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## Commentary Corner

I would like to encourage readers of the Callahan County "Baird Star" to send any comments as to how our Newspaper could better service the town of Baird

Upcoming Play in Area College in Cisco
See Upcoming Writers Guild Workshop

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## \$ 4 Million to Qualify for \$ Callahan County

The June 15, 2005 cation of monies and may be Callahan County Commis- the last. Mr. Williams told the sioners' Court meeting was court he would be back after called to order by Presiding July 15, 2005 with more conJudge, Roger Corn.
Mr. Kim Williams with tio The Williams Compay Arcthitects gave a very in- made a motion to adjourland Arcthitects gave a very in- made a motion to adjourn and teresting overview of the Commissioner Hicks secTexas Historical Grant System. There is 80 million dollars available for restoration of Courthouses in the State and Callahan County would qualify for 4 million. The County would be responsible for $15 \%$ of the total cost and the cost of moving all the offices in the courthouse to a the courthouse to a temporary
site until the projet could be completed. Mr Williams explained the importance of getting a Master Plan accepted. This is the 3rd allo-

## STRAYHORN ANNOUNCES RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Last morning, June 18, State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that she would run for Governor in 2006, challenging the re-election of Governor Rick Perry Since they are both Republicans, the race will probably be decided in the Primary Election next year
She made her announcement at a bis outdoor meeting near the State Capitol building, and the audience cheered her own during a fiery speech which followed.
In this speech Strayhorn mainly criticized Perry for his veto of the state's $\$ 35$ billion education budget and his decision to call new special session an new special session on school finance (Tuesday) without having a plan on how to overhaul it
She said that Texans couldn't afford another four years of a Governor who promises tax relief and delivers nothing.
She said it was time to replace this "do-nothing drugstore cowboy with one tough Grandma."
She estimated that this new special session - the new special session - the
fifth so far - would cost the taxpayers another $\$ 1.5$

Strayhorn has some other issues with Perry, one being the building of the Texas Corridors through the state. She has called those toll roads "double taxation" and a massive land grab. She has made several speeches in opposition to the Corridors at big meetings of farmers, ranchers and others.
Strayhorn, a former Democrat, began in politics with posts on the School Board in Austin. She was elected Comptroller - the state's chief financial officer - in 1998. She has been married several times, with some name changes along the way. Two of her four sons serve in the Bush Administration Administration in
Washington. One of them, Scott McClellan, is White House Press Secretary.
It is not known how all this will play in with the upcoming election, or how Strayhorn is regarded by State Republican leaders - other than Perry.
(Continued Inside See Strayhorn....)
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Santa Claus Bank Robbery To Be
Performed At Big Country Theatre


The Big Country Dinner ers, and live musicians play- that the story is truly incred-

The Big Country Dinner Theatre at the Hilton in The Grexas, is producing The Great Santa Claus Bank Robbery during the month of July. This original musical by Billy Smith, Director of Theatre, Music at Cisco Junior College, is based on the true story of the 1927 Santa Claus Bank Robbery that took place in Cisco. According to Smith, "the show will have you laughing at the unbelievable antics of the robbers one minute, and then feeling the sadness and pain of those who were impacted by this event the next. Along with 14 original songs written for the show by Smith, the audience will also hear some old fashion hymns and bluegrass numbers. The score of original music contains fast-paced and lively songs as well as haunting melodies with lyrics that help you see the plight of the characters in a plight of the characters in a We Welcome Birth,
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stories with the community. Copies of the A.C. Greene book, "The Santa Clause Bank Robbery," about this incident are for sale at the Hilton. Audience members may want to pick one up soon or purchase one at the show and have the cast members sign the book.
Cisco Junior College initiated one of the first dinner theatres in the Big Country in 1974. The Roof Garden theatre, located in the Laguna Hotel, was the home of the original dinner theatre. In 1986 they moved across the street to the Mobley, Conrad Hilton's first Hotel. The members of the company that make of the Big Country Dinner Theatre this year are: Katherine Barker from Eastland, Will Booher from Breckenridge, Amanda Branham from Cisco, Bonnie Cruciger from Dallas, Lance Fitzgerald fromCisco, Joshua Gilmore from Abilene, Angela Jefferies from Ennis, Brandi Jo Magee from Abilene, Chris Moore from Seymour, Michael Pasvar from Carrolton, Casey Quinn from New York City, RikkiGene Whitfield from Childress, and Nathan Woods from Denver
Production dates are July $1-2,8-10,15-17$, and 21-23. Reservations may be made by calling Cisco Junior College at 254-442-5000 between 8:00 and 4:30.

## Abilene Writers

 GuildMichelle Medlock Adams, prolific author of children's literature, inspirational books, and journalism to speak at the Abilene Writers Guild's annual Writing Workshop, October 22, 2005, luncheon and contest awards to follow.
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## Obituaries

## Steve Hay Wood Williams

Clyde - Steve Haywood Williams, 79 of Clyde, Died Thursday, June 16, 2005 at a local hospital. Memorial services were held at $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ Monday at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Billy Sellers officiating.
Mr. Haywood was born August 18, 1925 in Rising Star, Texas to Steve H. and Lorraine (Cannon) Williams. He graduated from Abilene High School. He served in the U.S Army.
He married Carmelita Griffin in Abilene on July 1, 1947 They moved to Clyde from San Antonio in 1971. M Haywood was a machinist, retiring in 1991 from Victor Equipment Co., where he had worked for 15 years. He was a Baptist.
Survivors include his wife, Carmelita of Clyde; on daughter, Mary Matheny of Clyde; one sister, Collette Bostick of Eastland; five grandchildren, Belinda Matheny, Carmelita Matheny, Leo Matheny, Brani Hicks and Sharon Gee; and six great-grandchildren, Alyssa Matheny, Baylee Matheny, Steve A. Williams, II, Brittney Pennell, Madison Pennell and Tachina Gee
He was preceded in death by a son, Steve A. Williams.


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Dry Conditions Could Mean Dangerous July 4

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the Texas landscape and many areas of the state well below normal rainfall lev－ els，Texas firefighters face els，Texas firefighters face
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day period． day period．
In some areas of the state， particularly in north and northeast Texas，grasses and weeds have browned，and even green vegetation has become visibly stressed．Ir－ responsible fireworks use during the upcoming holi－ day period could lead to a rash of wildfires．All out－ door fires will have a greater likelihood of escaping con－ trol，particularly during windy conditions．
In the absence of signifi－ cant precipitation，fire dan－ ger levels are predicted to reach critical levels by the Independence Day holiday， according to a drought index prediction posted by the Texas Forest Service at http：／／www．tamu．edu／tice／ july＿fourth．htm．
At the predicted July Fourth drought index val－ ues，any carelessness with outdoor fire use could lead to accidental wildfires． Firefighters can expect in－ creased difficulty with wild－ fire containment efforts，as heavy accumulations of grass，weeds and brush ex－ ist across most of the state， thanks to abundant rainfall last year and early this year， according to Brad Smith fire behavior Fhalyst yin
the Texas Forest Service the Texas Forest Service．
＂The eastern half of the state needs rain．Without significant rainfall，wildfire danger is expected to reach critical levels by July Fourth，particularly in North Texas，in the piney woods region of East Texas and in South Texas，＂Smith stated． Though careless debris burning accounts for a ma－ jority of wildfires in Texas， unsafe use of fireworks could ignite numerous wild－
presence of abundant dry grass and weeds across much of the state．
f the state．
Observance of some com mon sense safety precautions with fireworks and other out－ door fire use can preven many senseless wildfires and injuries．Following are wild－ fire prevention tips suggested by the Texas Forest Service． Fireworks：
Use fireworks outdoors in safe area，well away from dry grass and buildings．
Keep a bucket of water， wet towels and a garden hose nearby．
Follow directions care fully and use only with close adult supervision．
Never experiment with homemade or altered fire works．
Outdoor fires
Establish firebreaks down to bare dirt around all out－ door fires．Wide firebreak down to bare soil around brush piles help prevent roll－ ing or flying embers from getting into flammable veg－ etation．
Stay with campfires and other outdoor fires．Leaving fires unattended is the majo act of carelessness that leads to escaped fires．
Home safety：
Establish a safety zone at least 30 wide around your home and outbuildings in which grass and weeds are kept mowed．
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## Timely Tips by Kate Worth

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PAINT TRICKS－－Turn a mall space into a large one by using different shades of the same color For shades of he same color．For example， paint opposite walls a shade lighter or darker than the ad－ jacent walls to give the room a sense of depth．
A SPLASH OF COLOR －When painting over a dark wall，be sure to tint your primer with a color a few shades lighter than your new hades lighter than your new topcoat color．This will help ensure a perfect finish and ultimately help you save
money because you＇ll need money because you＇ll need less top coat to take your walls from one color to the DON＇T PASS ON THE PRIMER－－Most primers dry in an hour，but their ben－ efits last for years．Starting your painting project with primed wall will require few coats of topcoat paint－－and
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The program is set among replicas of historical buildings，such as a fort，barn and one－room schoolhouse， and features tours by middle school students dressed in era costumes，＂said Karen
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Bills Vetoed By Gov. Rick Perry
AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today (June 17) vetoed 19 bil''s from the 79th Legislature. A copy of the veto proclamations is available
www.governor.state.tx.us.
The vetoed bills are.
HB 0511 - Relating to the processing of consumer rebates.
HB 1896 - Relating to the application of laws awarding credit to an inmate for time between release on and subsequent revocation of parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon.
HB 2193 - Relating to the operation of a system of community supervision.
HB 2525 - Relating to contracts by governmental entities for construction projects and related professional services and to public works perfo
nd pay 5572 bonds.
HB 2572 - Relating to he functions of local mental health and mental retardation authorities.
HB 2667 - Relating to the election of a director of a municipal utility district.
HB 3016 - Relating to the determination of the market value of certain drug supplies for ad valorem property tax purposes.
HB 3152 - Relating to procedures applicable to waivers of the right to counsel.
SB 0433 - Relating to the authorization of airport districts and the issuance of bonds and the exercise of eminent domain by the districts

## 11th Court of Appeals

## Eastland, Texas Eeedings (En Banc) June 16, 2005

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Raymond Sambow Vargas v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) Writ of Habeas Corpus
pawnbroker; providing criminal penalties.
SB 0833 - Relating to the required use of tax increment financing to provide affordable housing in certain reinvestment zones.
SB 1195 - Relating to the authority of peace officers to conduct certain searches.

SB 1203 - Relating to the payment of certain ad valorem tax refunds.
SB 1246 - Relating to local option elections in certain populous areas on the sale of mixed beverages by food and beverage establishments.
SB 1433 - Relating to the conditions
employment for firefighters employed by certain districts and entities; providing penalties

SB 1440 - Relating to the use of sales tax revenue to pay or secure certain municipal public securities.

SB 1555 - Relating to
taxes, assessments, and impact fees imposed on residential property by the Greater East End Management District. SB 1821 - Relating to the creation of the Flatrock Springs Municipal Management District granting authority fo taxation and the issuance of bonds.

SB 1867 - Relating to the creation of the NASA Area Management District providing
authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax and issue bonds.


State Capital Highlights

Governor Calls Immediate Special Session By Mike Cox AUSTIN -- Gov. Rick Perry announced June 18 that he was calling lawmakers back to Austin for a special session to solve the school finance issue left hanging during the just-ended regular session.
And just to give the call some teeth, he used his line item veto authority to strip

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The biggest increase will go to Col. Tommy Davis, difour members follow only four members following the

That forces the Legislature to act soon or face the prospect of schools being unable to open in August.
The Legislature was scheduled to convene at noon on June 21 to come up with a plan.
One tough grandma" en
The governor announced his veto and legislative call at noon June 18, which happened to be the same time Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn staged an event in downtown Austin to make an announcement of her own her intention to try for Perry's job in next year's Republican primary.
"Now is the time to replace this do-nothin' drug store cowboy with one tough grandma," she said.
Strayhorn's formalization of her long-obvious aspiration for higher office came after U.S. Sen Kay Bailey Hutchison ended speculation Hutchis. nded speculation hat she might also run for governor. The Texas senator issued a statement June 17 that she would run for another six-year term in Washington.
Reading the budgetary fine print.
Line items in the state's budget have given some state agency heads as much as
resignation of Commissione Robert Nichols of Jackson ville.
Appointed in 1997 by then-Gov. George W. Bush Nichols has said he intends to step down from the com to step down from the commission to run for the state Senate seat being vacated by Todd Staples (R-Palestine) Staples announced earlier this month that he intended to seek election as agriculture commissioner.

Yellow light for red light runners.

A bill that would have prohibited cities from setting up photographic red light enforcement programs got stuck in traffic in the Legislature, with the Senate de clining to take up the measure.

Accordingly, the city of Houston is planning to con tinue its existing program. Proponents say the idea saves lives and prevents in juries by photographing and then fining drivers who bust hen fining drivers who bust red lights. Critics say traffic signal cameras contribute t more accidents and are an in vasion of privacy ector of the Texas Department of Public Safety, who will see his salary jump from $\$ 102,000$ annually to $\$ 150,000$. The attorney general, comptroller, and land and railroad commissioners will get $\$ 32,000$-a-year pay hikes.
Transportation bill signed The governor signed into law last week a bill that gives the electorate the power to decide if an existing highway paid for with gas tax revenue can be converted into a rev-ue-generating toll road. The measure also requires the Texas Department of Transportation to pick up the tab for any private land made much less valuable by a new roadway.
Sponsor Rep. Mike Krusee (R-Round Rock) had said the bill and its provisions were intended in part to ease public concerns over the planned Trans-Texas Corridor.

Transportation Commis sion member stepping down. When the Texas Transportation Commission meets Remember To Renew Your Subscription

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In re Jennifer Beavers Orig. Pro. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice Wright (Paul consists of: Chief Jus tice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall). Appeal Dismissed John B. Williams v. Arthur Anderson et al, Dawson. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) Motions Submitted \& Granted; Appeals Dis missed
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In re Ray Stewart Marion, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se writ of mandamus.
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Corinth Baptist Church To Have Auction June 25
On Saturday, June 25, ers, old Premier Gas can, Corinth Baptist Church will weedeater, storm door, bibe having an auction begin- cycle. We are expecting lots ning at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Proceeds will of other things to come in go toward the Building before the sale. Listen to the Fund. There will be many iteresting and/or items, iricluding lots of good furniture, an old quilt, nice bed preads, 3 granite golf putters, homemade wooden ominoes, ceiling fans, new and used tools, 2 - new hide--beds, microwave oven clocks, lamps, new purses, elevision, storage contain Bargain Box for updates. See the ad in this paper for information on donating or consigning items for this sale. Concessions will be provided by the Corinth Baptist Church youth department. Come out, enjoy the food and Come out, enjoy the food and might find something you might find something you just can't do without!!! We hope to see you on the 25th!

## The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Mystique, Majest Define North Country

In the 1890, prospectors brave and bold took millions of dollars in gold from the Yukon Territory. Now, tourists rom around the world are aking it back, visiting the area in record numbers to hear stories of the last frontier and to see breathtakingly beautiful ountry "up close.

For my wife and me, an 11-day cruise/tour of Canada and Alaska provided sun-splashed activities in a vast land emerging from eight months of weather wickedly cold. The bear have surrendered hibernation lairs, allowing Old Man Winter to have some shut-eye there before they change shifts again come September

The trip affirme many truths long accepted but not previously experienced. We saw the sun at midnight in Anchorage rode a dogsled atop a glacier near Juneau, panned for gold, and visited frontier where they recently celebrated arrival o electricity via power lines Expect gasoline generator dominate garage sale there for a while

We kept sharp ears out for "Eskimo talk," but instead heard mostly dialects from the "lower 48" states Should we be surprised Lots of folks slip off to Canada and Alaska to work in the burgeoning touris industry during summer months.

Many of the worker serving us "flatland touristers" are college students; their responses are dead give-aways. Inevitably their "no problem" response to "thank you" is now a universal term.

One
expected admonition, though, was never heard. I thought all dog teams took off at the command of "Mush!" Delivered by helicopter to the top of a glacier, I saw more than 250 sled dogs, with a dozen "mushers" ready to provide two-mile dogsled rides. Some teams took off at tongue-clicking sounds, others burst forward upon hearing "go," and one accepted a "let's roll" signal.

An "assistant musher" I tried "mush!" with no results "giddy-up" worked fineÖ.
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The folks at Holland America Lines offer packages combining three days afloat and eight overland into the interior of the Yukon and Alaska. Our trip started at Vancouver, BC in Anchorage. (There are numerous other options available.)

Ours was the first press group to visit the interior of the vast Tombstone Territorial Park that opened to the public just this month.
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Our coach driver braked regularly for all animals-large and small. There were stops with little
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Memories abound about a land at the top of the world where there are 21 hours of daylight. Dusk holds forth the other three urs this time of year.

We traveled some 7,500 miles on jet planes, cruise ships, motor coaches, river boats, trolleys, dogsleds, and plush new, dogsleds, and plush new domed railcars the McKinley Explorer. (At each stop were numerous excursion experiences to be reviewed in later columns.)

Our visit provided "time-out" from the usual in a land where topography defies description. We took deep breaths in. We took deep breaths in the crisp

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otice when wild life was poose partcularly when mutual staring. Cameras also clicked regularly for elk, bald eagles, beavers, geese mountain goats, whales and foxes as we edged into the Arctic Circle.

On this trip, bears alluded us, but is this not a good thing? It makes me think of the guy who bragged about participating in a big rattlesnake round-up. Someone asked him how many he found. "None," he countered. "When you're looking for rattlesnakes, none is plenty!" (Sharper eyes in the preceding bus spotted a half-dozen bears.)

We saw stuffed bears in glass cases at hotels and airports. They are huge and mean-looking, and live ones would rule alleys-dark or
nature and its wonders, and listened to waterfalls gurgling in the near distance.

One day, we walked into the woods, feasting a few moments on the sights and sounds of nature. Nothing man-made was within view. Hearing a honk, we raced back to the coach, remembering our driver's reminder that he intended to stay on schedule.
"Do you know the difference between a coach rider and a hitch-hiker?" he asked. "About five minutes."

We jumped on, thinking about Old Man Winter waking from his snooze 10 weeks hence. He'll be chuckling at the prospect of transforming huge chunks of land into huge chunks of ice.

Later, we'll dream of ships, helicopters and motor coaches moved to warmer locales. Of hotels shut down until next summer's opening. Of new friends we met up north. Of that blue

## Managerial, Directional

Personnel Sought Here
The person (or persons) qualified to manage and direct a small amateur theater in Eastland are invited to contact this newspaper with ideas.
A small community theater is being planned, but cannot exist without a manager/director capable and willing to make it work.
It is seen as a venue for amateur productions, regular musical performances, as well as a platform for other special presentations.
It is further hoped that a community choir and/or band might even be a part of the offerings.
The overall concept is to provide a stage for the many talented people in this area, and to be an acceptable family entertainment center to offer additional inducements Onjoy the many features that Eastland, has to offer, Only written applications are acceptable, listing qualifiment. Please mail to LITTLE THEATER in developEastland County Newspaper, Box 29, Eastland TX 76448 No telephoun all pleaser, Box 29, Eastland, TX 76448
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Gov. Perry Signs Legislation Honoring President Ronald Reagan
AUSTIN - Today (June 17) Gov. Rick Perry signed two bills that will designate portions of two Texas highways as Ronald Reagan Memorial Highways.
"President Ronald Reagan was a leading force for freedom in the latter half of the 20th Century. His optimistic leadership guided our country out of the malaise of the 1970s, helped us regain our national pride, ended the Cold War, and reestablished the United States as the beacon of hope for those yearning to be free," Perry said.
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Grusendorf) would designate Interstate Highway 20, between the border of Tarrant and Parker Counties and the eastern boundary of the City of Grand Prairie, as the Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway. House $\mathrm{B}^{2} \mathrm{H}^{2} 540$ ( designatés U.S. Highway 290 in Harris County between the Waller County line and Beltway 8 as the Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway.
The Texas Department of Transportation is directed to design, construct, and erect memorial makers if a gran or donation of money is made for this purpose. This bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

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Heartening News About Chocolate

most chocolate lovers, one thing better than a sumptuous bite of rich chocolate is the news that it may even be good for you. A recent study suggests a link between eat ing certain kinds of chocolate and improved heart health.

The independent study conducted at the University of California at San Fran cisco (UCSF) and published in the Journal of the Ameri can College of Nutrition (JACN), suggests a potential link between compounds in cocoa, called flavanols, and improved blood vessel function. Blood vessel function is believed to be an important indicator of cardiovascular health, much like cholesterol levels or blood pressure. Researchers compared the effects of eating a specific type of chocolate bar (Dove Dark Chocolate; Mars, Incorporated) known to be high in flavanols with a flavanolpoor chocolate bar. Every day for two weeks, 21 healthy study participants consumed 46 grams of either the flavanol-rich bar or the flavanol-poor chocolate
First, researchers tested the participants' blood at the beginning and end of the study to track flavanol absorption and found that the flavanols in the flavanol-rich chocolate were indeed absorbed. They then examined participants blood vessel function by measuring how well the in-
aning of the blood vessel s able to relax in response to ing a blood pressure cuff on the forearm.
The researchers found that those who ate the highflavanol chocolate showed improved blood vessel func-
Health Awareness Are People With Asthma Taking The Right Amount of Medication For Control?

NAPS--Quickly gaining control of asthma symptoms is the primary goal of asthma vey shows that more than 70 percent of people who hav mild to moderate asthma and are already taking medications, don't know that na tional ashtma guidelines ex ist to guide their treatment. Of the more than 20 mil lion Americans who mil asthma, the majority of sufferers are classified as hav ing mild or moderate asthma Current asthma treatment guidelines state that asthma falls into four categories and each has its own recom mended treatment regimen The recent Haris survey for the American Ach Allergy Asthma and Imm Ammu--logy (AAAAI) was com missioned as part of a na tional "Be Stepwise Abou Asthma" educational campaign focused on patient awar

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'Successful asthma man gement begins with good ommunication between patient and a physician on the guidelines," said Gillian Shepherd, M.D., clinical as ociate professor of med
ion two hours after eating the chocolate. This kind of blood vessel elasticity is important to maintainin healthy blood flow and healthy cardiovascular sys-

## The exciting news here is

 hat blood vessel dilation increased in subjects who ate this high-flavanol, commercially available chocolate product," said head re-Ph.D., RN, professor of the health." Department of Physiological Even better news is that as many flavanols as pos
 frnia Thi vious research suggesting they can be lost during pro- chocolate products. that certain chocolates do cessing. One company devel- More information can be contain enough flavanols to oped proprietary processes to found at www.cocoa support cardiovascular ensure that chocolate retains pro.com.

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The survey found nearly 0 percent of caregivers and 75 percent of asthma patient said they would find it use ful to have a set of questions to help facilitate dialgoue with their doctors.
To help, the AAAAI offers a free brochure, "Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Step Bare, Be mart, Be Stepwise About Asthma, that provides tip on management and ques tions to ask your doctors: -What's the appropriate treatment?
-How do I know if my asthma is under control? -Can my asthma treatment be reduced?
-What do I do if I have a attack? -How can I prevent an attack? -Am I being stepwise about my ashtma?
The brochure also shows how to determine the seve ity of your asthma, offers overview of likely treatments and gives an easy-to-under stand explanation of how stepping down can work for
Copies of the free brochure are available by visiting aaaai.org or by calling ( 800

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Gov. Perry Signs Life Without Parole Bill, Signs Also Bill Changing Death Certificate On Executed Inmates
erry today (June 17) signed Senate Bill 60 which gives juries in capital murder cases the option of sentencing a defendant to life without the possibility of parole

I believe this bill will improve our criminal justice system because it gives jurors a new option to protect the public with the certainty a convicted killer will never roam our streets again," Perry said.

While the life without parole sentence cannot be applied retroactively to those already convicted of capital

## John's Travel Notebook...

John C. Jones

Birmingham, Alabama and Great Food and Great Travel!
The Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel has focused on the incomparable food the state enjoys. The year 2005 is officially "The Year of Alabama Food." Alabama is more than grits and bar-b-q! You are officially invited to visit Alabama and, "bring your appetite!'

Alabama Tourism's web site, www.800alabama.com list over 1,300 special events (http://800alabama.com/ events/) scheduled for 2005 The Group Tour Guide of Alabama is available from the stäte website, and is an excellent guide for vacationing in groups, or as a family. This year there is even a contest to decide the state dish of Alabama! July 16th the restaurants compete in the final cook off to be named the Official State Dish of Alabama. There will be a myriad of activities in


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Birmingham associated with this event. This would be a great time to wisit historic Birmingham. Online at http:// www.bcvb.org/you can find what is happening and what (http:// ww.bcvb.org/ttd-attractions-list.asp) in Birmingham. Over fifty exciting places to visit remarkable things to do

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 Stations landmarks. Not to mention the many places designed to satisfy your hunger, no matter what your taste. One cannot think of Birmingham without thinking of Frank Stitt III. Highlands Bar and Grill which opened in 1982 has become one of America's truly great dining experiences. A report from the New York Times http:// wwwhighlandsbandgillpress/nyt.html reviews the fine dining Highlands has to offer... "Mr. Stitt's impact on the food scene in Birmingham extends far beyond Highlands. He has two other successful restaurants in the same neighborhood-Bottega, which has a more Italianate menu, and Chez Fonfon, a basic bistro with a boule court. Furnished with treasures collected with the help of Patrick Dunne, a New Orleans culinary antiques dealer, it has a menu that runs to the likes of steak frites, omelets and trout with brown butter." What you read at web site
www.highlandsbarandgrill.com/ press/ will definitely impress you. Gourmet Magäziñe list Highlands in the top 50 restaurants in America, the James Beard Foundation list him as the "best chef in the Southwest," and the praise

Birmingham is home to

another one of the state's outstanding chefs-Clayton Sherrod. Executive Chef/ Owner: Chef Clayton's Food System, a catering business based in Birmingham, but his nfluence is world wide. Take a look at this remarkable on the moon says, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969, A.D. WE CAME IN PEACE FOR ALL MAN KIND."

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A poll of 3,000 American found that for 41 percent, the thing they're most afraid of is speaking before a group of people. Thirty-two percent stated they were afraid of heights.

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manwww.touralabama.org/yof/ ambassadors/sherrod.cfm. How about a third famous chef? Christopher Hastings, chef and proprietor of Hot and Hot Fish Club http://

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,953 gallons of water; 463 You Don't Say gallons of oil; 587 pounds of The Apollo 11 plaque left air pollution; 3.06 cubic
yards of landfill space; and 4077 Kilowatt hours of energy.

Today, 62 million newspapers will be printed in the U.S., and 44 million will be thrown away. That means the equivalent of about 500,000 trees will be dumped into landfills this week

Packaging from consumer goods comprises about one third of the nation's trash. Approximately 50 percent of the nation's paper, eight percent of its steel, 75 percent of its glass, 40 percent of its aluminum and 30 percent of its plastic are used soley for packaging.

A Look Back
This Week
June 25,1893 , a nationa minimum wage was enacted

June 22, 1944, the G.I Bill of Rights was signed providing benefits for veter ans . . . June 21, 1945, U S ans ... June 21, 1945, U.S forces captured Okinawa June 20, 1947, the Taft Hartley Labor Act, curbing strikes, was vetoed by President Truman, but Congress overrode the veto . . . June 23, 1963, during a European trip, President Kennedy ad dressed a huge crowd in West Berlin . June in West Berlin . . . June 20 2001, Andrea Yates was ar rested in Houston in the drowning of her five children.
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Professionals have learned the hard way how to make home improvement jobs easier and more efficient． Here are some tips that may help you get the job done： Start with a list．Although you＇re eager to get started， picking up a pen and paper can save you some time in the long run．Make a plan for how you＇re going to tackle the job－whether you＇re paint－ ing the deck or putting up new siding．Create a list of materials and tools you＇ll rieed for the project，plus a budget of how much you want to spend．
Check the calendar．How long will the project take？A day？Two weeks？An after－ noon？Does the project de－ pend on good weather？De－ cide on start and finish dates for the job－and factor in enough time to get all your supplies and to work at a comfortable pace．
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Strayhorn Continued From Front Page．．

There will be one less strong opponent in the Governor＇s race．Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Kay Bailey Hutchison nnounced Friday that sh will seek another term as Senator．
So it looks like the race is between Perry and Strayhorn ．At leas Strayhorn will provide some sort of a choice．
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## Sunday

 Sunday School 9：45 A．M． Worship Service 11：00 A．M． Evening Service 6：00 P．M． Wednesday Service 7：00 P．M．Wednesday，June 22 7：00 Prayer Meeting Immediately following Church Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall．

Sunday，June 26 －See ser－ vice times listed－COME AND WORSHIP WITH US！！！

Sunday，June 19－at 6：00 pm Sunday Evening Sing and Ice Cream Social Ev－ eryone in the community is
invited to attend－Praising the Lord with song！！！

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Monday，June 27 at 4：45 am YOUTH will leave for camp－be in prayer for them this week

Monday，June 29 at 6：30 ＂Sister＇s at the Well＂Marian Scott，Speaker Childcare provided．Bring your favor ite covered dish！

Coming Soon！！！ Sunday，July 3 Food Drive for the local Mission Bring non perishable items Sunday，July 3 Church Wide Picnic and Softball Game at the City Park 3：00pm Warm up for the baseball game 5：00 pm Picnic

Vacation Bible Schoo July 18－22 6：00 pm－8：45 pm Call 854－1574 for more information Office Hour 8：30－4：30（Lunch 12－1） Mon－Thurs \＆Fri 8：30－12 noon Everyone is invited to come and have a great week

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Warnings－ 98
Complaints－ 140 DWI－ 1
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