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Callahan County Commissioners Meet in Open Session on Dec. 21st

A possible Tax Abatement agreement with Res American Developments, Inc. was the topic of the meeting held by the Callahan County Commissioners on December 21, 2005 at its regular meeting place in the Court-house with Judge Roger Corn presiding. Also present were Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tommy Holland Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court, Jeanie Bohannon, with the following items of business transacted after the meeting was called to order.

Mr. H. Alan Carmichael, Attorney with Steakley, Welsel & Carmichael, L.L.P., met with the Court and gave an informative talk on the various steps of the tax abatement process. Commissioner made a motion to retain H. Alan Carmichael to negotiate the terms of the possible tax abatement

Cisco Junior College President Dies After Lingerling Illness

College, Community Loses Dedicated Leader

by Margaret Hetrick

With the death of Cisco Junior College's President, Dr. John Muller, on Friday, December 23, 2005, the college lost a president described by many as one of the 'best ever'.

Dr. Muller was named President of Cisco Junior College in October of 2002, after serving as Interim President following the retirement of Dr. Roger Schustereit.

He held a B. A. Degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at Arlington, a M. A. Degree in Political Science from the University of North Texas, and a Ph.D. in Political

DR. JOHN MULLER, BORN 5-13-37

Science from the University of Missouri at Columbia. Beginning his association with Cisco Junior College in 1974 as a part-time instructor of government and history, Dr. Muller became a full-time instructor in 1975, and began administrative service in

agreement with the Development Corp. Res American. Commissioner Hicks seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Pursuant to the Texas Tax Code, a tax abatement agreement was brought up by Commissioner Hicks, to establish guidelines and criteria for the adoption of a tax abatement agreement. This is for a term of 2 years. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried 5-0 with an exhibit.

No action on establishing a reinvestment zone within Callahan County.

A motion to pay approved bills was made by Commissioner Farmer and Commissioner Grider seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Judge Corn made a motion to adjourn at 10-15 a.m. and Commissioner Farmer seconded; with the motion carrying 3-0.

Signed County Judge Roger Corn and minutes Read and approved on the 9th day of January, 2006 by Jeanie Bohannon County Clerk, Callahan County TX

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1966 in Cisco. John graduated from Burk Burnett High School in 1955. Prior to beginning his professional education and career, he was employed in the oil industry. He worked with various Texas companies in exploration and development, with Wichita Supply Company in sales, and in Libya, North Africa for four years with Loffland Bros. Drilling Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma in oil exploration. Following his career in the oil industry, he earned his B.A. degree at the University of Texas at Arlington in 1968, his M.A. degree at the University of North Texas in 1970, and his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri in 1986. His major

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Wild and Structural Fires Cause at Least One Death, Evacuates Cross Plains, Vicinity

BY MARGARET HETRICK

Unseasonably dry conditions across the Big Country and large areas of Texas have caused wild and structural fires to flare up for several weeks.

On Tuesday, December 27, 2005, Cross Plains in Callahan County was the victim of a wildfire, which destroyed homes and buildings, including the Methodist Church.

At least one death is believed to have been caused by the fire.

A fire was reported

northwest of Cross Plains at approximately 12:30 P.M. Tuesday. According to eye witness reports, the flames reached 30-40 feet at times.

Later a sheet of flames and smoke approached Cross Plains. DPS troopers put up road blocks on Highway 36 and other roads going into the town. Residents were asked to evacuate.

A Cross Plains resident, Joy Gerkin, said that the fire seemed to start in the Cado

Peak area.

The Gerkin's home, which is located near downtown, was saved from the fire. Other near by homes were not. Mrs. Gerkin also believed that the school had been saved. (Reports say that it received some minor damage.)

"It was a hard night," Joy Gerkin said. "We didn't get much sleep."

She and her husband kept spraying their home with water, in an effort to save it, she said. She added that areas of the town looked like a war zone, and that the air was still heavy with smoke on Wednesday morning.

Firefighters and emergency crews were called to Cross Plains from across the Big Country. Shelters for

evacuees were set up at the Brownwood Coliseum by the Pecan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, and at a Cross Plains 1st Baptist Church, according to reports.

Governor Perry responded to the wildfires with a order to deploy the Texas Army National Guard assets, with assistance from the U. S. Forest Service. He issued a statewide disaster declaration.

Wildfire threat levels are expected to remain high for the next 30 days, due to a weather pattern that has created the most severe wildfire threat in five years in Texas, the Governor's office stated.

SEE INSIDE, Flames in Cross Plains

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES WILL HOLD IMMUNIZATION CLINICS IN CALLAHAN COUNTY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH IN THE BAIRD CAFETORIUM ON 400 W. 7TH AT 10:00 TO 12:00 A.M. AND FROM 10:00 TO 12:00 AND 1:30-3:00 P.M. AT THE CLYDE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON 217 AUSTIN. PLEASE BRING CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE CLINICS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 325-754-4945

Meals on Wheels In Need of Donations

The Callahan County Nutrition Project as well as the Meals on Wheels is in need of donations, due to the increases in fuel, food and repairs and a need to stay in budget. The project delivers food to those who cannot travel to the Center to have their lunch and serves about 200 meals a day while the Center serves about 150. Donations to the program may be sent to the Callahan County Nutrition Project, Ste. 302 Courthouse Baird, TX 79504.

Your support of this project is much appreciated. Several fund-raisers are in progress at the present time, such as quilts, cook books. If you choose to donate in this way.

You may contact: Project

Director Katie Drinn, 854-5658 at the Office in the Courthouse or one of the site managers Bruce Bell, Baird Center 854-1937, Vickey Burns, Clyde 893-4556 or Kathy Anderson, Cross Plains, 254-725-6521.

Tickets For Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2006 are selling tickets for a side of beef to raise money for Project Graduation. The tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing will be in February 2006. You can purchase the ticket from any senior parent or contact Baird High School at 854-1400 ext. 302.

Cisco Junior College Board of Regents issued the following statement:

Dr. John Muller started as part time instructor with Cisco Junior College and moved up through the ranks of faculty and administration. He compiled his own list of things that needed to be done at CJC. From the beginning of his presidency, he began making those improvements that had been overlooked for many years. He supervised the construction and opening of the CJC Campus in Abilene and the improvements to the Cisco Campus. He implemented many positive changes in his short tenure as president. His attitude and work ethic created respect for him by the students, employees, faculty, administration, and the board of regents. All of the CJC family, his church and the community he served, will miss John.

The third Precinct #4 Commissioner for the Republican ballot is Cliff Kirkham, 61 and is a Cross Plains resident, self-employed and who has resided in Texas for 61 years and in Callahan Cty for 60 years.

Incumbent Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Roy Lee Champman filed for re-election. Clyde a Clyde resident is 58 and has lived in the state for 48 years and in Callahan County for 28 years. Chapman lists an occupation as current Justice of the Peace.

Applications for Republican filing will be accepted until, Mon., January 2nd, 2006 to Republican Chairwoman Pat Chrane.

Interested persons may contact Pat Chrane at 325-529-3428 or Betty Johnston at 325-529-3396. Applications will be accepted thru Jan. 2, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Democrats filing: are incumbent County Judge Roger Corn, incumbent Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryant Farmer, incumbent District Clerk Sharon Ownes, Incumbent County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and incumbent Precinct #3 Justice of the Peace Steve Odom.

Also announcing for various offices were Donna Bell for County Clerk and Elvan Goode for Precinct #4 Commissioner.

Filing Applications for March 7 Democratic Primary Ongoing, Available until January 2nd, 2006

Jon E. Hardwick, Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman is continuing taking applications for Candidates wishing to file for a place on the March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election ballot, beginning Dec. 1.

Interested persons may obtain information applications by calling 325-854-1256. And applications will

be available at Mr. Hardwick's home office at 613 Cherry St. in Baird.

Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the filing deadline. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and for all other county offices it is \$750.00.

Applications for County or Precinct chairs are available now.

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Taking Wind-break Tree Orders

ReThe Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the Dis-

trict offers these trees to the general public on a first come first served basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees

come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock TX.

This year's selection of available trees include three varieties of evergreens. We have Afghanistan Pine, Italian Stone Pine and Eastern Redcedar. The Evergreen's are priced at 5 for \$12.00 or 30 for \$55.00. In the Hardwood category we have Aromatic Sumac, Hackberry,

Black Cherry, Chinkapin Oak, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum and Shumard Oak. This variety is priced at 10 for \$12.00. This year we are also offering several wildlife packets which consist of four different species of trees per packet. Each packet contains 100 trees, twenty-five of each of the four species depending on the packet purchased.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below.

Dist./Div: Abilene Contract 6137-48-001 for STREET SWEEPING in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on January 25, 2006 at 2:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$106,753.28.

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

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the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. (12-29-05, 1-5-06)

Public Notice

Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2005-06 Ad Valorem Tax statement.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public

hearing on January 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Callahan County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

Jeanie Bohannon County Clerk (12-29-05, 1-5, 1-12, 1-19-06)

Contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Baird for info on which trees are included in a certain packet. Each wildlife packet is priced at \$60.00 and they have four to choose from Packets for Deer, Squirrel, Quail and Pheasant and Turkey are available.

All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

Orders will be taken until January 20th, 2006 or until supplies are depleted, whichever comes first.

Trees will be delivered to Baird on February 17/2006.

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FOR SALE: 21 ft. gooseneck cattle trailer \$2,000; trailer \$600. Call (254) 629-8417.

If it's cold when you read this we have Brown Duck coats with quilted lining \$39.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

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Houses for Sale

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Help Wanted

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15 Acres open with scattered oaks... \$29,950
28 Acres with 2-story cabin, m... water wells, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$65,000
31 Acres overlooking Lake Cisco... \$49,600
38 Acres mostly wooded with oaks... hill that overlooks two creeks that cut through the property... \$57,000
51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields... \$61,200
58 Acres with 4 BR, 2 bath, ca... water wells, property is mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite... \$130,000
60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile... \$104,000
51 Acres overlooking Lake Cisco... \$72,000
77 Acres completely wooded with... water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs & dove. \$115,000
80 Acres mostly wooded with oaks... 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with fish, remote, wildlife includes... duck & quail. \$104,000
81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large fences, great hunting property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,895.
101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water well, 2 creeks, house is a 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$160,000.
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting at a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$115,785.
118 Acres Comanche County, wooded A-creek, two creeks, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan... \$67,500
127 Acres mostly wooded with oaks... of another large pond stocked with fish, creeks, hills, two small ponds, water well, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,250 per acre.
150 Acres of a large creek, wooded... creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$220,183.
164 Acres mostly wooded with Post oaks & mesquite trees, large hills and canyons, field, 1 pond stocked with fish, high... turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$229,600.
217 Acres 65% fields & grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 35% oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$260,400.
252 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oak & mesquite trees, 2 fields perfect for game plots, 4 ponds stocked with fish... with a very nice dock, large hills, creeks, high fenced on one side, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$393,000.
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625.
COMMERCIAL
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CH/A on each side, \$32,000. 3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$42,000. Call for details. Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details.
HOMES
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard. Reduced to \$22,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage bldg., lg. trees, \$27,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, \$28,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LR... detached garage with storage, lg. trees, \$29,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, storage bldg., corner property, lg. kitchen with many nice cabinets. Reduced to \$32,000.
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CH/A on each side, it can be used as single family home. \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer... \$35,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate dining room, CH/A, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, CH/A, fireplace, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$33,000.
2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, large rooms, separate LR, DR and den, many kitchen cabinets, double carport, 2 storage bldg... \$35,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, recently... \$35,000.
Spacious 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with CH/A, well decorated and landscaped, 2 living areas or dining room, lg. utility room, fenced backyard, deck, double carport, shop or storage bldg., lg. corner property, \$62,000.
3 BR home, lg. rooms, fireplace,... bldg., \$63,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built, CH/A, WB htr, patio, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus water well, \$75,000.
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home. Lots of character, formal DR, office, lg. corner property, several floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded... \$79,900.
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CH/A, woodburning fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot. \$79,900.
HOMES WITH SMALL ACREAGE
Adjoins Airport - Large 3 BR brick home on 3 fenced acres with CH/A has full bath, 3/4 bath and 1/2 bath, separate LR, den with fireplace... many nice cabinets, utility room, enclosed back porch, double garage, inground pool, approx. 50' x 50' metal building, many nice oak and other trees.
Just Outside of Town on 13 acres, 3 BR, 2 bath home with CH/A and WBFP. Many nice kitchen cabinets, great view of... from kitchen and dining room, water well, double carport, 2 large storage bldgs., income home or RV hookup, partially wooded plus some coastal.
LAKE CISCO
2 BR, 1 bath home with CA, woodburning heater, screened porch, large oak trees, dock, 2 decks and 3 storage buildings, \$42,500.
2 BR Home, CH/A, partially furn... storage building, dock, large oak trees, \$56,000.
Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & Master BR, lg. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg. & many extras. Enjoy life and recreation all year! Lovely 4BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, woodburning heater, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large game room. Many extras including inground pool.
Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.
Beautifully landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/A units. Large kitchen with many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.

Country Cowboy Church

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11th Court of Appeals

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Proceedings (En Banc)
December 21, 2005

Affirmed

Steve Jennings v. Richard Guthrie, Brown. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Ellis Edward Warren III v. State of Texas, Midland. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Modified & Affirmed

Wesley Troy Shields v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Reversed & Rendered in Part and Reversed & Remanded in Part

Rosa's Cafe, Inc.; Bobby Cox Companies, Inc; and

The Bobby Cox Companies Employee Injury Benefit Plan v. Mitch Wilkerson, Individually and as Surviving Spouse and Representative of the Estate of Johnna Jean Wilkerson, Deceased; and David Medlin, as Next Friend and Natural Father of Jonathan David Medlin, a Minor, Midland. (Opinion by Senior Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Senior Justice McCloud)

Petitions for Writ of Mandamus Denied

In re Aaron Douglas Rowe, Orig. Proc. Relator's petition for writ of mandamus. (Opinion by Justice Strange) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

In re Bobby Tyrone Wilson, Jr. Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se petition for writ of mandamus. (Panel consists

of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange).

Motions Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

Crystal River Oil & Gas, LLC v. Clifford Barron, Palo Pinto. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

In re Jeffrey Wayne Braziel, Midland. Appellant's motion for voluntary dismissal of habeas corpus appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

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Virgil Lee Hanson v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Motions Submitted & Granted

In the Interest of V.R.N., a child, Ector. Appellant's motion for oral argument.

Buford Glen Whitehead v. State of Texas, Eastland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

William Tryon v. State of Texas, Ector. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Larry Jistel v. Tiffany Trail Owners' Association, Inc., (and Mazhur Hussein), Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Ellis Edward Warren, III v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's attorney's motion for leave to withdraw as counsel.

Dolgenercorp of Texas, Inc., A Certified Self-Insured v. Darlene Swell, Ector. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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It is estimated that 80 percent of sore throats are caused by viruses, and 10 to 20 percent are caused by Streptococcus, the bacterium that causes strep throat. A respiratory infection, such as strep, spreads easily when people are in close contact with one another, such as in an office setting or a college dormitory. However, strep is more commonly seen in children between 5 and 11 years of age.

"Anytime your child has persistent sore throat, even if they do not have other symptoms like a runny nose or fever, you should call your pediatrician," said Kelley Taylor, MD, FCAP, a pathologist from Atlanta, Ga. "If left untreated, strep can develop into a more serious—and sometime life-threatening condition, such as rheumatic fever or kidney failure."

Symptoms of strep throat can vary depending on a child's age and are similar to those of the common cold. Some of the common symptoms, according to the National Institute of Health, include:

- Sore throat
- Fever
- Difficulty swallowing
- Fussiness
- Lack of appetite
- Swollen glands

If a sore throat is accompanied with a rash or if a child has difficulty breathing or extreme trouble swallowing this could indicate a more serious illness and immediate medical attention is required.

"It's difficult to definitively diagnose whether a person has a virus or strep throat simply by examining the patient," said Dr. Taylor, a physician who diagnoses patients with illness such as strep throat through laboratory medicine. "That's why it's important for patients to visit their physician and receive the proper testing so that a positive diagnosis can be made."

If strep throat is suspected, a physician or other medical care provider will perform a throat culture by swabbing a patient's tonsils and back of the throat. The smear is then dipped into a special culture

dish that allows the strep bacteria to grow. Then, the test is processed in a laboratory and requires about 24-hours to produce results. Some medical care providers will perform a rapid strep test, which provides results within minutes. While this test can provide patients with a positive result quickly, a negative test needs to be confirmed with the 24-hour culture.

People with strep throat should receive antibiotics in case it is one of the dangerous strains of strep throat that can go on to damage organs. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that it is important for a person with strep to complete the entire prescription of antibiotics—even after the symptoms are gone.

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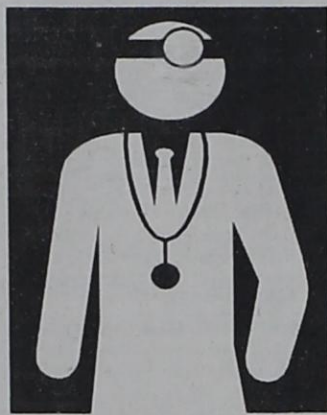
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The Idle American
Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Truth or Egnog?...

Uncle Mort called the other day to wish me "a Happy New One." He doesn't own a phone out in his wilderness where daylight is piped in, so calls are rare, and on someone else's dime.

But on the flip side, where he abides in the thicket, there's tranquility others mostly dream about, and he's 100% content to watch the rest of the world go by.

He announced his arrival at the cross roads general store, where his plan was to cozy up to a cane-bottom chair.

But, a fancy car at the gas pump caught his eye. He quickly sized up the driver who was flashing a fancy cell phone. The man had no notion that he was being sized up.

"Bet your gas bills set you back" Mort laughed, inhaling deeply. "I'm powerful proud there ain't no charge for sniffing; I come down here to get a few free whiffs, whether I buy a couple of gallons or not."

His mindless chatter was so much smoke-blowing; he was zeroing in on a free phone call.

"Surprised your phone works all the way out here in the sticks," he said.

The visitor, intrigued by this Dog Patch figure, tossed him the phone.

"Try it out," he said.

So Uncle Mort dialed me up. In seconds we finished the "how're you doin," stuff.

Settling back, I was ready for the inevitable ramblings to follow. This time, they were more "hither and yon" than usual; maybe he'd taken on too much egnog.

"Have you been listening to the Saddam Hussein trial on the shortwave?" he asked, sputtering about the proceedings running no risk of being called democratic.

"What can you expect when he places his right hand on the Koran and promises to tell the truth, half-truth or shreds of truth, so help him Muhammed?" Mort wondered.

Though his mind is not always engaged, his mouth is always in gear. He's quick to spot opportunities for laughter, often at others, expense.

A few years ago, I kidded that his yakking was driving me crazy. "That's not a drive, it's a putt," he countered, laughing so that he almost forgot to change the subject.

"Y'all taken any trips?" he asked. I knew this meant

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Then he pooh-poohed reports about the new bird flu vaccine, wondering how are they going to get the birds to take the shots?

Uncle Mort's thoughts swung to employment. "With them pirates taking in after cruise ships sailing around Africa, there's going to be a need for marksmen to defend the boats," he opined.

"If I was younger, I'd practice marksmanship and hire out as a tail gunner on a cruise ship."

He had more to say, but the driver claimed to be in a hurry, trying to make Amarillo by morning. Said he faced a long road ahead with miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles. (I can imagine considerable watch-fidgeting, and the motorist finally driving away with Uncle Mort muttering something about nobody having to be anywhere.)

The befuddled driver stood little chance of making Amarillo by morning. It would be late morning, at best. More likely, the sun would be sliding well into the p.m. side of the sky.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His column appears in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments/inquiries by phone, 817-447-3872, or by e-mail, newbury@speakerdoc.com. His website is www.speakerdoc.com

11th Court of Appeals

*Eastland, Texas
 Proceedings (En Banc)
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Motion Submitted & Granted in Part and Overruled in Part

Alan Jon Porter v. State of Texas, Collin. Appellant's motion to abate appeal and re-set the briefing schedule because of missing record.

Ivo Nabelek v. Charles Bacarisse, Clerk, Travis. Appellant's pro se motions for suspension of the rule and permission to file only originals one exemplars of all pleadings, and for a court order to direct the clerk of the court of appeals to provide indigent and imprisoned Nabelek with a copy of the clerk's and reporter's records free of charge, and for extension of time to file the clerk's and reporter's records and for extension of time to file appellant's brief and for

other relief. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Lucas Rivera v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's pro se motion to purchase copies of Clerk's and Reporter's Record at a reduced cost.

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Texas State Technical College v. Ronnie Wehba, Nolan. Joint motion for continuance.

Ellis Edward Warren, III v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's pro se motion to assist appellant in gaining legal counsel.

Daily Devotion
By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

I Peter 3:4 "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

Peter urges us to have good relationships, to have a meek (that does not mean to be a door mat) and a quiet spirit (that doesn't mean have no opinion of your own). These qualities in life can be seen by others as you go about your daily life. Let others see the real you by being the person you are inside. This makes you very valuable to God and to the community in which you live.

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The 17th District Dead, Or Just Asleep?

By Viola Payne

"What if we get our 17th District back?"

"Is there a chance the Supreme Court might make it happen?"

A few months ago such questions would have been considered ridiculous, but now they are being asked.

They are in reference, of course, to the historic U.S. Congressional 17th District of West Texas. It was carefully redrawn by the courts in 2001, then swept away in 2003. The area was divided into new districts, with Eastland County placed in the 19th.

However, on Dec. 12, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court announced that they would hear arguments on constitutional challenges to Texas' redrawn congressional boundaries.

The 17th District had been composed of a block of counties with close proximity and similar interests. It was replaced with a long, loosely connected string of counties stretching from Eastland to a base at Lubbock and the border of New Mexico.

Randy Neugebauer, as a Republican candidate in 2004, said in Cisco that the 17th District was part of the past.

He said he didn't dwell on the past, but looked to the future, which included the newly created 19th District. He presented himself as the best Representative for the future, for he was part of the Republican team.

Among the Republicans who definitely had a part in redistricting was Rep. Tom DeLay, U.S. House Majority Leader. Apparently his reasoning was to "get rid" of Democratic representatives across Texas and elect Republicans.

DeLay, from Sugarland, wielded donated money and power across Texas and else-

where. Apparently he was supported by Gov. Rick Perry, Rep. Tom Craddick (before and after he became Speaker of the Texas House) Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and many others. DeLay and others were major fundraisers. Currently DeLay and two of his associates, Jim Ellis and John Colyrando, are under indictment for illegally funneling corporate donations to 2002 Legislative candidates.

They are awaiting trial, and not quietly - especially on the part of DeLay.

The victories of the candidates they contributed to helped give Republicans the majority in the Texas House needed to redraw the U.S. Congressional Districts in Texas for the 2004 elections. This redrawing was accomplished after several contentious special sessions in 2003.

Challenges were immediately filed in the courts, but nothing much happened. Various rulings upheld the actions of the Republicans, or at least indicated they were within Texas law.

Elections were held in the new Districts in 2004, and six Democrats were defeated by Republicans. Among them was Congressman Charlie Stenholm, who had served the 17th District for 26 years.

A Republican was also elected in the newly created 11th District of Texas, which included the Midland-Odessa area to Brown County and Central Texas.

As the current year of 2005 went by, there were some upheavals in the political world. More and more leaders were being investigated and even indicted. The U.S. Supreme Court apparently decided to consider the redistricting further.

After announcing that they

would consider the case, the High Court set March 1, 2006 as the date to hear oral arguments. It appears that the Court will hear arguments from four separate appeals that have been consolidated into one case.

This means the Court will consider whether the current districts are legal just six days before the March 7 Texas Primaries. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has stated that elections will go forward under existing districts.

A decision is expected from the Supreme Court before the end of June, 2006.

If the Court finds Texas' Congressional Districts illegal it could send the matter back to the Texas Legislature. Wonder what would happen to it there?

Could the Court require that these districts be put back into the same configuration that was drawn up in 2001? Hopefully yes, and new elections called.

But nothing can turn back time and all of its changes, as we all sadly learn. It is hard to undo anything as drastic as redesigning voting areas, and impossible to replace good people who are gone.

And who can wipe away the feeling that an election was manipulated? Who can undo something like that? But in the meanwhile, a basic question continues: "Does West Texas get its 17th District back?"

Perhaps the best thing that could come of this redistricting fiasco is that the process will finally be taken away from political parties and courts, and entrusted to a delegation chosen by the public.

Thursday, December 29, 2005

Morton Valley Past and Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Because of the hustle and bustle of this season of celebrating Christ's birthday, there won't be a part of from past this week.

I hope your season has been as happy as mine. Morton Valley has seen people welcomed into its homes from New York, Louisiana, Oklahoma and probably many other states of America. People have returned to visit family and friends from the east, west, north and south sides of our great state of Texas. We have been blessed with weather ordered by the highest power. Now we need to ask that power for the blessing of rain showers that will fill tanks and lakes as well as watering the dry parched ground.

The Sunday service at Harmony went well although many were out for the season of joy. We talked of the authors of some of the Christmas Carols. I was amazed that the people who wrote the carols were from many parts of our world. Some of them were written so many years ago. Yet each one has a special place in our hearts and lives. I encourage you to find a book with stories of the carols and the hymns and learn some of the

stories behind the songs. Maria told the Christmas story of the man who spent time preparing for Jesus to come to see him. He waited and waited and three different people came to his door. He met the need of each. When the day was done he asked why Jesus had not come. The answer was that Jesus come in many forms and gives us many opportunities to do unto these little ones and by so doing do unto Him. Tank brought a short talk on "The Christmas Carol". He answered Charlie Brown's question, "What is the real meaning of Christmas?" He encouraged us to walk every day in the Spirit of the Babe in the manger. His spirit was one of love and giving of Himself for others.


The next article will be the first of 2006. Can you believe it? Another year has gone into the history book. Looking back over your year's history, are there things you would like to change? You can't, but you can plan now to make 2006 one in which you will be pleased by your thoughts, your actions and your words. Could this be your New Year's Resolution? You will have to work at it constantly.

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C.J.C. NEWS

President of C.J.C. Dies at Age 68

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field of study was political science with minors in history and social psychology. When arriving in Cisco in 1974 to help take care of Katherine's mother who had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he began teaching as a part-time instructor of government at Cisco Junior College. This sacrifice meant that he would finish his doctoral dissertation while working, raising a family, and living far from the university library. In 1975 he became a full-time instructor, and in 1978 he entered the realm of administration as Director of Institutional Research and Development. He continued his career at Cisco Junior College as Dean of Students, Dean of Administrative Services, and Vice President of Student Services. John

became President of Cisco Junior College in 2002. CJC was never far from his heart as he continued to plan improvements for the college even from his hospital bed.

Some of the things of which John was most proud were his community involvements. He served as a city councilman, Place VI, for Cisco, Texas for 15 years. In 2005, he was selected as Citizen of the Year by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce. He held leadership positions in the Cisco Historical Society, which helped to successfully nominate a portion of Cisco to the National Register of Historic Places. He was an avid supporter of the Cisco Junior College Dinner Theater, the Cisco Folklife Festival, and various other community projects. Being a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church was very important to him where he

served as Elder, held many other offices, and taught adult Sunday School at various times.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Muller of Cisco; daughter, Jana Henry and husband Mike of Jakarta, Indonesia; granddaughter, Katherine Eleanor Henry; sister, Carol Smith and husband Wayne of Fort Worth; brother, Leonard Muller and wife Kathy of Port Saint Lucie, Florida; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Cisco Junior College Memorial Fund, Lutheran Social Services of The Southwest, Hendrick Hospice or your favorite charity.

Serving as pallbearers were Bobby Smith, Billy Smith, Clois Purvis, Matt Johnson, Harold Reich, and Roland Stroebel. Serving as Honorary pallbearers were Cisco Junior College Board of Regents.

OBITUARIES

Hugh L. Hanley

Hugh L. Hanley, of Baird died at a local hospital on Saturday, December 24, 2005.

Mr. Hanley was born in Baird, Texas on June 1, 1952. He moved to Baird from Abilene 20 years ago. He was a Baptist and liked to hunt and fish and swimming in Cisco with his aunt and uncle, Bill and Myrna Pruitt.

He is survived by three daughters, Connie, Patricia and Shawna; five brothers, Roger, Hays Lane, Raymond Hanley and Edward Sims, all of Baird; Stanley Sims of Kansas City; M.D. and Adair Hanley and wife, Xandra, of Abilene; one sister, Martha Roppe and husband, Scott, of Abilene; several grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

BAIRD 47 STUDY CLUB NEWS

A JOYFUL HEART was the theme for the Christmas dinner meeting of the Baird 47 Study Club held on December 12 in the beautifully decorated home of Debbie McElmurray.

As members arrived they placed gifts under the Christmas tree. These gifts were to be presented to the Clothes Closet for the Mission of Miracles Christmas giving.

The social committee: Debbie McElmurray, Chellee Hill, Dyanne Thompson and Cheryl Roach served a wonderful Italian style meal ending with the Italian dessert Tiramisu.

Table decorations included snowman place cards, heart shaped ornaments and snowman Christmas mugs which were given to members.

Following the reading of the poem 'A Christmas Eve Gift' by Linda Hart, the club adjourned to the Arches in Baird for a tour of the Christmas Village Winter Wonderland. Members were served cappuccino in their keepsake mugs to enjoy as they strolled through the beautiful animated Christmas scenery. The tour was hosted by Janis Grant and Lydia Jackson who have been instrumental in

providing this holiday fantasy for the citizens of Baird and the surrounding area to enjoy during the holiday season.

In addition to the social committee members attending were Donna Bell, Sandra Collins, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Frances Greenway, Judy Gulley, and Linda Hart. Also, Pat Holland Georgie Manion, Sally McGregor, Sue McNeil, Joyce Smauley, Joanie Shrader and Dana Voights.

The next meeting will be January 9, 2006 in the home of Irma Crow.

BRUSH AND STRUCTURAL FIRES, ONE DEATH

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A brush fire was reported near Baird in Callahan County on Monday. Fire crews from Baird, Clyde, Eula, and the Texas Forest Service were called to fight the fire.

In neighboring Eastland County, wildfires were reported near Gorman and Ranger on Tuesday. As of yet, no structural damage was reported in Eastland County.

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C.J.C. College of Nurses Announces Graduates

Cisco Junior College held commencement exercises on December 10, 2005 at Beltway Park Baptist Church for graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program and the Vocational Nursing Program.

Students awarded diplomas/certificates were:

Associate Degree Graduates

ABILENE:
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Mike Ibekwe
MERKEL:
Sabrina Landtroop, Nicole Votaw
ROTAN:
Gayle Duke
SWEETWATER:
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TRENT:
Kasey Jeffrey
Vocational Nursing Graduates

ABILENE:
Cristel Abdullah, Diana Beebe, Michelle Boone, Diana Gallagher, Terry Hudspeth, Fernando Lozano, Lynn Palmer, Tiffani Pitts, Melanie Posey, Amanda Russ, Amy Miguel, Jacquelyn Williams

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DR. JOHN MULLER, DEC. 23, 2005

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1978. He was named Vice President of Student and Administrative Services in 2000.

Dr. Muller's impact on the lives of students during his time in Administrative Service is immeasurable.

Many of the students he helped to achieve goals of higher education are working across the nation as professionals in their fields. Many have recognized their dreams because of his help.

Upon accepting his position as President of Cisco Junior College, Dr. Muller stated that he was looking forward to his new role and would work with the College community to build a strong base for the future.

In an interview with this newspaper, he expressed his dedication to facility improvement projects initiated before his presidency, including those on the Cisco Campus, and the building of the new Abilene Educational Center in southeast Abilene, of which he was very proud.

Dr. Muller's expertise helped bring these projects to a successful completion.

With his passing, the town of Cisco, Texas, where he had made his home with wife Katherine since 1974, also lost an outstanding community leader.

The list of Dr. Muller's community involvements is long, and includes being city councilman for 15 years, and an enthusiastic supporter of many community projects.

The Cisco Chamber of Commerce honored Dr. Muller for his service to the college and community in 2005 with the *Citizen of the Year* award.

He also served as an Elder of his church, the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cisco.

Dr. Muller's influence, however, went beyond community boundaries.

In a recent interview, Dr. Joe Mills, retired President of Ranger College, spoke of his good relationship to CJC's former President, Dr. Schustereit, and later to Dr.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

Boy's Box Scores

Baird 68, Myles 48

Non-District Games

Clyde 73, Anson 58

CLYDE 26 18 18 11-73

ANSON 9 14 10 25-58

Anson: Johnson 11, Reading 7, J. Ramos 4, Robinson 15, E. Ramos 9, Williams 12.

Clyde: Carr 4, Hawk 6, Ramos 3, Yates 2, Henson 2, Watts 14, Poulin 10, Agnew 14, Verzele 8, Clifton 10.

Records-Clyde 14-1.

Cross Plains 52, Evant 42.

Evant 8 11 10 13-42

Cross Plain 6 16 8 22-52

Evant-Callan 13, Dewald 10, Eufracio 9, Campbell 8, Alexander 2.

Cross Plains-Golson 15, Watkins 15, Estes 7, Callaway 6, Dillard 5, Koenig 4.

Records-Evant 5-0.

Cross Plains 8-6

J.V. Score: Evant 36, Cross Plains 33

Area Girls' Box Scores

Clyde 64, Anson 27
Clyde 17 21 9 17-64
Anson 5 10 4 8-27

Anson-Rodriguez 3, Garza, 4; Gossett 10, Diaz 3. Flores 7.

Clyde: Riley 7, Welch 5, Yates 12, Loveless 14, Scaramuzzo 3, Chrane 4, Jackson 5, Villanueva 14.

Cross Plains 53, Evant 28.

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Melvin Louis Wade

Melvin Louis Wade, 56, of Clyde, died Monday, December 12, 2005 in an Amarillo hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 at the Bailey Funeral Chapel with Rev. Larry Hooper officiating. Burial was in the Ross Annex of Baird Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Melvin was born on November 30, 1949, in Terrel, TX to Melvin and Essie Lou (Evans) Wade. He attended Terrell High School. He

married Nola Wade on February 16, 1980 in Elmo, TX. He worked as an Over-the-Road truck driver for 38 years. They are members of Bible Baptist Church in Clyde, TX.

Melvin is survived by his loving wife, Nola Wade of Clyde; one brother, Jessie Wade and wife Yolanda of Burleson; four daughters Kimberly Karstedt Cupp and husband Michael of Conroe, Lisa Wade of Abilene; Sherry Richey and husband Josh of Abilene and Crystal Wade of Clyde; two sons, Nolan Wade of Dayton and Billy Wade of Abilene and Taylor and Nolan Richey; both of Abilene; two granddaughters, Ashly Karstedt of Conroe and Emma Wade of Clyde; one nephew; John Wade of Veil Colorado; one niece, Jennifer Warren and husband Clint of Baird and two great nieces, Drew and Payten Warren of Baird.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two aunts and two uncles.

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