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County Jail Passes Inspection, Commissioners Report

The county Jail of Callahan, established in 1898 and dedicated in the same year passed another inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, according to Sheriff Eddie Curtis who reported the news to the County Commissioners on July 10th at their court meeting on Monday at the County Courthouse in Baird.

He related that he received a letter dated June 21st from the Executive Director of the Texas Commission of Jail Standards, Terry Julian saying that he had just signed a Certificate of Compliance attesting to the Callahan County Jail's compliance with the Texas Minimum Jail Standards, saying: "This accomplishment demonstrates your continuing efforts to provide a safe and secure facility." Julian said that "The citizens of your county should be proud of you as is the Jail Commission," Julian added.

All Texas jails are inspected annually by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Sheriff Curtis said he believes Callahan County's Jail is the third oldest active jail in Texas, and said that the inspection includes paperwork performed during the jail process, as well as inspection of all jail cells, lighting and other maintenance inspections, commenting that the annual actual inspection takes about one-half a day to complete.

The county sheriff maintaining the jail, the county must hold its prison population below 10 individuals. Sheriff Curtis said that last year, the county jail averaged 8.1 inmates daily. Sheriff Curtis said if the county's jail population goes over 10 inmates, the Commission, going by records, can shut the county jail down. Sheriff Curtis said sending the inmates to Taylor County's jail was necessary when the need arose to maintain a population below 10 inmates.

For instance, according to Curtis, last week there were eight inmates from Callahan County in Taylor jail at a cost of \$35 per prisoner per day to Callahan. He, Curtis, took office on January 1, 1993. He said the jail failed inspection just eight days after he took office after the inspection then. Again after an inspection in 1993, Dec., the Commission on Jail Standards passed the Callahan jail, and the jail has passed inspection every year since 1993. The sheriff commended his staff of six jailers/dispatchers for their work on the county jail's compliance. He said Jailer/dispatchers Arlinda Williams

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Pct. #3: Baird Housing Authority Building, 401 Chestnut in Baird.
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Baird High School Homecoming Set for September 16, 2006 (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 1979-1983;

Becky Pettit Fowler, Ricky Henley, Leslie Meadows Henry, Carlynn Brumbaugh Studyvin, Charles Ashburn, Marcy Monsey Choate, Jenea King Copaus, Sheri Whitehead Jobe, Laura Isenhower Massengale, Deborah Mosley, Jackie Parks, Jeff Smith, Darla McWilliams Bartley, Julie Barton, Roy Burton, Kathy Justice Fleming, Eddie Graham, Nita Perkins Hale, Larry Hallmark, Steve Johnson, Doris Kelly McGinnis, Richard Rutherford, Brent Shaw, Teri Tomlinson, Davy Vestal., Nicky Glaze, Vickie Harris, Brenda Wright Mills, Domingo Segura, Kelly Blair, Robert Burns, Kristie McCormick Cox, Jeanette Debusk, Craig Griggs, Carla Wristen Hooker, Kim Austin King, Jay Moore, Leslie Monsey Moore.

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.

Baird Elementary School Supplies

Baird Pre-K Supply List

Please put your child's name on all supplies:

- *Paint shirt
- 1 box of jumbo Crayons, 1 box Regular Crayons.
- 1 box Q-tips
- Package manila paper
- Package colored construction paper.
- Fiskars student Scissors
- 12 glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Kleenex.
- 1 Box jumbo Markers
- Small plastic school box
- Back pack
- 1 roll of paper Towels
- 1 jumbo eraser and individual pencil erasers
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue.
- AM class only
- Red pocket folder
- Gallon size Ziploc
- Baby Wipes.
- P.M. Class Only
- Blue pocket folder
- Sadwich size Ziploc
- Hand Sanitizer.

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Where Was The Boy Buried?

An 1-month old infant was apparently buried in Callahan County due to religious beliefs which his Abilene father and mother used to eschew a proper burial and whose death is being investigated by Abilene police. The site in Callahan County is remaining undisclosed at present and the death is according to preliminary autopsy report by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office is listed as traumatic asphyxiation although full autopsy results are not yet released as of Friday. Child protective Services listed a call as from an anonymous caller on Monday which reported that the child died July 7 and was buried somewhere. The caller also said that the parents of the child had not reported the child's death although later the boy's father confirmed that the boy died on the 7th and disclosed religious belief as the reason being why the child death was not disclosed to authorities and his burial was not confirmed to medical practitioners/

Detective Brian Trail of the Abilene Police Department

Blood Drive in Baird

A community blood drive will take place on Monday, July 24. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at the Baird Post Office from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Meek Blood center supplies blood to seventeen area hospitals.

"The need for blood is constant," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Hospital patients require medical care every day, regardless of holidays and summer vacations. One out of every ten hospital patients receive a blood

transfusion, and most of these patients require at least three pints of blood."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Those who have questions regarding donor requirements may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt or a cap and a total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

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Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration at Baird Elementary School

Baird Elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year beginning on Thursday, August 3, and ending on Friday, August 4th. The registration will be held at the Baird I.S.D. Cafeterium from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Pre-Kindergarten:
The Baird I.S.D. Pre-Kindergarten program will operate on a half-day basis during the 2006-07 school year. Students will be enrolled in an A.M. group (7:45-11:30 A.M. or a P.M. group (10:45-2:30 P.M.) All Pre-K students will be served lunch in the school cafeteria from 10:45-11:30 A.M. MORE INFORMATION ON THE HALFDAY SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is 4 years of age as of September 1, 2006, and is 1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; 3) homeless; or 4) identified with special needs. In order to qualify for the program based upon #2, students must meet the criteria of financial need as determined by a formula provided by the state (which is based upon eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced lunch program).

During this registration, Baird ISD will be enrolling 4 year olds who meet the above criteria and live in the Baird School District. Also during this registration, Baird I.S.D. will be taking applications for all other 4 year olds who live in the Baird School District. The Pre-Kindergarten program has limited spaces, so parents are urged to register their

children as early as possible.

Kindergarten:
To be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old as of September 1, 2006. Kindergarten operates on a full day basis from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Completing Registration:
To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's birth certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income.

(Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly wages or a paycheck stub.)
Any new students 1st-8th grade may register at this time also.

If you have any questions, concerning student registration, please contact James Wyatt, Elementary School Principal, at 854-1400, Ext. 309.

Fire Breaks Out at Callahan Divide Near View, Embers Still Smoldering

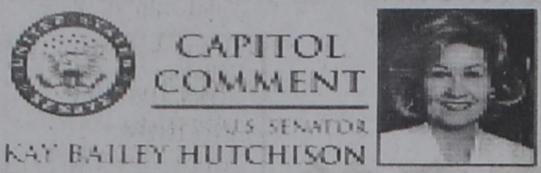
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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Math and Science Requirements Benefit Our Future

America is the undisputed leader in the global economy because of innovations in science and technology. Our dominant strategic position, economic advantages, and high standard of living are driven by our leadership in these areas. To maintain our competitive advantage and keep our economy strong, however, we must prepare our children to compete in the global market of tomorrow by improving science and math education.

Beginning next year, Texas

high school students will be required to complete four years of both math and science. The Texas Legislature established these standards in the recently passed House Bill 1, which increased the previous level of three years of science and math. I strongly applaud this effort to improve our students, understanding of math and science, as America's continued leadership in scientific research and education is critical to the future of our economic and national security. It is imperative that the state follow this measure by providing teachers and school districts with the necessary sup-

port to expand math and science programs across Texas. For many years, I have worked in the United States Senate to provide additional resources to support math and science education. I co-sponsored the Protecting America's Competitive Edge (PACE) Act, which authorizes the National Science Foundation to provide four-year scholarships of up to \$20,000 a year to students who major in math and science in college and pursue concurrent teacher certification. The PACE Act also supports continued education for current teachers by providing funding for three-year master's degree programs in math and science. An extra year of math or science in high school will lead to more students entering college with a passion for these subjects, which in turn will lead to more passionate teachers for the next generation of Texans.

High school students currently acquire a well-rounded understanding of science by completing biology, chemistry and physics, while fulfilling math requirements by studying algebra, geometry and algebra II. Students will now have an opportunity to complete additional courses in areas of interest that may not have previously counted for credit towards graduation. Students who are interested in a particular area of math or science can choose an additional year in that subject, perhaps in an Advanced Placement course to prepare for college. Or they can study a less traditional sub-

ject, such as meteorology or statistics. Additional math and science exposure will provide students options to pursue their passions in these areas. Teachers will also be able to teach classes at a higher level or in their areas of expertise.

Under these new requirements, high schools will be in a position to develop new math and science courses that will lead to long-term benefits for our state. For example, our state's population is projected to double by 2050, which will strain our water resources. Students taking earth science courses could develop an interest in solving water constraints, which would benefit all Texans.

I will continue to work to secure federal aid for math and science in Texas. One project I am proud to support is the Math and Science Partnerships Initiative, which provides federal funds to school districts to partner with local universities and community colleges to offer more rigorous math and science courses.

We must do a better job of preparing our children today for the jobs of tomorrow. Recent scores on standardized tests show that 82 percent of American 12th-graders are not proficient in science and 72 percent of eighth-graders are not proficient in math. These figures are unacceptable, and we must address these deficiencies.

During the next decade, the U.S. demand for scientists and engineers is expected to

increase at more than double the rate for all other occupations. The National Academy of Sciences reports that foreign-born students currently receive nearly half of all engineering and computer science doctorate degrees awarded in the United States. The jobs that will fuel our economy for years to come will be in groundbreaking areas of science and engineering. Encouraging additional math and science education in high school will help provide a pool of qualified American workers for these jobs.

Increasing high school math and science requirements today prepares students for rewarding careers in related fields to solve the problems of tomorrow.

Top DVD Sales This Week

1. Failure to Launch starring Sarah Jessica Parker (Paramount) PG-13
2. Firewall, Harrison Ford, (Warner) PG-13
3. Madea's Family Reunion, Tyler Perry (Lions Gate) PG-13
4. Syriana, George Clooney, (Warner) PG-13
5. High School Musical, Zac Efron (Walt Disney) PG
6. Running Scared, Paul Walker (New Line) R
7. The Hills Have Eyes, Kathleen Quinlan (Fox) R
8. Underworld: Evolution, Kate Beckinsale (Screen Gems Inc.) R
9. 16 Blocks, Bruce Willis (Warner) PG-13
10. The Pink Panther, Steve Martin (Columbia TriStar) PG

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480 acres @ Galpin in Dickens Co., TX - cultivation; some minerals, \$400 ac (owner/agent).
1011 W. 14th - Classic Spanish Home, Cisco - beautiful yard, 2 story, up 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath; down living room, dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, kitchen w/builtins, 1/2 bath - total 1900 sf. Guest house bedroom, kitchenette, bath, laundry room, living room w/2 car garage. Italian tile roof, plus adjoining near lot. \$225,000.
507 W. 7th, Cisco - renovation started, needs finishing, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 carports, storage shed, 2 lots. \$20,000.
28.177 ac; old building, access to electricity and water; one stock tank, no minerals on Hwy. 6 N. of Cisco to right of Country Club Rd., sign on property, \$70,442 firm.
4 lots w/2 buildings 1000 Block of W. 8th, Cisco. Gas tanks gone. \$24,000.

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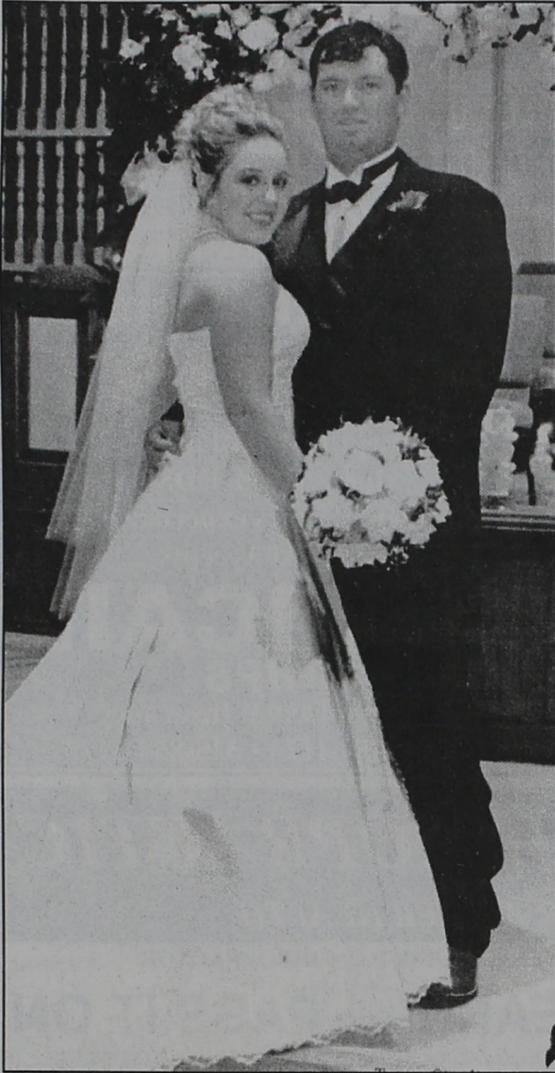
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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Jake Knight

Edington - Knight

Macy Marie Edington of Lubbock and Thomas Jake Knight of Cisco exchanged marriage vows on May 20, 2006 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Coleman. Reverend John D. Stanislaw officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edington of Coleman and the groom's parents are Ms. Lynda Walls of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Knight of Nimrod.

The bride's grandparents include Bobbie and the late Duwayne Edington of Coleman; the late Raleigh and Frances Winnell Neff of Coleman; the late Odus Allen; and special friend Hazel Rider of Coleman. Grandparents of the groom are Tommy and the late Jerry Bacon of Cisco; Bob and Clara Hallmark of Nimrod.

Family church pews were marked by white ribbon bows with tulle and a red flower in the center of each. Church decorations included a brass archway decorated with greenery, lights, white ribbon bows and tulle. At the top of the arch was a bouquet of white roses. Brass candelabras stood at each side of the arch with white ribbon bows and greenery. Two large plants were placed in front of the stage.

Donnie Neff, organist, presented wedding selections and accompanied Kyra Neff as she sang *When God Made You*.

Given into marriage by her father, the bride wore a one-piece strapless satin gown with an A-line design. The bodice was embellished with delicate hand-beaded appliques consisting of pearl, sequin, and embroidered flowers. The gown had a detachable cathedral train with matching applique and heavy beading. Her veil was daintily beaded and gracefully flowed with the gown. The bridal bouquet was of white

handkerchief that belonged to her great-grandmother.

Maid of honor was Lauren Ray of Lubbock and bridesmaids were Elizabeth Edington of Coleman, Laura Thompson of College Station, and Brittini McMillan of College Station. All bridal attendants wore floor length, strapless satin gowns of cranberry red, fathered on one side, with rhinestones on the bodice. Each wore matching necklace and earring sets given to them by the bride, and their bouquets were white silk roses with a touch of rhinestones mixed in.

The groom was attired in a black western tuxedo jacket with a wing collar, black Wranglers and pleated white shirt with a black satin vest and cross over tie. His attendants were dressed the same and included: best man, Jake McNutt of Coleman; and groomsmen, Marc Sanderson of Coleman, Jason Bacon of Lubbock, and Glen Edington of Coleman.

Seating guests were Jim Bob Edington of Coleman, Kevin Landers of Oplin, and Cody Knight of Nimrod.

RECEPTION

A reception in the church

fellowship hall followed the ceremony. The bride's table was decorated with a white tablecloth, lights, red napkins, and a red cross. Four columns stood behind the table decorated with lights, greenery, red and white flowers and tulle. Serving as a centerpiece, the four-tiered wedding cake was white with red and white roses between the tiers.

The groom's cake was a chocolate confection with white icing dripped with chocolate-covered strawberries. Coffee and red punch were also served. The centerpiece for the groom's table was a sculpture of Jake and his horse that his late grandmother, Jerry Bacon, had made.

All wedding and reception decorating was provided by Tammy Weiser from Weiser Weddings and Photography of Cisco.

HOUSEPARTY

Serving the bride's cake were Stephanie Rankin of Dallas and Kathleen Hargett of San Angelo. Shasta and Rainey Bacon both of Cisco and Amanda Knight of Nimrod served the groom's cake.

NOW AT HOME

Following a honeymoon to Sandals Royal Bahamian Re-

sort in the Bahamas, the couple is now at home in Midland. The bride, a 2003 graduate of Coleman High School attended Texas Tech University and Lubbock Christian University. She is currently attending Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant Program in Midland. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Eastland High School and attended Cisco Jr. College and Clarendon College. He is currently employed by Midland County.

REHEARSAL DINNER

A rehearsal dinner was held on Friday, May 19th at Hidalgo's Cafe at 8:00 p.m., hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Knight and Ms. Lynda Walls. Beef and chicken fajitas with all the trimmings were served. The tables were decorated with a country look of red tablecloths with fresh, floral bouquets.

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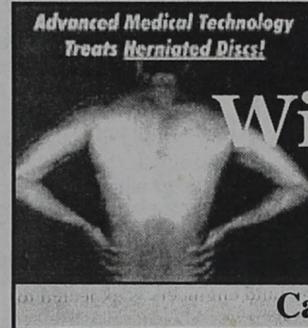
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A Sleepless Nation 700 Million Strong

By Lisa Chavis

A new report by the National Academies' Institute of Medicine shows that between 50 and 70 million Americans struggle with chronic sleep problems and according to the United States Surgeon General, sleep deprivation and disorders cost the nation \$15 billion in health care expenses and \$50 billion in lost productivity each year.

A lack of sleep can take a toll both psychologically and physically, from daytime sleepiness to weakened immune systems. Long-term sleep deprivation leads to problems that can include memory lapses, depression, irritability and impaired work performance.

To win the battle over sleepless nights, many Americans are turning to medication. In 2005, 42 million prescriptions for sleeping pills were filled. An analysis by Medco Health Solutions, Inc. found that the number of adults ages 20 to 44 using sleeping medications rose 128 percent between 2000 and 2005, and was up 114 percent among 10 to 19 year olds in that same time period.

Insomnia is the most common sleep disorder, affecting between 30 and 40 percent of adults within a given year. Other sleep disorders include sleep apnea- a temporary suspension of breathing that occurs throughout the night- and restless leg syndrome, which is characterized by intense discomfort, mostly felt in the legs when at rest. One of the first steps to relieving sleep problems is to talk to your doctor or pharmacist about it.

Here are some tips for insomniacs:

•**Keep to a regular sleep schedule:** Go to sleep and wake up at about the same time each day, even on weekends.

•**Exercise regularly:** Exercise done early in the day can reduce stress and help put you to sleep at night.

•**Watch what you eat and drink:** Avoid alcohol, caffeine and meals close to bedtime, but a cup of warm milk can help make you sleepy.

•**Unplug:** This is particularly important for teens with sleep problems--make sure the bedroom is free of computers, video games, TVs, and phones.

Sleep troubles can be a symptom of a physical or psychological condition that requires treatment, so it's important to see your doctor if your sleep problem persists. Depending on the diagnosis, your physician may recommend a behavioral therapy and possibly drug treatments for serious sleep

disorders. Medications include both over-the-counter and prescription drugs called hypnotics. Drug therapy is usually only recommended for short-term use. A combination of medication and behavioral interventions is often more effective than either approach alone for those with chronic insomnia.

Lisa Chavis, RPh, is a lead pharmacist for the Drug Utilization Review department at Medco Health Solutions, Inc. Her books include "The Family Pharmacist" and "Ask Your Pharmacist."

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church will have a hamburger and ice cream supper at the home of Joe and Glynda Bond on Saturday evening, July 22. Dominoes, Chicken Foot and other games will begin about 5:30 p.m. and the hamburgers will be served around 6:30 or so. All members are urged to attend and enjoy the fellowship and visitors are welcome.

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, July 16. His wife, Gidget, also attended the services. Other visitors were Ben Burgess, Bailey Underwood and Aline Garrett of Gorman. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Bailey Underwood and Aline Garrett. Aline was celebrating her 88th birthday on Sunday, and Bailey was celebrating her 8th birthday. The special music was beautifully rendered by Glynda Bond on the piano.

James Hunter of Gorman will be the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, July 23.

John Scitern has returned home following several days in the Eastland hospital. He will have to return later for more tests. Those visiting

with John and Troy were Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern, Kris, Kristen and Karsyn Scitern, and Keri, Kelsey and Nashton Guthery of Gorman. We send get well wishes to John.

Paul and Fannie Bell Hoy of Conroe, Paula Knowles of Granbury, Doris Bradshaw and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Zelda Jordan spent the weekend in Abilene with her daughter, Glenda Black. Others visiting with them were Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and Shelby Bolls. They enjoyed a belated birthday dinner at the Cracker Barrel on Saturday honoring Glenda and Sheri.

Zelda Jordan received word on Monday that her brother Arvel Lewallen is seriously ill in the Veterans hospital in Amarillo. We thank you for your prayers and concern.

Summertime is definitely here with temperatures of 100 degrees or over, and it is getting very dry again. Let us all pray for rain and cooler weather, and remember to thank the good Lord for all the past blessings he has sent our way.



State Capital Highlights

Kinky gets to stay Kinky; Grandma must stay Carole

By Ed Sterling
AUSTIN - Secretary of State Roger Williams on July 10 rendered a decision on how the names of the two independent candidates in the race for governor will appear on the November ballot.

It'll be Richard "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

Strayhorn said she would appeal the secretary of state's ruling, and filed suit in an Austin state district court. She wants to be Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn on the ballot.

Williams, Texas' chief elections officer, went into detail in explaining why "Grandma" won't be listed with Strayhorn's name, as she requested.

In a letter to Strayhorn's attorney, Roy Minton of Austin, Williams wrote:

"Your letter does not articulate any facts that would counter my interpretation that the use of 'Grandma,' in the context of Carole Keeton

Strayhorn's name appearing on the ballot, is a slogan and as such is prohibited by the Texas Election Code."

Williams said his office also took these factors into account:

- Strayhorn has never appeared on the ballot under the name "Grandma;"

- Strayhorn's declaration of intent lists her name as Carole Keeton Strayhorn;
- Strayhorn's petitions list her candidate name as Carole Keeton Strayhorn;

- The only reference to "Grandma" in communication with the Secretary of State's office appears on Strayhorn's campaign literature; and

- "Grandma" is not found on any of Strayhorn's official letterhead or communication with the Secretary of State.

Also, Strayhorn's Web site is www.CaroleStrayhorn.com, not www.Grandmaforgovernor.com.

Groups submit district maps

After declaring Congressional District 23 in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court charged a panel of Texas federal judges to rule on new boundaries that put Texas back in compliance with the act.

The state of Texas, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and other plaintiffs submitted ideas on how to redraw the unconstitutional map of CD-23. Adjustments

to CD-23 will cause districts around it to change shape.

Tobacco money keeps coming

Although the Carole Keeton Strayhorn running for governor was disappointed over the ballot-name ruling, she still found good news to report as Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas comptroller of public accounts.

Strayhorn said her office has distributed \$72 million to three cities, 158 counties and 131 hospital districts from the \$2.2 billion Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account.

But she couldn't resist taking a potshot at the man she considers her main opponent in the race for governor: incumbent Gov. Rick Perry.

"These funds from the tobacco settlement provide a shot-in-the-arm for hospitals that are burdened with the responsibility of treating patients who cannot afford health care, including hurricane evacuees who have sought care at Texas hospitals and tens of thousands of children who have been

dropped from the Children's Health Insurance Program under this governor's administration."

Since the first distribution of funds from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account in April 2001, local entities have received nearly \$205 million from the fund.

Rep asks AG tough question

Would a doctor who violates the state law restricting third-trimester abortions be subject to charges of homicide?

State Rep. David Swinford, chair of the House State Affairs Committee, asked Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott for an opinion on the question.

Swinford, R-Amarillo, also asked Abbott if a doctor who does not get parental consent to perform an abortion on an unemancipated minor would be subject to charges of criminal homicide.

The attorney general's office has up to 45 days to render a formal opinion on the questions.

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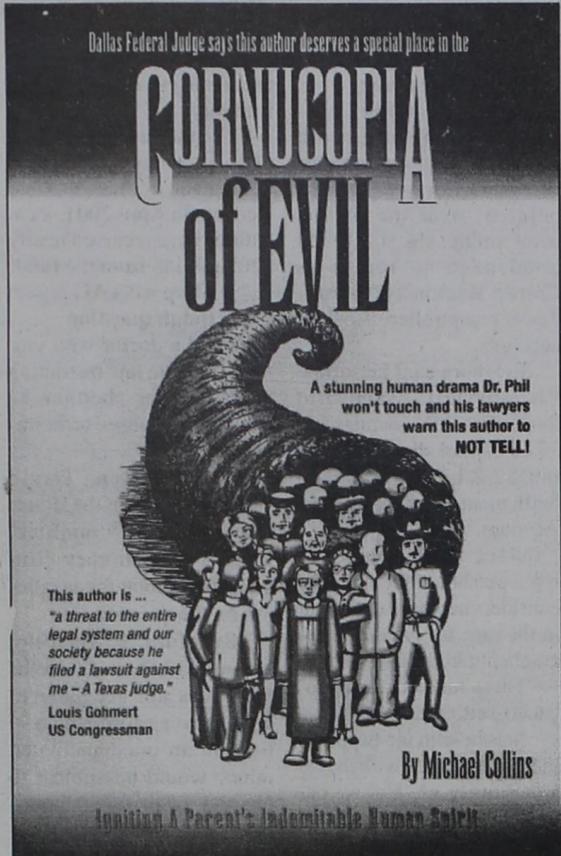
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Collins' Cornucopia Available Here Again To Benefit Library Indications Are Major TV-Fare Might Be Due

Eastland County Native Mike Collins' block-buster book caused quite a stir here and elsewhere when it was first released a few years ago.

Now a new edition is released and unofficial word is that a major television series might be in the offering in an expansion of the expose book.

Copies of the book at \$10 each are available at the Eastland Telegram, and Mr. Collins has insisted that all proceeds of the book sales go to Eastland Centennial Memorial Library. He will be here later for a talk/booksigning.

A long-time banking official and active public promoter in this county where he grew up, Collins now lives in South Texas.

A blurb from the book's jacket delivers the gist of the book's subject:

"Cornucopia of Evil" tells of one man's indomitable human spirit as he battled the most powerful, most ineffective, most costly, and most destructive industry in our country--the legal system."

Get a copy and judge for yourself.

Another blurb: "This shocking page turner does for tragedy victims what "All

the President's Men" did for investigative journalism."

A limited number of copies are available here.

'Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest' At Majestic

Just as "Dead Man's Chest" topped "Cars" in the box office nationally - here it comes to the Majestic Theater in Eastland!

Ed Allcorn, Theater Manager, has another blockbuster to show locally.

This movie is a sequel to "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl", which captivated audiences in 2003.

Produced by Disney/Buena Vista, and filmed in the Caribbean, this latest movie is rated PG-13 for violence and intense images.

It also has some supernatural elements.

It will open at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, July 21, and show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, July 24. General admission will be \$4.50 at the box office, with balcony seats \$6 to adults only. (Note that admission prices have been raised, check another portion of the newspaper for full details)

In the picture, Director Gore Verbinski, screenwriters Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio return with the entire cast for this lively paced romp and its awesome special effects.

Fans of the first "Pirates of the Caribbean" will be glad that Johnny Depp is returning as the amazing pirate Captain Jack Sparrow. Orland Bloom is also back in his role as Will Turner, and Kiera Knightly portrays Elisabeth Swann.

You will also recognize other members of the all-star cast.

Jack Sparrow owes a blood debt to Davey Jones, Captain of the Flying Dutchman.

Unable, or rather unwilling, to pay, the Captain faces the terrifying prospect of eternal damnation, which Jack would rather avoid. So he hatches a wild scheme to track down the Dead Man's Chest, which is rumored to hold Davy's still beating heart.

But first, Jack needs to track down the key to open the chest.

This is only the beginning of his adventures. Pirate Hunter Lord Cutler Beckett is on his trail, as well as the trail of lovebirds Will Turner and Elisabeth Swann, friends of Jack Sparrow.

So come out to the Majestic next weekend if you want an imaginative adventure in the Bahamas. You'll find a cool Theater to greet you. And a trip to the Majestic is sure cheaper than taking a cruise, and it has about the same effect - at least for awhile.

Cross Plains Chamber Of Commerce Banquet July 27

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual banquet on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center in Cross Plains.

Due to the devastating wildfire that occurred on December 27, 2005 we will be honoring several organizations that assisted the community in it's time of need. The banquet will be catered by Lemons Bar-B-

Que of Brownwood, and the menu includes beef and chicken combination plate, tea and cake for dessert. The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the banquet. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 at the Chamber office. The deadline to purchase your ticket is Monday, July 24, 2006 at noon.

For information or to purchase your tickets is 254-725-7251.

Doug Hodel Is New President Of Goodwill Industries

The Goodwill-West Texas Board of Directors recently hired Doug Hodel as its new president. Hodel, 54, replaces Bob Test who retired earlier in the year. "His management-marketing background and familiarity with Goodwill makes him qualified," said Mary Lee Brooks, board chairwoman. "He understands the mission of Goodwill and is excited about what Goodwill is and what can be," Brooks said. Hodel has served on the Goodwill Board of Directors for four years.

years with Associated Publishing Company based in Abilene. "I look forward serving in this capacity and furthering Goodwill's mission of providing jobs and training to people with barriers," said Hodel.

Goodwill-West Texas operates retail stores and employment services in eight cities stretching from Eastland to Odessa.

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WASN'T THE shuttle landing a sight to behold?

COMES A Note to our desk asking why, with all the other major planning underway, isn't there more planning for teen activities? We are told that they really don't want to spend all their time on the parking lots; they need a safe, clean place to gather; maybe read, youth club bowling alley, miniature golf, batting cages, go-cart tracks, and any number of other ideas. Most if not all of these have been around at various times, but it takes developers, supervisors and sustained interest... We've had special requests for a skate board facility. Be there investors, entrepreneur and managers available to provide any of these safe havens for your young folks? There once was a Y here. Could there be another?

HOW ABOUT a blanket invitation to the men and women in service at Fort Hood? They're just down the road a piece. Let's let them know that they are welcome to come share the GOOD LIFE in Eastland. A personal note could work wonders to:

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The very talented entertainer Roy Clark will perform at this year's 28th annual REHAB Dinner Show to be held Thursday evening, August 24th. The award-winning and popular country music star will perform at the Abilene Civic Center. Tables and tickets are available at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

The REHAB Dinner Show is one of the larger fundraisers that the Rehab holds each year with proceeds going directly into patient services. The Rehab serves over 21,000 patients each year regardless of their ability to pay for services.

Underwriters of the gala event are Bandera Drilling, Mrs. Billye Bradley, R.W. and Bell McDonnell, First Financial Bank, Lueders Limestone, The Greathouse Foundation, EC Tool and Supply, KTAB-TV, KEAN 105/KYYW 1470 and MCM Elegante Suites Hotel.

The gala begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by a seated dinner at 7 p.m. Dress for the event is cocktail attire.

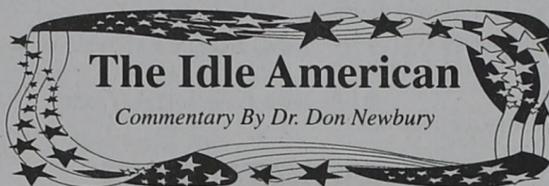
Tables for ten people are \$2500, \$1750 and \$1250. Individual tickets are \$275, \$200 and \$150 and are available by calling the West Texas Rehab Center at (325) 793-3527.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez announced a \$1 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) investment to the city of Hereford and Deaf Smith County, Texas. The investment will help build infrastructure to support a biomass-powered ethanol plant. The investment is expected to create 61 jobs and generate \$32 million in private investment.

Editor,
Thank you for your recent letter asking the postal service to allow miniature animal statues on our north lawn behind the post office. After careful review and consideration, the Postal Service is unable to honor this request. However, we do appreciate your interest.

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

New York Still Happenin, Place

It was our first visit to the Big Apple in more than 15 years. Spending 48 hours around Times Square provided far more confirmations than adjustments of long-held perceptions.

In most ways, it remains a "where it's at" city that's the nerve center, the trendsetter and a mob scene where the letter "R" is in the repertoire only of visitors, dialects.

Overheard: "Hey, Chahlie, you a visitah heah in New Yawk?" You get the drift. And before my wife and I could complete sentences, locals branded us as Southerners, often with this addendum: "And probably from Texas."

The old "small world" observation surfaced within hours of arrival. We were seated with a couple of hundred others to see "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," an off Broadway musical comedy completing 11 straight years at the Westside Theatre. We heard unmistakable "Texas talk" just a few feet away on the next row.

Yep, the drawling couple, their voices elevated enough to be heard above other "leather lungs" at intermission, are from Austin. Turns out we have dozens of friends in common.

The show was a delightful musical/comedy with a cast of four. It's amazing, really, how such verve and freshness stand out even after 11 years. And one of the male leads was in the opening show back in 95.

Broadway at any hour remains a magical place. When the play ended, we joined a throng there watching the Dallas Mavericks in their final game against Miami on ABC's 585-square-foot JumboTron. Cheers were about equal for each team. These included "whoops and hollers" from a dozen or so officers of "New York's finest" milling among the crowd.

We should have stayed with the fans outdoors. Instead, we retreated to a hotel room—one so small that when I inserted the door key, it cracked the window on the opposite wall. Seriously, it was smaller than our cabin on Carnival's Legend where we spent the next week cruising in the Eastern Caribbean.

We had just enough room to applaud, watching the TV in cramped quarters. Alas, we didn't have too many reasons to clap; the Mavs don't play nearly as well on a small screen.

NYC still is a city rightly famous for its restaurants, large and small, fancy and otherwise. Even cart vendors, serving up heaven knows what, give Broadway a midway look, and if it's candied, fried, baked, boiled, steamed or frozen, street strollers have many choices available.

We opted for Restaurant Zoe, a small SoHo establishment near Ground Zero. It was an everything-made-from-scratch operation founded by Stephen and Thalia Loffredo in 1992. They both hold culinary degrees, and their grand dishes are proof of excellent training.

They responded to questions about 9/11, quietly pointing out that the fifth anniversary of the tragedy is at hand. "We did what we could to help as many as possible," they said. They were among thousands of stalwarts who rose above the carnage. For days as they labored to re-open the restaurant, they wore gas masks. Yes, their spirit and

attitude is typical of most New Yorkers adjusting to life after 9/11.

Following lunch, we wanted to see Ground Zero. Thousands of visitors quietly file to the site each day. We asked our driver where he was on the fateful day of 9/11.

"The same place I was in '93 when the World Trade Center was bombed," he said, tears glistening in his eyes. "I had just dropped a lady off at the Center, and was about two blocks away."

"She was such a lovely young lady, humming softly as she left my cab," he said. "With a smile that spread across her face, she said, 'I'm the luckiest person in the world. I have the best job in the world, and soon will marry the best man in the world.'" The cabbie has no clue whether she had entered the building; he just knows that he escaped harm's way by mere seconds before the airliner crashed into the building.

I don't often make travel suggestions. However, I very much believe that NYC is destination worthy of periodic visits. If you go during the summer, however,

take a bucket of money for lodging. The rates bring to mind the shocking response of legendary Bob Murphey, one of Texas' all-time best story-tellers. When the desk clerk advised him of room rates, Bob said, "Mr. I don't want to buy the room; I just want to sleep here tonight!"

There was a suggestion by a Carnival staffer worth repeating, and it makes sense. With crew and staff from more than 40 different countries on each ship, there are many employees limited in their use and understanding of English.

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