vote to decide which is their favorite in the 3rd Annual Advertising Week Walk of Fame competition sponsored by Yahoo! and USA Today. Advertising Week, held in New York City in late September, is North America's largest annual gathering of advertising and media industry decision makers. Slogan voting officially kicked off June 20 in Times Square and culminates with the announcement of winners during Advertising Week September 29.

"With 22 million Texans and countless Americans who have enjoyed traveling the beautiful Lone Star State, we figure Don't Mess with Texas has just as good a chance as any to be selected as a beloved advertising slogan," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Division Director for the Texas Department of Transportation. "That's why we're calling on all native Texans or anyone who is a Texas at Heart to take one minute to vote for Don't Mess with Texas and to ask all their friends, family and co-workers to vote."

To help Don't Mess with Texas create a dramatic presence at the kickoff in Times Square, Texas college alumni groups and organizations in New York participated in a "Flass Mob" generated by viral e-mails. Everyone who loves Don't Mess with Texas was encouraged to convene at Military Island in Times Square wearing Texas gear and waving Texas flags. The First 100 people received a free Don't Mess with Texas T-shirt or bumper sticker.

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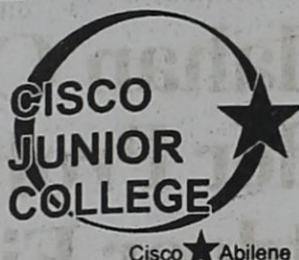
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51 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$119,900.  
61 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$11,500 per acre.  
61 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded with live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,800 per acre.  
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
81 Acres mostly wooded with oaks & mesquite trees, one 4-acre field, two ponds, hills down to draws, large ranches around this property, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,395 per acre.  
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including Lake Cisco, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
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151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells, Wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$194,400.  
161 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 storage bldgs., Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$220,183.  
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$234,000.  
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$326,825.  
421 Acres with home 2-story, 5 bedrooms, swimming pool, large metal barn with pens, 12-acre lake, large field, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$330,000.  
**COMMERCIAL**  
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CHA on each side. \$29,500.  
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details.  
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Approximate 2,000 sq. ft. building built in 2004. Show room in front with kitchenette and half bath. Shop in back also has half bath. Porch across front of bldg. and pavilion on side. 5 lots. Call for details.  
**HOMES**  
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2 BR, 1 bath home on corner property with storm windows, some wood floors, large oak trees, attached garage and fenced backyard. \$25,000.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, Reduced to \$26,500.  
3 BR, 2 bath home with storm windows, double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, CHA, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$28,000.  
2 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, double carport, separate double carports, storage building and plenty of space to use more of the property. \$32,000.  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with storm windows, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large lot, \$32,000.  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large lot, double carport, storage bldg., privacy fence, corner property, \$36,000.  
3 BR 2 bath home, CHA, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CHA, built-in appliances, pantry, attached double garage, large trees, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$55,000.  
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CHA on 24 lots, \$89,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer home, separate LR and den, storm windows, CHA, attached 2 car garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$62,500.  
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built, CHA, vinyl siding, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus well, \$62,500.  
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CHA, vinyl siding, fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras, \$62,500.  
4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CHA units, vinyl siding, storm windows, jacuzzi, double carport plus single carport, workshop, many large oak trees on 1/2 of a city block. Also has mobile home hookups.  
**LAKE CISCO**  
Well maintained, 3 BR, 1 bath home with metal siding, covered patio, 2 storage bldgs., covered boat dock with boat lift, large trees, \$49,800.  
Recently built, attractive 2 BR, 1 bath home with CHA, nice pine cabinets, large deck, many live oak trees, storage building, covered boat dock, \$69,500.  
Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CHA, WBP, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & master BR, lg. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg. & many extras.  
Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CHA units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.  
Beautifully landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBP and 2 CHA units, many nice cabinets and builtins.  
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### Recognizing Changing Symptoms In Parkinson's Disease May Help Patients To Better Manage Condition

Parkinson's disease (PD) affects about 1 million people in the United States and 50,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. As researchers learn more about the disease, improved treatment options are possible.

That's good news for people like Paul Ramirez, a World War II veteran and avid dancer. He was first diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1999, after his wife saw him shuffling his feet during their daily neighborhood walks. Like many people with PD, Ramirez was treated with a traditional levodopa medication to manage his symptoms.

Levodopa is the most widely used symptomatic PD treatment and has remained the "gold standard" of care for nearly 40 years. The majority of people with PD eventually need levodopa treatment to control their symptoms, even if they begin their therapy with other medications. After several years of treatment with levodopa, however, people with PD may see changes in the way their medication controls their symptoms. Symptoms may return before it is time for the next dose of medication.

For Ramirez, the change in duration of his symptom control became increasingly noticeable after the first two to three years of levodopa treatment. Not only did he find that the onset of daily symptoms was becoming less predictable, he also found that his "off" time was increasing, meaning his motor symptoms, like freezing and slowness of movement, lasted for longer periods of time during each day.

Since Ramirez's PD symptoms were not controlled as long as they could be, he needed to use a walker in order to maintain his balance, which severely limited his ability to participate in the activities that he enjoyed.

"I love to dance, but within a few years of being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, I found that I not only couldn't dance, but many times I was even too weak to walk. It was very frustrating," says Ramirez.

The change in symptom control that he experienced is called "wearing off." Symptoms associated with levodopa therapy "wearing off" can include both motor and nonmotor symptoms. Motor symptoms may include trembling or shaking and nonmotor symptoms may include anxiety or feeling restless. When levodopa

medication "wears off," it can make even basic daily activities, such as walking and dressing, difficult for the person with Parkinson's disease.

Ramirez's doctor, Kevin Callerame, M.D., staff Adult Neurologist at the NeuroMedical Center in Baton Rouge, La., says, "The good news is that the motor symptoms of 'wearing off' can be treated with newer levodopa medications that can help increase the time levodopa controls the symptoms of Parkinson's disease."

When Dr. Callerame saw him in the summer of 2004,

the physician noticed that he would have frequent freezing episodes.

Dr. Callerame began treating Ramirez with a Parkinson's disease medication called Stalevo® (carbidopa, levodopa and entacapone). Stalevo is an enhanced levodopa medication that combines levodopa with two other components to reduce its side effects and extend its benefits. Stalevo tablets are indicated for certain PD patients who have levodopa-related "wearing off" motor complications.

In the year since Ramirez's medication has changed, Dr. Callerame says, "Ramirez's

symptoms have been controlled for four to five hours, versus one to two hours, following each dose of Stalevo." For Ramirez, longer symptom control has enabled him to walk more easily, and that has given him the confidence to try other activities that he once enjoyed.

Dr. Callerame urges people with Parkinson's disease to communicate openly with their doctors because different treatment options may be available. However, in order to treat "wearing off," it must first be identified.

A new, free-of-charge information and resource kit is available for people with Parkinson's disease that can help to identify the signs and symptoms of "wearing off." The kit contains a diary card to track when symptoms come back between doses of medication.

Ramirez's story represents the successful treatment with Stalevo (carbidopa, levodopa and entacapone) of an actual patient with Parkinson's disease and experiencing "wearing off." Because every patient responds differently,

results may vary. In a clinical trial, Stalevo provided, on average, 1.4 more hours a day of symptom relief than standard levodopa.

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"And we don't," said Historian David McCullough in a recent speech at Hillsdale College in Michigan, according to an in-depth article in the Hillsdale Imprimis publication.

Times are tough now with the lingering war in Iraq that seems to be splitting our country, but consider, said McCullough:

"We don't know what they went through--epidemics of smallpox or dysentery which could take the lives of hundreds of people just in the little town of Quincy, Massachusetts. It was by no means a simpler time. They had to worry about things that we don't even think about any more, and suffer discomforts and inconveniences of a kind that we never even imagine. We have little idea of how tough they were.

Imagine John Adams setting off in the middle of winter to ride nearly 400 miles on horseback to get to congress. Try riding even 40 miles sometime. John and Abigail were separated, in all, more than ten years because of his service to the country."

McCullough's book "John Adams" describes in great detail the kind of man this patriot was. Much is recounted of his service as vice president under Washington, and later of this one term presidency, but his diplomatic duties were as important as anything else he did.

Primarily, he got the Dutch to give us massive loans, which really saved our Revolution. Some 300 votes would have re-elected him, but that election, perhaps for the first time, showed the smooth transition that this country is famous for.

He stayed home for the last 25 years of his life--but no way was he idle. "Those who say that people lived in a simpler time should imagine their daughter having a mas-

tectomy in a bedroom of their house with no anesthetic," McCullough writes.

Adams lost his wife and daughter, he lost a son to alcoholism, he lost his teeth and his hair, his friends, his power, his prestige, his influence but he kept going.

John Adams, a farm boy, became the most widely and deeply read of any American of that bookish time--more so even than Jefferson. At 80, he wrote a 16 volume history of France in French.

Adams died, as many of you know, the same day Jefferson died. Jefferson had been his closest friend, then his political rival, then his political enemy. After twelve years of neither speaking to each other, Adams initiated the first letter of what was to be one of the great reconciliations in our history. The correspondence between these former presidents lasted until their deaths, and is some of the most wonderful letters in the English language. And then they died on the same day, each in his own bed, surrounded by his

## Identity Theft

By J.B. Johnston,  
Carbon, Texas

A couple of years ago a fellow's Volkswagen was recovered in Corsicana, Texas, that had been stolen a few years prior. Amazingly, when it was found on a used car lot it had been repainted and repaired to almost new condition. It was in much better shape when the man got it back than when it was stolen. What has this to do with identity theft? Read on.

A few weeks ago the nation was informed by the media that a million or so of us veterans' personal information, such as social security numbers and other information, had been stolen. This was because some government employee had taken this information home on a CD, to work with, and someone had broken into his or her home and stolen it. First of all, the fact that a government employee would take anything

books. And it wasn't just any day. It was the 4th of July, 50 years after the Declaration of Independence. People at the time saw it as the clearest sign imaginable that the hand of God was involved with the destiny of the United States--and who could blame them?

home to work with, makes me suspicious. Secondly, why in the world would they be doing anything with records that old? Anyway, someone out there has enough information to steal the identity of a million or so ex-service personnel. But that isn't all. Stay tuned.

I got a letter the other day from my friendly Medicare prescription drug provider stating that one of their illustrious, eager beaver employees had inadvertently left my entire medical and health information on a hotel business computer that they had been using. This, of course, included my social security number along with other information that would help some low life character steal my identity. They were real apologetic and didn't think that I should worry. They

also stated that they had taken out an insurance policy for \$20,000 just in case someone did steal my identity. I thought that I would worry less if they would send me the \$20,000 and I could stick it in my pocket. No banks, you understand; too risky.

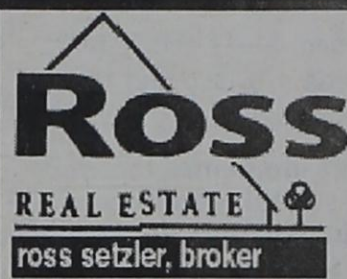
Back to the Volkswagen; just suppose someone stole my identity and paid off all my debts and deposited a \$100,000 in my bank account. It could happen. After all, most thieves aren't too smart. But, here again, I guess that someone smart enough to steal an identity would be too smart to do that. I just hope that if they take what little savings I have, they will also take my debts. (God Bless America)

## VFW Post 4136 Cook Out Saturday

The VFW Post 4136, Eastland, TX, would like to invite area Veterans and their families to a free hot dog and hamburger cookout at the Post on Saturday, July 1st at 12:30 p.m. Drinks and side dishes will also be served. We look forward to celebrating with you.

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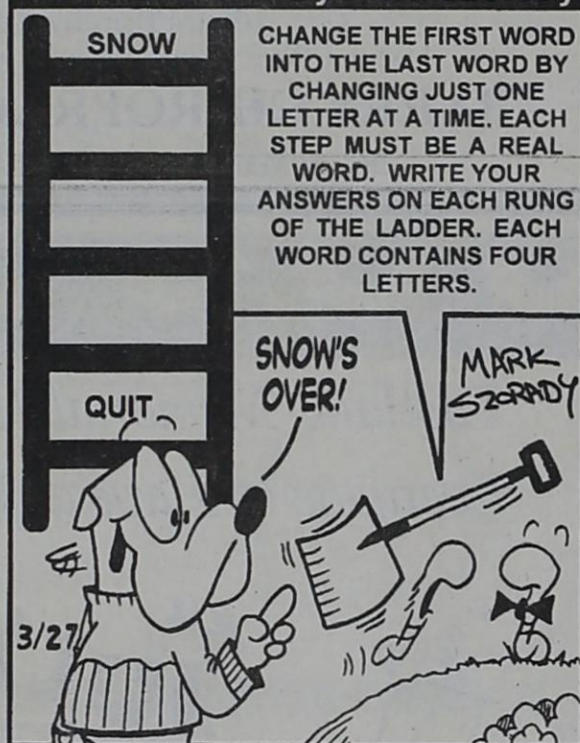
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## Group Raising Funds For Center's Patient Transport

The Friends and Family Support Group of Eastland Healthcare Center has launched a fund raising campaign to purchase a van to be used to transport patients to and from doctor's appointments, it has been announced here.

The co-Chairmen for the Fundraiser are Sandra Hazelip, D.O.; Dale Squires, R. Ph.; and Sandra Cagle, County Tax Assessor-Collector.

An added incentive is the fact that Allegro Mobility is donating a motorized scooter or chair to some lucky donor who contributes at least \$5. (Tickets are available by calling 254-631-0085. Businesses in Cisco, Ranger, Cross Plains, Eastland and Rising Star also have tickets available for donations.

An account has been established at First Financial Bank, P.O. Box 788, Eastland, TX 76448, to which checks may be forwarded, made out to Friends and Family Support Group.

Broad public help is desperately needed according to the sponsors.

Drawing will be held July 15th.

Friends and Family Support Group of Eastland Health Care has undertaken the task of raising \$35,000 to buy a new van. Almost \$10,000 has been raised at this time.

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As you can see by the large number of business places that have joined us in this undertaking we have the business places support. What we desperately need is your support by purchasing

tickets from the businesses mentioned above.

Donations may be sent to First Financial Bank P.O. Box 788 Eastland, TX 76448. Checks may be made to the account of Friends & Family Support Group. Thank you for your consideration of helping us with this fund raiser.

Drawing to be held July 15th.

## Abilene Quilters Guild Meeting July 10

The July 10th meeting of the Abilene Quilters Guild will feature demonstrations of techniques from the books by Billie Lauder, Quick Quilt Tricks and More Quick Quilt Tricks. This will be a great time to learn new tricks and maybe share some of your own. Come join us.

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Jeremy A. Barnett

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537 hours of ground training in academics, officer development, physical training, and other required subjects. Specific hours are used to prepare the student pilot for follow-on training in fighter aircraft and acclimate pilots to adverse weather conditions and restricted airspace as experienced in Europe.

His upgrade training for the F-16 aircraft will be conducted at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Allen R. and Barbara A. Barnett of Cross Plains, Texas.

Amy, his wife, is the daughter of Charles and Linda Strength, of Cross Plains.

The lieutenant graduated in 1997 from Cross Plains High School, and received a Bachelor's degree in 2004 from Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

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**Across**

- Matron.
- Ponder; debate.
- Feathered animal.
- Amu Darya.
- Women's shawl.
- Sunburn treatment.
- Unappetizing food.
- Take lid off.
- Catch; grab.
- Merits for length of service.
- Unexplained object in the sky.
- Whitney, U.S. inventor.
- Negative votes.
- Sends a wireless transmission.
- Senseless people.
- Harris, U.S. actress.
- Not inner.
- Attracts.
- Lively; spirited.
- Packaging thermoplastic.
- Spanish for "bunch."
- Ladlelike utensil.
- Part human, part horse deity.
- It is.
- Separate grain from.
- Behaves theatrically.
- Gumbo.
- Hawaiian dish.
- French for "badly."
- Not upright or moral.
- Starred with 31 across in Thirtysomething.
- French for "earth."
- Wealthy.
- House.
- Allow to enter.
- Fitzgerald, U.S. jazz singer.
- Strong, brave warrior.
- Central European river.
- Group of two.

**Down**

- Domesticated canids.
- Wheel shaft.
- Unstable lepton.
- Caught sight of
- Member of a people in Benin, Nigeria.
- Abbreviation for account.
- Of Thailand.
- Pouch.
- Exempli.
- Highest part.
- Tape recording of a new song.
- Enraged.
- Defeat competitively.
- Dish of many ingredients.
- Voyage or excursion.
- Belongs to you.
- Respond to.
- Disease involving alcohol.
- Hiding place.
- Angry.
- Diesels.
- Title for a married woman.
- Period in history.
- Call for help.
- Australian cape.
- Young nymph.
- South American country.
- Poke; pry.
- West-central Peru river.
- Layered.
- Challenge; defy.
- Wings.
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# July 4th Holiday Brings More Traffic Enforcement

Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be out in force during the days leading up to the July 4 holiday. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not properly secured in safety belts.

During the July 4 weekend last year, DPS troopers arrested 1,128 drivers for driving while intoxicated.

"We'll be out aggressively looking for people who are DWI. If you're driving drunk, we will arrest you, for your safety and the safety of other Texans out on the roads," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr, director of the DPS.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)-a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

"Stay sober, slow down and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured," Col. Davis said.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers during the extended holiday weekend:

\* Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.

\* Have everyone in the vehicle properly secured, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.

\* Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.

\* Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.

\* Be polite and courteous while driving-do not practice road rage behavior.

\* For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is roadworthy.

and protective services crisis management team by executive order in 2004, but the governor failed to act.

### Chevron joins cigarette pact

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced Chevron has agreed to do more to prevent minors from buying cigarettes.

CVS Pharmacy, Conoco Phillips 7-Eleven, Wal-Mart, BP Amoco, Walgreen Drug Stores and Exxon Mobil have already agreed to do the same.

These companies post "We Card Under 30" notices and verify the age of the cigarette purchaser. And, they don't display self-serve tobacco kiosks, vending machines, free samples and cigarette look-alike products.

### Redistricting decision due

A case over the Texas Legislature's remapping of congressional districts is on the U.S. Supreme Court docket and may soon be decided.

The Republican Party gained five seats in Congress after lawmakers redrew the boundaries in the 2003 legislative session. The legislation prompted many House and Senate Democrats to temporarily leave the state in protest. The high court heard oral arguments in late February. The outcome may affect the Nov. 7 election.



### State Capital Highlights

Ballot will show 5 candidates running for governor

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Independent candidates for Governor Kinky Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

On June 21, the secretary of state's office told the two they gathered several times more than the required number of valid signatures.

Independents must petition for a ballot spot, because they have no statewide primaries. Their campaigns had the 62 days prior to May 11 to come up with at least 45,540 signatures, or 1 percent of the total number of registered voters in the state.

Secretary of State Roger Williams, the state's chief elections officer, indicated ballots probably will list the two as Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Strayhorn wants "Grandma" added to her name. Williams said Grandma is more of a slogan than a nickname, and state law prohibits slogans on the ballot.

Also running for governor are incumbent Republican Rick Perry, Democrat Chris Bell and Libertarian James Werner.

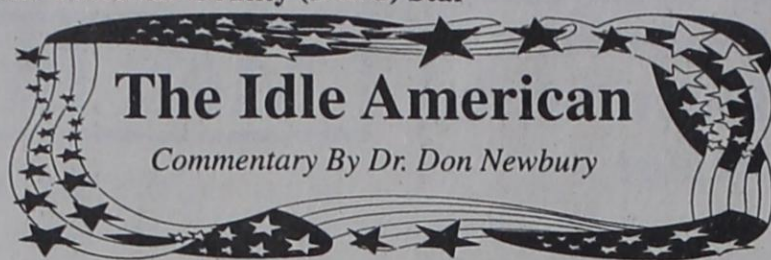
"Not one but two viable independent candidates have made the ballot for the first time in nearly 150 years," Friedman said. "This tells us what we've long suspected: the two-party system has failed our state. ..."

### Strayhorn decries foster system

Comptroller Strayhorn said her agency has turned up a list of problems with the state's foster care system. She cited reports of Medicaid prescription fraud and abuse, poisonings, rapes and pregnancies of children in the state's foster care system.

Strayhorn said Fiscal 2003 information from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services documents that 30 foster children died in the state's care; in Fiscal 2004, 38 foster children died; and in Fiscal 2005, 48 foster children died.

Strayhorn said she urged Gov. Perry to create a family



## The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

### The Art of Remaining Silent

Dionysius, a man of modest status who straddled Egyptian and Greek worlds at the end of the second century, B.C., once wrote—in Greek—"Let your speech be better than silence, or remain silent." (Actually, his birth name is thought to have been "Plenis," but forward-thinking parents figured it would take a Greek name—like Dionysius—for their son to be quoted centuries later, and it worked. There is no record of a "Plenis" being credited with saying anything.)

Those in the anonymous-attribution business have pirated many a high-sounding statement—such as the one by Dionysius—and, well, modernized it. Old D,s quote, revamped some 2,300 years later, typically is modified to read: "It's better to keep your mouth shut and let people think you're an idiot than open your mouth and remove all doubt."

Good instruction, then and now, whether you like the Greek version or the current "anonymous" re-takes emerging from at least one of the hemispheres, probably both. (Can,t resist thinking about the dumbo in that Dodge TV commercial: "That thang got a hemi? Sweet")

The tragedy, of course (Greek or otherwise) is that either statement bounces off, fades away, doesn't stick or simply is ignored. Americans lead the parade—with the Information Minister of Iraq running a close second—in talking first and thinking later. (The "thinking part" seems optional.)

At the head of the line are professional athletes, so many of whom are willing to babble when cameras and microphones are thrust in their faces. (Cue #1: open mouth, insert foot.)

What about the pro basketball player who boasted on TV that he could "shoot equally well with either hand," adding that he's "so grateful to be amphibious"?

a hunter, reported that one astronaut went quail hunting on the day before lift-off. "It was not reported how many they CAUGHT," Shepard droned.

Of course, the old "percentage quotes" from coaches and athletes (coaches may be slightly in the lead on this one) about how much effort their teams give has achieved classic status. It's the old "We gave 110 percent today." (It should be noted that this quote appears only in winning accounts.)

Always wondered, if a coach says his team gives "220 percent," does this mean his team worked twice as hard as a team giving just 110 percent?

Clearly, for teams giving 80-90 percent, well, this just won't get it done.

Loved that remark by a basketball broadcaster a few years back describing the Dallas Mavericks, who at the time were at the mercy of every team on the schedule. "I've about run out of adverbs to describe this team," he said.

I laughed, then realized that is EXACTLY what he likely meant—MISERABLY inept, HORRIBLY slow, TERRIBLY outplayed, W O E F U L L Y uncoordinated, etc.

Oh, the straight news guys open their mouths wide, too. Years ago, before the first space shuttle took off, CBS radio news man Alan Shepard, obviously not

Who among us has not said too much, or too much too wrong? Some years ago, fresh into a college presidency, I was asked at a meeting of the board what I believed to be a serious question that deserved a serious, studied response. To buy a bit of time, I asked the trustee, "Do you want an educated guess or a gut reaction?"

"What makes you think you are intellectually or anatomically qualified to give either one," he questioned.

I yield. Failure to bow to a board member is as stupid as arguing with a reporter. It has been pointed out, perhaps anonymously, the danger of arguing with anyone who buys ink by the barrel.

Every few centuries, famous people figure out 'new' ways to communicate the same message, but most of us don't get it. England's William Shakespeare, who no doubt got writer's cramps describing the human condition so eloquently, gave fitting words to Polonius, in his advice to Laertes in Hamlet: "Give every man thine year, but few thy voice."

I salute Dionysius, William Shakespeare, coaches and all the "anonymisers" of the world.

A final salute is reserved for the late Erma Bombeck, who once wrote, "If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it!" And she did. And I miss her.

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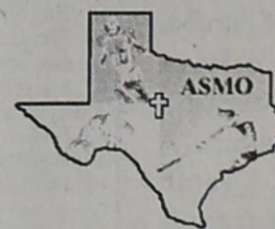
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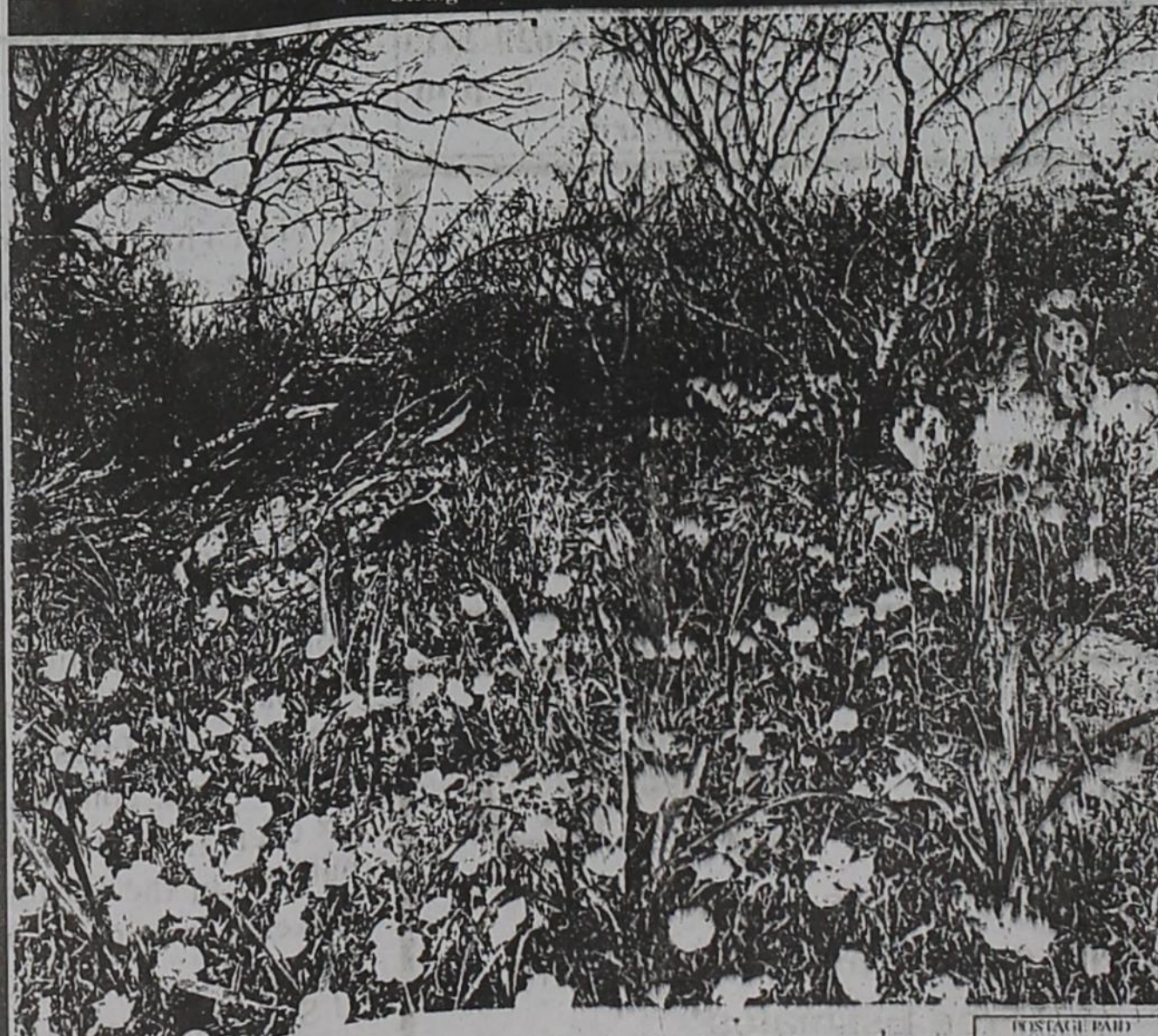
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**Obituary**

**Donald Wayne Booth**

**BAIRD**-Donald Wayne Booth, age 66, of Baird, TX passed away on Friday, June 23, 2006 at his home. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 25, 2006 at Parker Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Truman Johnson officiated with burial following in the Ross Cemetery Annex.

Don was born on December 27, 1939 in Abilene, Texas to Eule Claude Booth and Bonnie Allen Booth. He moved to Baird from Grand Prairie, TX having lived there for thirty years. He worked as a truck dispatcher for Gifford-Hill Pipe Co., retiring in 1988 with thirty years of service. He was a Baptist and a life time member of the

Fisherman's Club. He married-Louise Jackson in Baird, TX in 1957.

Survivors include Wife-Louise Booth of Baird, TX; 1 son-Danny Wayne Booth of Alvarado, Tex; 2 daughters-Brenda Booth of Clyde, TEX and Mary Ann Steele, also of Clyde, TX; 5 sisters-Melba Reynolds of Baird, TX, Doris Walker Beasley of Baird, TEX, and Nita Hunter of Crawford, Tex; 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 1 sister-Wanda Booth and 1 brother-Junior Booth listed as missing in Action during the Korean Conflict.

**Timothy Ray Hughes**

**Baird**-Timothy Ray Hughes, 44, of Baird, Texas passed away Friday, June 23, 2006 in Lubbock, Tex. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2006 at the Baird Church of Christ, with Bob Kiser officiating. Burial followed in the Ross Cemetery Annex directed by Parker Funeral Home. In lieu of visitation, the family received friends at the Hughes home on Sunday after 3 p.m.

Tim was born in Abilene, June 21, 1962 to Gilmer Edward and Leitness Ann(Ray) Hughes of Baird. He graduated as Valedictorian of Baird High School in 1980 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Abilene Christian University in 1985. He was em-

ployed for a time as the Computer Administrator at the Abilene State School.

He was a member of the Baird Church of Christ. He preached for one year at the Putnam Church of Christ and was involved in teaching Bible correspondence courses until the time of his death. He was a gifted musician, song writer and arranger.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother: two brothers, Brent and wife, Marva of Lubbock, Tex and Ron and wife, Tina of Aledo, Texas; nephews, Rifle Hughes and Brandon Hughes; nieces, Lee Ann Owen, Amber, Ashley and Alyssa Hughes.

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**Baird Independent School District Minutes of the Board of Education**

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in regular Session on June 22, 2006.

with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Julie Patterson, Allen Wilson, and Matt Rogers, Kathy Byram, Sandra Collins, and Gerry McDowell were absent. Other school personnel present: Cliff Gardner, Martha Lynn and Lana Walls. Others present: Al Pickett.

Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Allen Wilson gave the invocation.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Gardner gave an update on the old gym floor remodeling, the boys locker room is being updated and the girls now have a washer and dryer in their locker room. The new ovens were installed in the cafeteria this month. The underground irrigation system was put in at the practice field and the football field. A new building is being as an addition to the ISS room for the yearbook class. Resurfacing materials are being donated by Vulcan for behind the school. There is a possibility of a grant through Callahan County and the Texas Parks and Wildlife for renovations and updating facilities that the school will be looking into.

**Elementary/Middle School Report:** Summer school for TAKS remediation is ongoing. A day care center may be put in next year for three and four year olds. PRE-K will be for 1/2 day and then the children could go to day care for 1/2 day and vice-versa. A fee will be charged for day care.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the financial statements for June was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Julie Patterson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adopt local policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy manual, effective June 22, 2006 and a re-

peal of all previous policies was made by Julie Patterson and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to set July 20 for a budget workshop at Y:30 p.m. and the next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Matt Rogers. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to seek bids for student athletic insurance and milk and bread bids for 2006-07 was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Julie Patterson. Vote was unanimous.

Bids for property/casualty insurance for 2006-07 were: TASB-\$18364.00; Key and Piskuran-\$25452.00; Texas Schools Cooperative-\$22873.00 and Public Educators Association of Texas-\$21142.00

A motion to accept TASB property/casualty insurance bid of \$18364.00 for 2006-07 was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Julie Patterson. Vote was unanimous.

Bids for the 2006 Chevrolet 4 dr. Pickup were: Hanner Chevrolet: \$23001.34 and Lawrence Hall Chevrolet-\$23691.00.

A motion to accept Hanner Chevrolet's bid for the 2006 Chevrolet 4 dr. Piciup of \$23001.34 was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the salary and stipend schedules for 2006-07 was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Julie Patterson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve Mr. Wyatt's recommendation of hiring Brandi Sheffield as an elementary teacher on a probationary contract was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Matt Rogers. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept Nickie Leveridge's resignation with regrets was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Julie Patterson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion adjourn at 9:03 p.m. was made by allen Wilson and seconded by Julie Patterson. Vote was unanimous.

**President**  
**Secretary.**

**Texas Beef Council Targets Caribbean Export Market**

**AUSTIN-TX--**As beef exports remain in the spotlight; the Texas Beef Council (TBC) focuses efforts on growing available markets. Through a coordinated partnership with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), T.B.C. hosted a Caribbean Chef Team June 11-16, 2006 to showcase U.S. beef through education, Demonstrations and firsthand experience of the flavor of local Texas cuisine.

The team, consisting of six chefs from tourist destinations in the Caribbean, was educated on the quality, attributes and versatility of U.S. Beef. Their visit included an overall picture of the beef industry with more than two days spent attending Beef 101 at Texas A&M University in College Station. While at Beef 101, the chefs conducted beef cattle evaluations as well as observed beef harvesting/food safety procedures and participated in a fabrication and a palatability and sensory analysis.

Following a stop at Graham Land and Cattle Company feedyard in Gonzales, the team attended a seminar at the T.B.C. office where Chef Jay McCarthy showcased various methods of cooking beef, while identifying different cuts and alternative usage. Afterwards, team members were able to try their hands at preparing underutilized cuts.

"Being subjected to a different cooking style is invaluable," said Serge Botelli, executive chef, La Coquille Restaurant at Tucker's point Club in Bermuda. "My menu is continually enhanced with new ideas, concepts and themes, and I am especially excited to learn barbecue and grilling methods."

As a followup to the visit, members of the Caribbean Chef Team can host a Texas Festival with the support of U.S.M.E.F. and the beef checkoff. The Texas Festival includes a themed event in their establishment with a special menu featuring U.S. Beef cuts and the opportu-

**Disaster Assistance Available For Small Businesses In Callahan**

The Small Business Administration out of Sacramento, CA now offers applications for small non-farm businesses in 204 Texas Counties (plus contiguous counties in Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma) for low interest economic disaster loans to help offset economic losses because of reduced revenues to farmers and ranchers incurred to farmers and ranchers caused by the severe-drought conditions above normal temperatures and wildfires that occurred in 117 Texas primary counties beginning April 1, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Primary Texas counties in the Big Country include: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Small businesses may qualify for economic Injury Disaster Loans (E.I.D.L.'s) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of \$5, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, S.B.A. makes E.I.D.L.'s available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However in drought disaster nurseries are eligible for SBA Disaster Assistance.

Information and application forms may be obtained by calling toll-free (800-659-2955, or by visiting the SBA website or www.sba.gov/disaster.

**Farm Service Emergency Loan Applications Being Accepted For Drought Relief**

Callahan County was declared eligible for Farm Service

Agency, (F.S.A.) disaster emergency loans on April 20, 2006. Generally that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to drought on January 1, 2006 and continuing, are eligible for F.S.A. loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

F.S.A. Farm Loan Manager, Richard G. Young, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their application into F.S.A as soon as possible. Richard G. Young said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline,

which is December 20, 2006, for severe physical losses only. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process." Richard Young said.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

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

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