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## Commissioners Court Agenda Includes: Interlocal Agreement, Budget Workshop Public Hearing on Tax Increase Set Aug. 23, 9 AM

by Margaret Hetrick

Callahan County Commissioners had a full agenda on Monday, August 9, 2004.

Two Open Meetings were held at the County Courthouse - one regarding diverse county issues, and a following meeting to deliberate and consider action on the 2004-2005 proposed Budget and Tax Rate.

The first meeting, called to order at 9:37 A.M. by County Judge Roger Corn, included the approval of an Inter-local Agreement between Callahan County Precinct #4 and the City of Baird; adoption of Callahan County's Resolution of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan; and a bid for property held in Trust.

The City of Baird requested that Callahan County Precinct #4 maintain the trimming and cutting back of tress and brush only on their Landfill Road going to the 4-H Shooting Sports Range. The City of Baird agreed to be responsible for the removal and cleaning up of the trimmed and cut trees and brush (only) on the above road.

"It's (the agreement) doing a lot of people a lot of good," Commissioner Grider, Precinct #4 said. He made a motion for the agreement to be accepted by the County.

The vote was unanimous. The Commissioners also unanimously voted to adopt the Callahan County Resolution of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

The plan regards flooding and other natural and man-caused hazards, which could harm people and cause property damage within the area.

In order to prepare for and relieve (mitigate) such circumstances, the Commissioners adopted portions of the Plan entitled, "West Central Texas Council of Governments: Creating a Disaster-Resistant Region in West Central Texas", 2004 - 2009, which pertain to Callahan County.

The Callahan County Judge is vested with the "responsibility, authority, and the means to inform all concerned parties of this action; develop an addendum to this Hazard Mitigation Plan if the County's unique situation warrants such an addendum."

The County Judge is further appointed "to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan be reviewed at least annually and that any needed adjustment of the County's addendum ... be developed and presented to the Commis-

sioners Court for consideration."

The Commissioners also agreed to take "such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan."

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the U. S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires local jurisdictions to have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan in place. It is a condition to receive certain Federal mitigation funding after Nov. 1, 2004.

County Commissioners further approved a bid for property in Cross Plains held by the County in Trust.

Linda Slaymaker of Cross Plains bided for the property, Tammy Walker, County Tax Assessor, told the Court, and would pay court cost, and diverse delinquent taxes.

The said property includes lots 1,2,3,4 and 5, Block 39 in the Central Addition of the City of Cross Plains, Callahan County.

The previous owner was listed as Blue Waters Land Company. Delinquent taxes to be paid as of August on the property were \$753.95. Court Costs would be approx. \$700.

Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve Linda Slaymaker's bid. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The agenda item regarding bids for a care for the Sheriff's Department was tabled until the next meeting.

Minutes of previous meetings were signed without addition or corrections, and approved bills were paid.

There was no public comment at the August 9, 9:30 A.M. meeting.

Presiding Judge, Roger Corn, and all Commissioners were present.

The following meeting - called to order by Judge Corn at 10:33 A.M. - began with a Budget Workshop concerning the General Fund 2004-2005 proposed Budget and proposed Tax Rate.

The Tax Rate will decrease, but there will be an increase in taxes due to appraisal increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holland to approve the proposed 2004-2005 General Budget and the proposed 2004-2005 Road & Bridge Fund Budget.

Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

The proposed Tax Rate is not to exceed the Rollback

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Please See Commissioners

## Longhorns, Cowboys, Wagons To Roll Again Along The Great Western Trail

Some of the atmosphere and adventure of the long-past days of herding cattle along the Western Trail will be recaptured as a commemorative trail drive is held starting in September from Bandera, TX to Ogallala, Nebraska.

Friends of the Western Trail, organized in Bandera, TX, in 2003, are in charge of the commemorative trail drive.

Along the trail drive's route, the Baird Chamber of Commerce and Callahan County Sheriff's Posse announced that they will host an overnight campsite for this historic event on Tuesday, September 21st.

A parade and fund-raising supper are among activities planned when the trail drive comes to Baird, Tommie Jones of the Baird Chamber of Commerce said.

The trail drive is scheduled to arrive in Baird between 4 and 5 PM Tuesday afternoon, she added.

The campsite in Baird will be at the Rodeo grounds.

Everyone is invited to come to the supper at the campsite, Tommie Jones said. Stew, cornbread, drinks and desserts are on the menu.

The goal of the trail ride is to identify historical landmarks along the Western Trail, and to provide markers from Texas to Nebraska.

According to The Handbook of Texas, the Western

Trail began in 1874 with 3,500 longhorns being herded from South Texas to the Red Cloud Indian Agency at Fort Robinson, Nebraska by John T. Lytle.

By 1879 it was the principal trail for Texas Cattle to northern markets.

The Handbook of Texas states that the trail crossed the Colorado River at Waldrip and passed through Coleman, and later branched out with route passing through the present towns of Baird, Clyde, and Putnam to reunite at Albany.

It left Texas at what was called Doan's Crossing, on the Prairie Dog Twin Fork of the Red River.

The route near Baird has been placed east of Highway 283, and the commemorative trail ride will follow 283 from Coleman to Baird.

The 48-day commemorative drive begins September 6 in Bandera, and is scheduled to arrive in Dodge City, Kansas on October 23.

The drive will cover a total of 679 miles.

Anyone interested in preserving the history and heritage of the American Cowboy, Wagon Trains, and Trail Rides, is welcome to join the ride any point along the trail.

For more information call Dan Wise in Bandera at 830-796-9979, Johnny Adkins at 325-893-2684, or the Baird Chamber of Commerce at 325-854-2003.

## USDA FSA Announces CRP Sign-Up To Begin Aug. 30

In full support of President George W. Bush's recent directive to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to sustain the environmental benefits of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a General CRP Sign-up 29 to begin August 30, 2004.

David W. Martin, County Executive Director for Eastland County FSA explains that CRP Sign-up 29 is offered for those acres currently enrolled in CRP and set to expire September 30, 2004 or September 30, 2005. According to Martin, eligible cropland never before enrolled in CRP will also be considered for enrollment under General CRP Sign-up 29.

"As further expansion to the CRP program, President Bush has announced a couple of new initiatives including a Bobwhite quail initiative and an expanded wetland program designed to enhance wetlands and play

lake areas," said Martin. "Provisions and eligibility guidelines for these and other new CRP components will be forthcoming as USDA works through the development process."

In light of the projected 16 million acres of CRP set to expire in 2007 and an additional six million acres to expire in 2008, President Bush addressed his vision for the future of the CRP program - the nation's largest, voluntary conservation program offered for private lands. In a continued effort to "restore, enhance and protect" environmentally sensitive land, build on producer stewardship and enhance wetland and wildlife acres, the President expressed his commitment to re-enrolling as many CRP acres as possible up to a maximum of 39.2 million acres nationwide.

"Producers and landowners need to understand that CRP Sign-up 29 is completely separate from potential re-

## FUNDAY Is August 14 At Baird Elementary

Baird Elementary will be having a "FUNDAY" on August 14th for all students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The "FUNDAY" will be from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. There will be blow-up castles and lunch will be served in front of the Elementary Building.

## City Council Meeting Scheduled August 24

The Baird City Council Meeting originally set for August 17 has been rescheduled for August 24, 6:00 P.M., a City spokesperson said.

Points of interest from the last meeting held on July 27 included the re-election of the Mayor Pro-Tem - Councilman Jeff Barton - and voting to accept Tina Holden as new Baird City Council member.

Holden will replace Councilman Dale Brewer,

who resigned because of work schedule conflicts.

The resignation of Russell Robbins from the Citizens Emergency Medical Service Board was accepted by the Council. He will be replaced by Terry Joy.

Further, the Marshal's Office in City Hall will house the Chamber of Commerce during renovations planned for the T & P Depot, which could last for a 12 - 14 month time span.

**Baird First United Methodist Church Will Hold A Party/Family Fun Night on August 15, the day before school starts. Everyone is invited! Indoor and Outdoor Games and Eats Will Start At 6:00 PM.**

**The Callahan Baptist Association Senior Adult Day will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church on Monday, August 23 - Meal 6:30 pm/Program 7:00 pm - You must register in the church office no later than August 18th.**

## Scranton Musical Is September 4

The August musical will not be held because of lack of musicians. The next scheduled musical will be Saturday, September 4. All musicians are invited to play and are encouraged to call Mark Ray at 325-692-2057 to schedule a time for your group.

## Cisco Musical Slated Aug. 14

How about an evening of family-type musical entertainment in a nice, cool place with no charge?

Come out to the Cisco Opry at the Hillside Village Community Center on Saturday night, Aug. 14 and enjoy yourself.

Al Jones will be the MC, and the music will begin at 6 p.m. There will also be a concession stand.

Al says that he has a good lineup of musicians. Among them are four new bands which have never been to the musical before.

Come out and plan on an outstanding program!

enrollment' of acres expiring in 2007 and 2008," said Martin. "No provisions for these acres will be made until the 120-day public comment period has ended."

Individuals interested in making public comment pertaining to managing the large number of acres set to expire in 3-4 years, managing future CRP sign-ups, evaluating the program's environmental effectiveness or other related topics of concern can weigh in on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Comments on the issues must be received within 120 days after the date published in the Federal Register. Written comments should be mailed to Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division (CEPD), Farm

Service Agency (FSA) Room 4714-S, Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-0513.

For more info. regarding CRP Sign-up 29 or public comment on the future of CRP, contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 or visit the USDA web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

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# Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN EASTLAND, CALLAHAN, SHACKELFORD, BROWN, AND COMANCHE COUNTIES**  
 Westbound Water Supply Corporation has filed an application for a CCN and to decertify portions of Coleman County WSC, Shackelford WSC, Comanche County WSC, City of Eastland and the City of Cisco with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide water utility service in Eastland, Callahan, Shackelford, Brown, and Comanche Counties.

The proposed utility service area is located approximately 30 miles southwest and 24 miles west of downtown Eastland, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by RR 2408 in Shackelford County; on the east by CR 361 in Eastland County; on the south by CR 428 in Brown County; and on the west by CR 454 in Callahan County. The total area requested includes approximately 193,500 acres and 571 current customers.

A copy of the proposed service area map is available at 201 East 8th Street, Cisco, Texas 76437  
 Phone Number 254/442-3348

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement, "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application for a CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment should write the:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
 Water Supply Division  
 Utilities and Districts Section, MC-153  
 P.O. Box 13087  
 Austin, TX 78711-3087  
 Within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication or notice. A public hearing will be held only if a legally sufficient hearing request is received or if the Commission on its own motion requests a hearing. Only those individuals who submit a written hearing request or a written request to be notified if a hearing is set will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled.

If a public hearing is requested, the Executive Director will not issue the CCN and will forward the application to the State

Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, the SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. If an evidentiary hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.  
 (8-12, 8-19-04)

## 11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas  
 Proceedings (En Banc)  
 August 5, 2004  
**Order Not Disposing of Case**  
 John G. Kelley v. A.E. Kelley, Howard. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice Hill)

**Motions Submitted & Granted**  
 Horatio Sprague Taveau, D.O. v. Angela M. Brenden, Individually and as representative of the estate of Linda Gayle Evans, deceased, Gayle S. Maxwell, and Curtis Kirkpatrick, Taylor. Appellees'/Cross-Appellants' motion to reset oral argument.

Cody Todd Burgett v. State of Texas, Throckmorton. Appellant's fourth motion for extension of time to file brief.

ConocoPhillips Company, successor in interest by

merger to Conoco Inc., and names as Conoco Inc. v. Incline Energy, Midland. Appellee/Cross-Appellant's motion for extension of time to file reply brief.

David Boyd v. State of Texas, Taylor. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Guadalupe Hernandez v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellee's motion for permission to file late brief.

Boris Demetrius Gee v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the matter of William B. Latham, Sr., Deceased, Ector. Appellee's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Saul Carrasco Lara v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Kevin W. Dew v. State of Texas, Ector. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In re Bob Marshall Denison, Orig. Proc. Real parties in interest's motion to extend time to file response to relator's petition for writ of mandamus.

**Motion Submitted & Granted in Part**

Manuel Antonio Valdez v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

**Motion Submitted & Overruled**

In re Eric Michael Whitfield, Orig. Proc. Appellant's pro se motion for rehearing.

**Cases Submitted**  
 Terry Gene Freeman v. State of Texas, Erath.

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# Guest Slot

By Edgar A. Guest  
 YOUR NAME

You got it from your father, 'twas the best he had to give.

And right gladly he bestowed it. It's yours, the while you live.

You may lose the watch he gave you and another you may claim,

But remember, when you're tempted, to be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it, and a worthy name to bear,

When he took it from his father, there was no dishonor there.

Through the years he proudly wore it, to his father he was true,

And that name was clean and spotless when he passed it on to you.

Oh, there's much that he has given that he values not at all.

He has watched you break your playthings in the days when you were small.

You have lost the knife he gave you and you've scattered many a game,

But you'll never hurt your father if you're careful with his name.

It is yours to wear forever, yours to wear the while you live,

Yours, perhaps, some distant morning, another boy to give.

And you'll smile as did your father--with a smile that all can share;

If a clean name and a good name you are giving him to wear.

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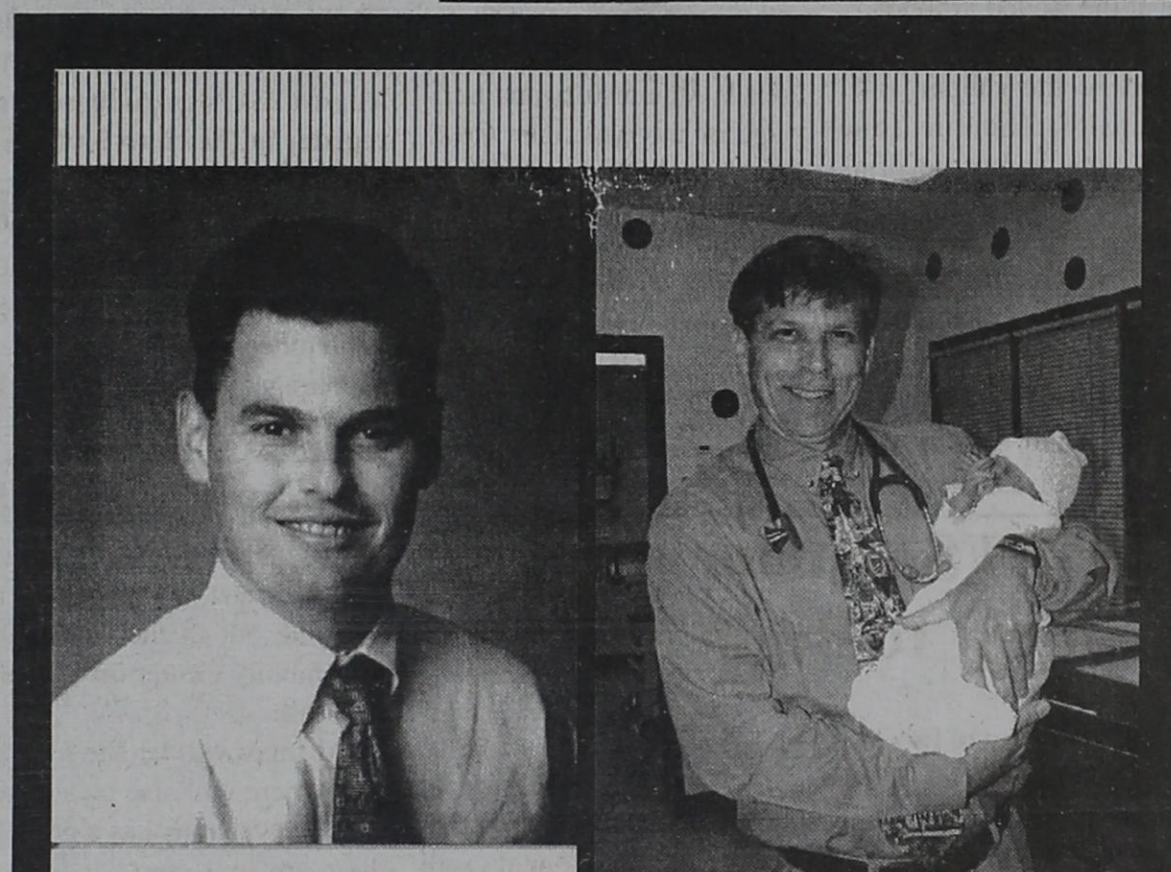
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**Dr. Jamie Cox will be starting his practice with B & W Clinic, Monday, July 19, 2004. Dr. Cox is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner and will do Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Dr. Cox is married and has two daughters. Hobbies include hunting, hiking, camping, reading, tennis.**

**On behalf of Eastland Memorial Hospital we would like to welcome Dr. Cox**

**Dr. Bob Matthews is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care.**

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## Cases Filed 91st District Court 'The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement' At Majestic Theatre

**Civil**  
The State of Texas vs. James Anthony Spence, (multi).

William Wesley Lewis vs. Tawana Terese Pierce, Divorce.

The State of Texas vs. United States Currency (multi) \$1,360.00, Seizure and Intended Forfeiture.

Eastland Memorial Hospital vs. Kristi Green, Accounts, Contract, Notes.

Edna Lorraine Slavens vs. Terry Ray Slavens, Divorce.  
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp vs. Evelyn Harmon, Accounts, Contract, Notes.

Brenda Carol McKinney vs. David Brent McKinney, Divorce.

Kathy Enderby, (multi) vs. Arlington Cattle & Pecan Company, Inc., Registered A, Bill of Review.

The State of Texas vs. Sean Patrick Stidham, (multi), Seizure & Intended Forfeiture.

The State of Texas vs. Dennis Barcelo, (multi), Seizure & Intended Forfeiture.

Interest of Wanda Gaye Johnston (multi), Parent Child Relationship.

Patsy J. May vs. Karen Gay Patton, Trespass to Try Title.

The State of Texas vs. Sherry Denise Lowe, Bond Forfeiture.

Andy Allen Herring vs. Kimberly Rene Herring, Divorce.

Holly Gaye Fuentes vs. Reuben Fuentes, Divorce.

Davy Lynn Chapman vs. Lucinda Starr Chapman, Divorce.

**Tax**  
County of Eastland vs. Justin Holdridge, Et Al, Delinquent Tax.

County of Eastland vs. Charlotte Constancio, Delinquent Tax.

Rising Star Independent School District vs. Wayne Leroy Grable, Delinquent Tax.

County of Eastland vs. Southeastern Resources Corp., Delinquent Tax.

County of Eastland vs. Al Curtis, Et Al, Delinquent Tax.

County of Eastland vs. Cora Morris (multi), Delinquent Tax.

Rising Star Independent School District vs. Allen Wayne Davis, Delinquent Tax.

Eastland ISD vs. George Ford, Et Al, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Joe Don Charles, Et Al, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Janie Heinzman, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Patricia Lynn Jackson, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Raymond Solis, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Bob Walton, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Billy C. Cozart, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Cindy G. Robertson, Et Al, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Robert Charles Christopher,

Et Al, Delinquent Tax.  
Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Marvin Linton Batteas, Delinquent Tax.

Cisco ISD & CJC Dist vs. Susan Wester, Delinquent Tax.

County of Eastland vs. Lowell Bishop, Delinquent Tax.

**Criminal**  
The State of Texas vs. Dustin Lee Keith, Poss. Marijuana > 4 oz. but < 5 lbs.

The State of Texas vs. Christy Dawn Koger, Theft (Aggregated) >=\$20K <\$100K

The State of Texas vs. Benjamin Hager Lemaster, Indecency with a Child.

The State of Texas vs. Thomas Fowler Sikes, Indecency with a Child Sexual Contact.

The State of Texas vs. Joe Mack Breed, Theft >\$1500 <\$20K.

The State of Texas vs. Cody Lane Gwinn, Aggravated Assault By Physical Contact.

The State of Texas vs. Melissa Kay Osborne, Theft (Aggregate) <\$100 >\$200K.

The State of Texas vs. Johnny Martin Ramirez, Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Offense.

The State of Texas vs. Douglas Lee Thomas, Escape.

Five years have passed since the Walt Disney hit "The Princess Diaries" captivated people in the U.S. and elsewhere. Now comes the sequel, which follows the adventures of an American girl turned princess.

This new picture will open at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, August 13, and will show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, August 16.

Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats the usual \$5.50 to adults only. This movie is rated G, and entertaining for the whole family.

In "The Princess Diaries 2", Mia (Anne Hathaway) has matured into a stunning young woman and is ready to assume her role as the Princess of Genovia.

But no sooner has she moved into the palace with her grandmother, Queen Clarisse (Julie Andrews) than she learns that her days as a Princess are numbered.

Mia has to forget the tiara and take the crown itself. As if getting ready to rule wasn't enough - there is something else she has learned. Genovian law states that the Princess must be married before she can be crowned.

Mia is in for a parade of suitors who would all like to

be her king! So comedy and complications rule the day when the cast from the first film return for this hilarious sequel.

Although she is now a college graduate, Mia is in for a crash course in the law and customs of the country of her heritage. The worst part is that she may have to face an arranged marriage in order to establish her rule.

At least two of the young suitors, Andrew (Callum Blue) and Nicholas (Chris Pine) do pique her interest.

The audience gets to watch this story unfold, but will have a hard time figuring how it is going to end!

And where did the filmmakers find an area to photograph for the magical land of Genovia? Why right in the Los Angeles basin - no traveling to Monaco or some haunt in Eastern Europe!

They used an estate and a church in Pasadena, the castle at Disneyland, and various other locations to recreate this faraway little country!

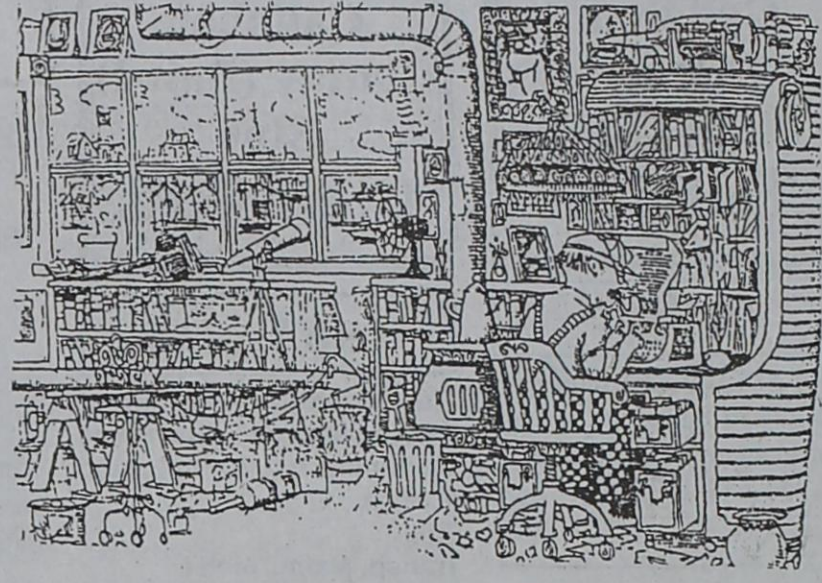
Come out of the heat and enjoy it.

**Eastland Academy of Dance Registration**

The Eastland Academy is a growing school entering its second year in business.

Please call Monique Roussel 629-1639 for more information, or visit the Eastland Academy of Dance on one of the registration days August 14, 15, 21 and 22 from 12-2 p.m. at 1201 W. Commerce in Eastland.

## WRITE A CAPTION CONTEST...



**How would you identify or label this drawing?**  
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**Help Wanted**

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**JVN NUMBER**  
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Minimum Qualifications

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**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6117-37-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on August 31, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$134,450.00

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State Office  
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Constr./Maint. Division  
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Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)  
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Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
(8-12, 8-19-04)

**From Page One ... Commissioners**

Rate, but it exceeds 103% of the effective Tax Rate.

Proposed Road & Bridge is .1055 and the proposed General is .3210.

Commissioner Hicks, Farmer, Holland, and Presiding Judge Corn voted yes. Commissioner Grider was absent.

A hearing on the proposed Tax Increase is scheduled for Aug. 23, 2004 at 9:00 A.M.

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Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 0908-00-056 for PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on September 10, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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**D.P.S. Report**

08-01-04 to 08-07-04

**Cases Investigated**

Warnings - 90  
Complaints - 160  
DWI - 4  
Resisting Arrest - 1  
Terroristic Threat - 1  
Possession of Controlled Substance -Meth - 1  
Possession of Marijuana < 5 lbs. more than 4 oz - 1  
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle - 1

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 1  
Public Intoxication - 1  
Minor in Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage - 1  
Driving Under the Influence of Drugs - 1

**Accidents**  
There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span

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**Baird I. S. D. School Menu**

**Monday, Aug. 16**  
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Pudding, Milk

**Tuesday, Aug. 17**  
Tator Tot Casserole, Steamed Broccoli, Black-eyed Peas, Lemon Ice Box Pie

**Wednesday, Aug. 18**  
Soft Taco, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, Aug. 19**  
Chicken Nuggets/w. gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Milk

**Friday, Aug. 20**  
Bear Burgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk

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## Legislations Draw Line Against Erosion Of Promise To Vets

In a Summer 2004 Veteran's Update, the Office of U. S. Representative Charles Stenholm, District 17, issued a list of important legislation regarding veterans.

These legislations "draw a line in the sand against the steady erosion of our promise to the many who fought for the freedom and liberty we enjoy today," Stenholm states.

The legislations are as follows:

H.R. 303, the Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2003, would permit retired members of the armed forces with service-connected disabilities to be paid both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation. I (Rep. Stenholm) signed a Discharge Petition that would force the House leadership to bring this legislation to the House floor for a vote;

H.R. 34174/H.R. 58, the Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act;

H.R. 548/H.R. 3763, the Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003, which will benefit the dependents of military retirees who sacrificed along with the service member. I signed a Discharge Petition that would force House consideration of this popular bill;

H.R. 1264, the Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2003, would provide for reduction in the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs;

H.R. 2379, the Rural Veterans Access to Care Act of 2003, would improve access to health care for rural

veterans; H.R. 2808 would require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

H.R. 1328, the Veterans Educational Opportunities Enhancement Act of 2003; House Concurrent Resolution 252, which expresses support for the designation and goals of "Hire a Veteran Week;"

H.R. 476, United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act of 2003, would provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 1742, would change rules with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing;

H.R. 3777, the Healthy Vets Act of 2004, would require the VA secretary to enter into contracts with community health care providers to improve access to health care for veterans in highly rural areas;

H.R. 742, would reduce the age for receipt of military

Margaret Hetrick is our August Employee of the Month.

Margaret, who has been with the Eastland/Callahan Newspapers for 6 years, is Editor of the Callahan County Baird Star and of our magazine, The Texas

retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55;

H.R. 1328, the Veterans Educational Opportunities Enhancement Act of 2003; H.R. 2318, the Assured Funding for Veterans Health Care Act of 2003;

H.R. 3483, the Seeds for Soldiers Act, would establish a temporary loan program and a temporary vocational development program for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans;

H.R. 4180, would provide reimbursement for retired members of the Armed Forces with a combat-related disability for travel to military treatment facilities during the first two years after retirement.

"As an independent voice for West Texas, I am proud to continue to fight for full veterans benefits," Stenholm concluded. "Texans put a high priority on keeping their word and I am proud to keep the promise to take care of the men and women who sacrificed so much for us all."



Margaret Hetrick

Messenger, and former

## Ag Programs Are Only Important To Folks Who Want Safe Food, Clean Air, Pure Water, Safety

Read This From Cong. Stenholm

As Ranking Member of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, I am writing to provide this update from Congress.

As a farmer in Jones County, I have seen how successful the 2002 Farm Bill has been for West Texas communities. I worked closely with then-Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) to draft a farm bill that provides a strong safety net for producers. Although the leadership in the House and the Administration originally opposed the 2002 Farm Bill, we worked in a bipartisan way to earn enough support for the bill to ensure its passage into law. Chairman Combest and I clearly understood that rural representation is not enough to win a vote in Congress.

The 2002 Farm Bill was possible only because of the bipartisan coalition we built to bring urban Members on board by adding conservation provisions, energy conservation, research, and programs that help feed the hun-

Editor of the Cisco Press. She also writes feature stories for all of our newspapers.

"I can't resist a good story," Margaret says.

She believes that everyone has a story worth telling.

Margaret and her husband Steve live in Gorman, TX, which Margaret says is a wonderful place to live.

As employee of the month, Margaret and husband Steve enjoyed a great meal at the Blue Moon Restaurant in De Leon courtesy of our newspapers.

agricultural issues, please visit my website [www.house.gov/stenholm](http://www.house.gov/stenholm) With kind regards, I remain sincerely yours, Charles W. Stenholm Member of Congress

### Issues Currently Regarding Agriculture and the F

#### 2005 Budget

The House passed a Budget Resolution for FY 2005 that imposes strict spending constraints for the agriculture sector. While every sector must accept its share of budget cuts, agriculture should not be asked to do more than its fair share. The budget passed by the House, required Appropriators make cuts to substantial farm programs, especially in areas of conservation, rural development, energy, and research. The \$1.2 billion cut in agriculture programs for FY 2005 came on the heels of \$600 million in cuts for FY 2004.

Cuts In Agriculture Appropriations For FY 2005:

**Program FY 05 Agriculture Appropriations cut from 2002 Farm Bill level**  
**Conservation Programs \$351 million reduction**

Conservation Security Program -\$88 million

Environmental Quality Incentives Program -\$190 million

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program -\$25 million

Farmland Protection -\$ million

Other -\$35 million

Rural Development Programs \$426 million reduction

Rural Business Investment -\$96 million

Rural Strategic Investment -\$100 million

Broadband Loans -\$ million

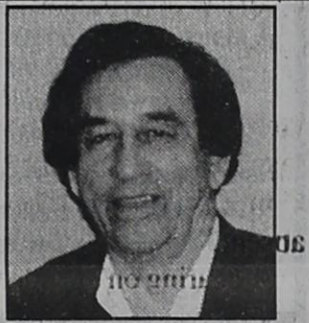
Value-Added Grants -\$ million

Rural Firefighters -\$ million

Other -\$80 million



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# Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

Those of us who live in America should get on our knees and thank God for the privilege of living here. Too often we take for granted the many things with which we are blessed. If you don't believe me, just visit some of the countries in Northern Africa and you will realize that the petition in a Kate Smith song has already been answered. God has blessed America!

After a visit in the homes of two of my young friends in Algeria I came away with a greater appreciation of life in America.

The families I visited were gracious, hospitable, people who welcomed me into their homes. None of them had ever been visited by an American.

Although their household items were quite limited, I found them neat, clean, and

quite presentable. There were no pictures on the walls, no rugs on the floors and there were no dining table and chairs. They had no electric refrigerators, no microwave ovens, no ceiling fans or air conditioning.

We sat on the floor in the living room as we enjoyed refreshments. The cookies and some type of soft drinks were on a tiny table with legs about 12 inches high.

There were no solid doors leading to the bedrooms, only curtains. The curtains did not prevent me from seeing into their bedrooms where there was no furniture; nothing but stacks of quilt-like sleeping pads.

They had one water faucet in the kitchen, no light switches. The only light available was a single bulb dangling on a wire from the living room ceiling, and it was turned on and off at the bulb.

There was an ancient television in the living room, but the reception was so poor I could hardly see the picture.

They had no computers, or telephones.

They had no modern bathroom as we know them. These were happy homes with precious few conveniences we enjoy in America.

I once heard someone say, "You cannot miss what you never had." I am sure that applies to the families I visited in Algeria.

The men all wore Abas and the married women wore Chadors. All the younger people wore American clothing.

The native boys played soccer, their National sport. It would be a rare occasion to see one of them without a soccer ball. They could handle that ball with their feet better than I could with both hands.

For more than 100 years the French language was the national language in Algeria; however, that has been changed and today, Arabic is the national language.

I was pleased to learn that all school children must study English for two years.

I shall never forget visiting in the homes of my Algerian friends, Tyebb and Abdekadder, and how they made me feel "at home".

I was greatly impressed.

# Community Bible Study Bear Springs Cemetery Association To Meet August 14

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational study with classes throughout the United States and in many foreign countries to provide a caring, in-depth Bible study for all who want to attend. Classes consist of small study groups followed by a lecture. Communities currently represented in the Eastland County class include Albany, Breckenridge, Carbon, Cisco, DeLeon, Eastland, Gorman, Olden, Ranger, Strawn and Woodson with members coming from many different churches and denominations.

The CBS women's day class meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 a.m.-12:00 noon in The First Baptist Church in Eastland and has both nursery and preschool classes. There is also a class for working women that meets at 12 noon til 1:00 in the First United Methodist Church in Eastland.

This year's 30-week study is entitled "The Wisdom of Solomon and Pastoral Letters" and will include the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of

Soloman, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon 2 & 3, John, and Jude.

These will begin on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. Registration is now being held. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be a part of this study, contact Linda Ferguson at 254-629-3143 or Leslie Keffer at 254-629-8002 to pre register, or come on the morning of September 1 at 10:15 into the sanctuary of Eastland's First Baptist Church and register then.

The Bear Springs Cemetery Association will meet on Saturday, August 14th at 10 a.m. at the cemetery for the annual business meeting.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend. This is the 120th year since the cemetery was established.

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- 93 Ford Taurus, 3.8 V6, runs good, (white)
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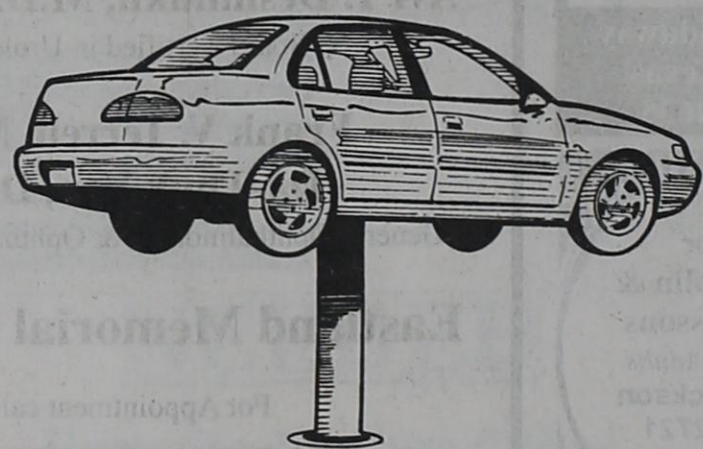
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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Getting On With It Or Over With.

He was a sly one, this native New Englander, and within seconds, he surrendered the lectern. Perhaps it was my shortest introduction.

"Our speaker tonight is from Texas. He's supposed to amuse us and inspire us. If he can, let's get on with it; if he can't, let's get it over with." And he sat down..

Before evening's end, we sought input about points of interest in Maine and New Hampshire. Most suggestions were guarded—maybe they weren't sure how many sightseeing truths we Texans could handle. One, however, was made several times: "You MIGHT want to visit Mount Washington."

(That's roughly the equivalent of telling an Okie that he MIGHT want to see the premiere of Oklahoma!.) We opted to drive to the top of America's oldest man-made attraction, 6,288 feet above sea level. There, three major storm tracks sometimes fight it out, often settling for a three-way tie. (We could have taken a tourist van—my wife's choice—or chugged up the mountain on the quaint two-car, steam-driven cog train.) Luckily, I saw the furrow-browed engineer reading a dog-eared copy of *The Little Engine That Could*. He seemed uneasy, adjusting his reading glasses that were taped in the middle..

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make some "piece of cake" comments. if millions of other tourists make it up and down the mountain, so can WE, etc. For a fleeting moment, though, I wished for a copy of the economy sub-compact rental car's most recent brake check.

We saw God's handiwork, much of it in jagged-edged granite, on the eight-mile ascent to the top, winding through four climate zones. It was all in first gear with "dangerous curve ahead" signs dutifully noted. There was no need for speed traps; we never neared the 20MPH maximum. Upon meeting oncoming vehicles, road rage unthinkable, particularly if we were on the drop-off side of the precipice. "Drive friendly" took on a whole new meaning..

The highest peak in the Northeast is touted to be "the highway to the sky." (It may have gone even further, but laborers slaving away in the 1850's depended largely on black powder to blast through the granite. By the time the highway was finished in 1861, most black powder was laid by for the upcoming Civil War. Just think—if the mountain had been a thousand feet taller, the South might have won!)

Once on top, there are "Lewis and/or Clark" feelings, or at least one of their distant relatives. Here is the gathering place for "worst of the worst" weather, where:

1) hurricane force winds blow an average of every third day,

2) minus 40 degrees is not

uncommon,

3) the record high temperature has been 72 degrees,

4) average snowfall is 256 inches and

5) the WORLD RECORD wind gust of 231 MPH was recorded in 1934.

On a plaque near the weather station are the names of more than 100 victims—mostly skiers or other sports persons—who have perished on or near the mountain. Deep breaths are drawn by drivers quietly pledging to drive "even friendlier" on the way down.

Back on earth, drivers slap "This Car Climbed Mount Washington" stickers on their vehicles. This seems pointless for rental cars; silver cups and ESPN coverage might be nice. Perhaps there could be TV fund appeals to add guardrails..

Somewhere, in the mists

of ages past, Indian chiefs are chuckling, glad they didn't get bogged down trying to invent gunpowder.

It was more fun to spend time naming rivers—often with six syllables and three vowels in a row—with far too many letters to be included on maps and pronunciations far too tricky for a U.S. president..

We touched only the hem of New England's garment. Fabulous seafood was eaten. Maine's marvelous seacoast and lighthouses were seen up close. Then, with New Hampshire's countryside fit for Thomas Kinkadee's artistic brush keenly in mind, it was time to re-trace squiggly roads back to Manchester Airport. (Hey, anyone can navigate freeways; we wanted challenges!)

That very day, President Bush addressed a picnic with several thousand boosters in Stratham, NH. Many of the

squiggliest roads were closed for security reasons. Few seemed to mind, and to his credit, he didn't tackle the name of a single river..

"I shall return," General MacArthur promised. And so shall we. New Englanders feel that their flowers, nearing incomparability, pale in comparison with the turning of the leaves; then later, the leaves fall short of the majesty of the White Mountains, whose cover of snow makes all things new again.

Few places seem so fresh

and neat. American flags wave from a majority of homes, "just because." A few miles north of America's "cradle of democracy," New England rocks!\*

And, while a two-pound lobster isn't as filling as a two-pound steak, it goes down awfully well..

So do the doughnuts and ice cream offered at eateries every few hundred feet!

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His weekly column appears in 100 Texas newspapers.

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**WTO's Doha Round**  
Last week, U.S. trade negotiators reached an agreement on a framework that will allow the Doha Round of WTO negotiations to move forward. The United States is the world's most open marketplace, and we have too much at stake to risk seeing these negotiations fail at this point. The U.S. agriculture community realizes that the real work remains to be done regarding specific reform commitments in three areas: domestic support, export competition, and market access.

As with all negotiations, the framework allows for a best-case and worse-case scenario; future negotiations will determine just what this will be. I am pleased that cotton will be addressed within the agriculture negotiations, even though I am still troubled that the text of the agreement treats cotton differently from other agriculture commodities.

However, after speaking with our negotiators, I am confident that they will be able to use the process established in the framework to ensure that all issues affecting cotton production and marketing are considered, including factors such as subsidized synthetic fiber production. In the final analysis, I am cautiously optimistic that the text of the agreement provides a framework from which our negotiators can prevail in future negotiations.

In order to be acceptable to America's farmers and ranchers, the agreement must ultimately contain significant reform in each of the three pillars.

**CRP Enrollment**

This week, the Administration announced that there will be a general CRP sign-up beginning on August 30th and will run through September 24th.

The White House indicated that only 800,000 acres may be enrolled in the new CRP sign-up, despite the fact that no acreage numbers were named in Farm Service Agency (FSA) notices.

This will be a relatively small sign-up compared with the last two general sign-ups of 1.7 million and 2.25 million acres.

I was glad to see that the USDA has finally announced it was going to hold a CRP sign-up this year, after having trained state and local FSA employees to do so last March.

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this sign-up will have the option to enroll their acreage either on October 1, 2005 or October 1, 2006.

I'm pleased that USDA decided to expand on what Chairman Combest and I did in the 2002 Farm Bill which made playa lakes in Texas eligible to be enrolled in CRP under the Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program.

The President's action yesterday should allow the remaining few larger playas located outside 100 year flood plains that weren't eligible under the Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program to be eligible under a new CRP Practice CP-23A.

This action should allow nearly all of the playa lakes on the High Plains eligible to enroll in CRP one way or another.

The 2002 Farm Bill that former House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest and I co-authored provided for a total enrollment of 39.2 million acres in CRP.

Currently, 34.8 million acres are enrolled nationwide - almost 4 million acres are enrolled in Texas under 24,131 contracts on 17,582 farms.

Also, I am glad to know the Administration is beginning to plan for the 22.2 million acres of CRP land that will be expiring in 2007 and 2008.

Texas has 3.1 million acres of CRP expiring in those years - more than any state in the country - so we should all have a keen

interest in what USDA does prior to the writing and implementation of the next Farm Bill in 2007.

In the President's announcement, Agriculture Secretary Veneman is given the authority to use early re-enrollments and extensions of existing contracts in order to deal with these large acreage numbers and the workload impact.

The USDA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register requesting public comments regarding the implementation of the sign-up and to answer other questions regarding the future of the program.

Also subject to comment is the program's environmental effectiveness, modernizing future enrollments, using more up-to-date technology like global positioning satellite (GPS), and improving the

various aspects of CRP through partnerships to address local conservation issues.

As the Ranking Member on the House Agriculture Committee, I will start working on the next Farm Bill during the next legislative session in Congress, and I fully expect conservation to be at the forefront of any debate.

It will take balanced legislation that includes significant conservation measures to build the coalitions necessary to pass another Farm Bill, and our actions today regarding conservation programs will help to build the foundation of trust and support from non-farm-state lawmakers.

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

**Men In Service**

**Tony Robinson**

Army Reserve Pvt. Tony K. Robinson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Justine and Tony Robinson of Clyde, Texas.

Robinson is a 2002 graduate of Eastland High School, Texas.



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**By Mike Cox**  
**New state agency oversees residential construction**

AUSTIN - The last session of the Legislature changed the state agency landscape, doing away with some, merging others and creating new agencies.

One of those new agencies that has not received much public notice is the Texas Residential Construction Commission. Created by House Bill 730, the TRCC is charged with developing and enforcing a limited warranty program and building and performance standards for new homes and major improvements. In addition, the TRCC registers Texas home builders. Since the first of the year, all Texas home builders have been required to register new homes, major improvements to certain new houses and interior improvements costing more than \$20,000. Builders pay a \$30 fee for each registration. The new commission has begun a series of nine public hearings across the state to collect public opinion on proposed TRCC regulations and standards.

A working draft of new home construction standards was prepared by the Texas A&M University's construction science department. It can be viewed at the commission's Web site, [www.trcc.state.tx.us](http://www.trcc.state.tx.us). The schedule for the

hearings, which continue through Aug. 31, also can be found on the commission Web site.

**Back to school healthy diet...**

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are about over for most Texas school children, and so is the daytime consumption of much of their junk food. As of Aug. 1, all public schools in the state participating in federal child nutrition programs must have adopted the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Public School Nutrition Policy. The new rules ban foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNVs) such as gum, most types of candy and soft drinks anywhere on campuses until the end of the school day. Middle schools can't allow access to FMNVs until after the last lunch period. High schools can't let their students get their hands on FMNVs in the lunchroom. Not only does the policy make it hard for a pupil to indulge in a chocolate bar washed down by a popular carbonated drink, it enforces portion control for some foods and mandates that fruits and vegetables be offered daily. Next year, fried food must be dropped from school menus.

**Old lighthouse gets bargain Presidential paint job...**

The 151-year-old Port Isabel Lighthouse, operated as a historic site by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, got a new coating of paint earlier this month. The 50-foot tower, which survived a Confederate attempt to blow off its top during the Civil War, received a layer of German-made paint designed to last up to two

decades. According to TPWD, the same paint is used by the federal government to keep the White House white. The department said the

maintenance project will cost about \$25,000, including labor. That's a little more than \$1 for each visitor the lighthouse has each year.

**Kokomo News**

*By Zelda Jordan*

What a good rain we received on Sunday afternoon. I heard reports of 1 inch to 1.6 inches around our community. Please thank The good Lord and Praise Him for it.

A quartet: Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, and Daryl Hirst blessed our hearts as they sang "Way Down Deep In My Soul" as the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Ruby Lee Kinser and Mary Donham. James and Jill Little and Verna Lee Little also had birthdays and James and Jill had an anniversary, but they weren't there for us to sing to them, but we extend best wishes to them.

Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan from the Kokomo Baptist Church were at Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon. Woodrow led the singing with Daryl at the piano, then Daryl sang several songs for those gathered for the service. Bro. Clarence Wilson was unable to be there.

Larry and Betty Strube visited recently in Haskell with Bob and Beverly Pharris.

Larry and Betty Strube and Jimmy Nelson attended the funeral of an uncle, Dwight Gothard in O'Brien on Friday, July 30.

Kenny, Cynthia, Tobias and Kennon Moore of Gatesville spent the weekend with her parents, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson in Stephenville. Lowell and Kimberly Wilson and Justin Pack of Stephenville also

enjoyed a visit and lunch with them on Saturday and on Sunday. They all enjoyed a hamburger cookout at the home of Lowell, Kimberly and Justin on Saturday evening. Kennon spent Saturday night with Justin.

James and Mary Donham visited from Wednesday until Friday with their daughter and family, Chris, Scott, Travis and Trevor Clayton in Springtown. Their other daughter, Pam Wintermute and daughters Sarah and Emily of Carthage also visited in the Clayton home and they honored Mary with an early birthday celebration with a wonderful birthday dinner and birthday cake. Mary's birthday is August 10.

LaVon Snider met Dwayne and Connie Snider and Sheri LaBonte recently in Stephenville for lunch. She also visited with Gene and Kay Snider, Kathy, Matt and Scott Collum of Huckabay, and with Matthew, Anna, and Andrew Snider of Hollis, OK while they were spending a few days in Gorman with Ted and Charlotte Snider. LaVon also enjoyed a nice phone visit with Joy (Jumper) Grace.

Bob and Beverly Pharris of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Friday. Norma Webb met Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga and Kish Suniga of Comanche in De Leon on Saturday for a visit and the watermelon slicing at the Peach and Melon Festival.

Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay visited from Sunday until Tuesday with Mike, Crystal and Rachel in Gorman.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ashley and

Breckley Little of Lake Leon, Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

We extend sincere sympathy to the families of Vera Henderson and Wanda Rainey who passed away recently. Both were former residents of Kokomo.

Zelda Jordan enjoyed a visit in Abilene with Glenda and Leon Black and then accompanied them to Las Cruces, NM for a week's visit. While in New Mexico Zelda and Glenda enjoyed lunch and a visit in Silver City with cousins, Ernie and Christine Brown. On the return trip back to Abilene Glenda and Zelda went through Almagorda and Cloudcroft and it was a beautiful drive through the mountains. They had lunch and a visit with Barbara and Bo Bell in Denver City. Back in Abilene they visited with Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell, Loyd and Gail Daniell and Toni and Leon Black, Sr.

On Thursday night, August 5th, Glenda and Zelda and Wade and Sheri attended the retirement dinner honoring Shelby Bolts at the Tye Community Center. Shelby retired from the Abilene Department of Public Safety Office following over 23 years of service. A barbecue dinner was enjoyed. Happy retirement Shelby.

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to my grand-

daughter-in-law, Viki Miles of Austin on August 10th from Grandma Jordan.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham Wednesday and Thursday with Gary and Donna Gatlin and family and with Gary and Rebecca Browning and family.

**Trivia Time**  
by Walter Branch

1. What former schoolteacher introduced us to "The Vatican Rag"?
2. What African tribe did Albert Luthuli, winner of the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize, belong to?
3. What did fashion critic Mr. Blackwell say was "unclean and unpleasant. It's also impossible for women over 35"?
4. What Charlton Heston sci-fi movie was set in Manhattan in the year 2022?
5. What comic-strip character did Joe Cornstassel take up with?
6. Which member of the Beatles appeared in denim on the "Abbey Road" album cover?
7. What song got the worst-ever rating on "American Bandstand"?
8. How many times was Nikita Khrushchev married?
9. Who starred in "Owen Marshall: Counselor at Law"?
10. What was the second U.S. state to legalize gambling casinos?

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1. Tom Lehrer; 2. The Zulus; 3. Going braless; 4. "Soylent Green"; 5. Little Orphan Annie; 6. George Harrison; 7. "The Chimpunk Song"; 8. Two; 9. Arthur Hill; 10. New Jersey

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# Obituary

## E. D. Welch

GILLILAND- E.D. Welch, 81, died Friday, August 6, 2004 at his daughter's residence in Benjamin, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 8, 2004 at Gilliland Cemetery in Gilliland, Texas. A.B. Martin and Hank Wagner officiated. Burial was in the Gilliland Cemetery directed by McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas.

Mr. Welch was born April 21, 1923 in Gilliland, Texas where he was a lifetime resident. He was a farmer and member of the Gilliland Church of Christ. He married Mary Etta Bays on June 4, 1948 in Seymour, Texas. He

was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Jones and a brother, Charles Welch.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Welch of Gilliland; three daughters, Linda and George Oustad of Munday, Susan and Tracy Cartwright of Benjamin, Becky and Tracy Beaty of Tioga; one son, Dennis and Charolotte Welch of Gilliland; two brothers, Weldon Welch of Baird and Wilfred Welch of Wichita Falls; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be made to Home Hospice.

# Obituary

## Thomas J. Turnbow, Jr.

BAIRD- Thomas J. (Tommy) Turnbow, Jr., 58, of Baird, died Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at an Abilene hospital.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, August 7, 2004 at 2 p.m. at the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde. Brother Billy Sellers, Brother Terry Jones and Charlie Bell officiated. Burial was in the Ross Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Tommy was born March 17, 1946 in Abilene, Texas to Thomas J. and Bertha (Bagwell) Turnbow, Sr. He attended school in Abilene. He married Nancy Ward in Abilene on August 7, 1964. They moved to Baird from Abilene in 1972. He was employed by General Dynamics (later named Lockheed Martin) for 16 years. He owned and operated Turnbow Texaco and Turnbow Quik-Lube in Clyde for three years. He was

a member of Southwide Baptist Church in Clyde.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy Turnbow of Baird; one daughter, Jill Cook and husband Chad of Baird; one son, Jody Turnbow and wife Meredith of Flower Mound; five grandchildren, Brittney, Hayley and Holly Cook and Tanner and Trevor Turnbow; one sister, Nelda Beth Hayhurst and husband Jay of Dudley; one brother, Jerry Turnbow of Potosi; brothers and sisters-in-law, Pat and Sharon Ward of Baird, Mike and Gay Ward of Abilene, Tommy and Pam Ward of Abilene and Dolly Carpenter of Clyde; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Evelyn Killingsworth.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services Network c/o Fran Smith P.O. Box 2026, Abilene, TX 79604.

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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Coming Soon

Monday, August 23 - The Callahan Baptist Association Senior Adult Day will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church - Meal 6:30 pm/Program 7:00 pm - You must register in the church office no later than August 18th.

Monday (Aug 30) - La-

dies Night Out -- Potluck at 6:30 P.M. and the speaker will be Penny Bogard. Make plans to attend and your spirits will be lifted and you will feel encouraged as you fellowship with one another. All ladies in the community are invited.

Ladies Bible Study will begin September 12th and will continue through October 24th. This will be each Sunday for 7 weeks at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This is a Beth Moore study "Why Godly People Do Ungodly Things." Leaders are Bridget McDowell and Kim Vestal. Call the church office to sign up - August 31st will be the last day to sign up.

The first 13 ladies to register will receive a discounted book for \$10 - make your check payable to the First Baptist Church. We are looking forward to this Bible Study and hope you can share with us as we grow in Christian faith and love.

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