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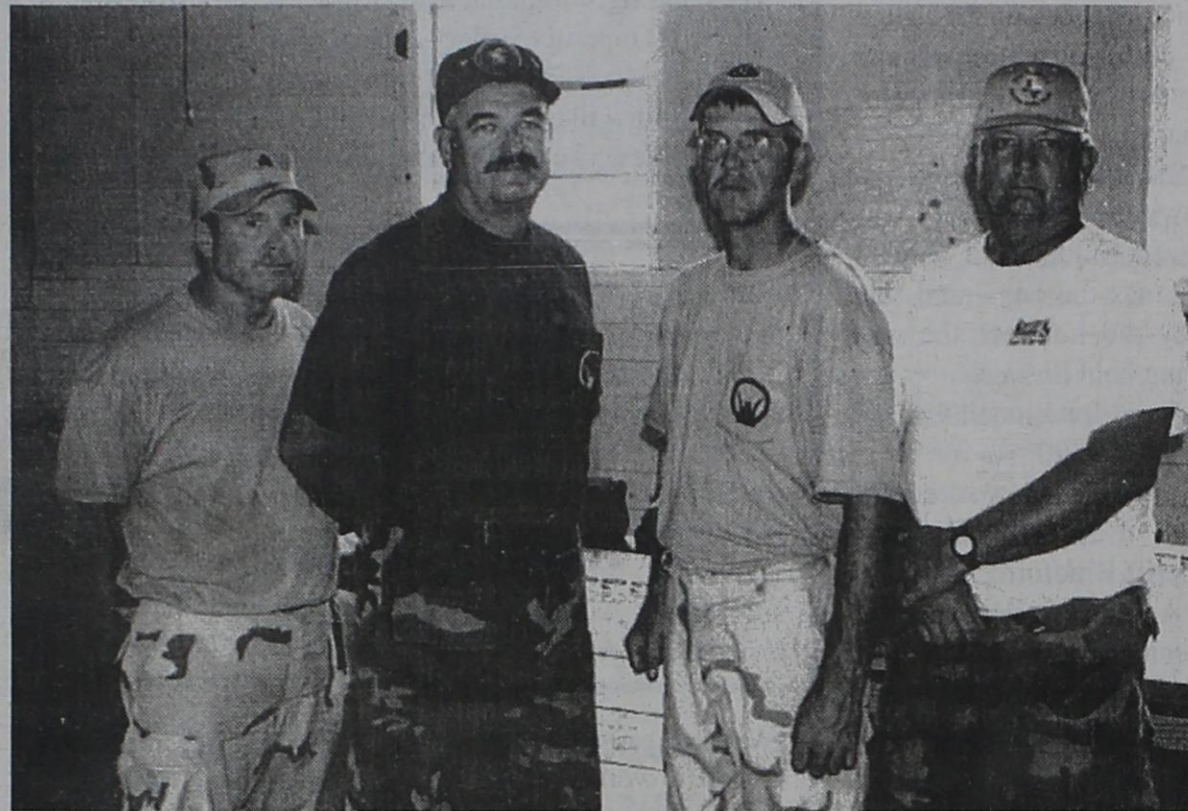
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Thursday, July 15, 2004

## Big Country Riflemen Pull Ahead To Top Score Of Strong Houston Team



John C. Garand Match State Championship Team: (From Left to Right) Richard Hall of Clyde, Wallace McDaniel of Clyde, Robert Boyd of Baird, and David Guthery of Carbon.

## Local Rifle Team Wins State Championship

Coach Jim Rackley is proud to announce the Big Country Service Rifle Team has won the 2004 "John C. Garand" Championship sponsored by the Texas State Rifle Association and held at Fort Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas on June 26 and 27. The two day event required the use of "as issued" M1 Garand rifles in calibre .30-06.

This years team was better prepared after finishing a close second in 2003 to a Waco Team due to mechanical problems. A strong Houston team took the initial lead but in the end the Big Country boys pulled ahead to win with a score of 1842-21x to Houston's 1815-15x. David Guthery of Carbon, Robert Boyd of Baird, Richard Hall of Clyde, and Wallace McDaniel also of Clyde made up the championship team.

Following the team match an "Infantry Trophy Team"

match was held. Two man teams fired at silhouette targets rapid fire in this dynamic match. A steady rain made for less than ideal conditions but the match continued. The team of David Guthery and Wallace McDaniel won the state title with a score of 83. The team of Richard Hall and Robert Boyd finished with a score of 78 for fourth place.

On June 27 the Individual Championship match was held. Thankfully the rain stopped before the match leaving only the sticky mud to contend with.

A total of seven team members represented the Big Country very well. Valeska Schrader of Abilene finished 14th with a score of 351-3x for high woman. A much improved Robert Moore of Clyde was 10th with a 422-5x. David Guthery finished with a 448-3x for 6th place. A score of 456-10x earned Richard Hall fourth place.

Dan Holovic of Weatherford was 3rd with a 460-10x just behind second place finisher Robert Boyd who shot 461-3x. This years John C. Garand State Champion is Wallace McDaniel of Clyde who fired a 476-11x to earn the honor.

An awards ceremony followed the matches where it was announced Wallace McDaniel has been selected as a member of the Texas State Rifle Team. The T.S.R.A. team represents the state of Texas and will travel to the National Championships held at Camp Perry Ohio in August.

All members of the Big Country Service Rifle Team are extremely proud to represent this area and want to thank everyone for their support and words of encouragement. We feel this is a big factor in our success.

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## Registration For Kindergarten, New Students For Baird Elementary Is August 4th And 5th

Registration for kindergarten students and any new students will be August 4th and 5th in the Baird School Cafetorium from 8:30 A.M. till 11:30 A.M.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be five years old on or before September 1, 2004. For all students, the parent must provide shot records, birth certificate, social security card and a photo ID of the person enrolling the child.

Please bring all of these items at the time of registration.

All kindergarten children starting this year must have the following immunizations to be able to start to school.

4 or 5 doses of DTP, 1 after 4th birthday

3 doses of Polio, 1 after 4th birthday

2 doses of MMR, both after 1st birthday

1 dose of Hib, after 1st birthday or series with booster dose after 1st birthday

1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox)

Children on an ideal or optimum schedule as recommended will have received 5 doses DTP/DtaP vaccine, 4 doses of polio vaccine, 3 or more doses of Hib vaccine, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses of MMR vaccine and

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## Area Legislators Sign Taxpayer Protection Pledge

According to a news release from *Americans For Tax Reform*, several legislators representing this area have signed a Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

By signing the pledge, the release states that a candidate/incumbent legislator promises "to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes."

President Bush, eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys generals, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1280 incumbent state legislators have pledged to oppose tax

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## Baird Booster Club To Publish A History Of Bear Football

Which Bear running back was considered the best running back in West Texas during his day, and tabbed by a Waco newspaper as the greatest running back ever? This and many questions will be answered in the book.

The Baird Booster club is in the process of publishing a book about the history of the Baird Bears football team. The book should be ready by this homecoming, September 10, 2004.

The book will trace the history of the Bears from the beginning of the sport at Baird High School through the present, and will contain some statistics and records from throughout the years.

It will also include some short articles from players of years gone by, as well as news stories and lots of pictures from various sources.

The project is an effort to compile and preserve the history of football in Baird, and to raise funds for the current student-athletes who represent our school. All proceeds after the cost of printing will go to the booster club.

If you would like to help the booster club with the printing costs of this project,

individual or family sponsorships (which include a listing on a sponsorship page) are available for \$10. 1/4, 1/2, and full page advertisements are available for \$35, \$65, and \$100 respectively. Sponsorships or advertisements must be purchased by July 25th.

The books will sell for \$20 a piece once they are printed. You may pre-order your books by July 25th for \$15.

To place your order or purchase a sponsorship or advertisement, send the designated amount of money, in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Baird Booster Club Book Fund, along with a note detailing your desired purchase, to the Baird Booster Club, c/o Shane Deel, 740 Race, Baird, Texas 79504.

If you have questions about the project or about

purchasing a book or advertisement, please call Shane Deel at 325-854-0149 or 325-665-9945.

Learn when the Bears began playing football, and when the Bears became the Bears. Who's the winningest coach in Bear history, by wins and percentage? What Bear running back was considered the best running back in West Texas during his day, and was tabbed by a Waco newspaper as the greatest running back ever? Who scored the very first touchdown by a Baird player?

The answers to these and many more questions will be in the book.

Order yours today, along with 5 or 6 extras for gifts, and help support our current and future student-athletes while remembering those who came before us.

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## Commissioners Court Appoints Election Judges, Polling Places

The Callahan County Commissioners Court appointed election judges, alternate judges, and polling places for August 2004 through July 2005 at their July 12, 2004 Open Meeting.

Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk, presented a list of the recommended persons and polling locations.

A motion to accept the list was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The motion passed unanimously.

The list of presiding/alternate election judges for August - July 2005 is as follows:

Precinct # 1: Presiding Judge - Anita Chapman; Alternate Judge - Silas Tucker

Precinct # 2: Presiding Judge - Joy Fiscus; Alternate Judge - Pat Logan

Precinct # 3: Presiding Judge - Linda Kendrick; Alternate Judge - Johanna May

Precinct # 4: Presiding Judge - John Swift; Alternate Judge - Dorothy Petty

Precinct # 5: Meta Isenhower; Alternate Judge - Beth Petty

Precinct # 6: Sharon Gage; Alternate Judge - Fannie Froman

Precinct # 7: Presiding Judge - Trent Gee; Alternate Judge - Shirley Landers.

Presiding Early Ballot Board Judge is Dorthy Watson; Alternate Judge is Suzee Odom.

Callahan County Polling Locations from August 2004 - July 2005 are as follows:

**Precinct # 1 Clyde**

Clyde Lions Club  
FM 18 & Rusk  
Clyde, Texas 79510

**Precinct # 2 Eula**

Eula Lions Club  
603 South  
Clyde, Texas 79510

**Precinct # 3 Baird**

Baird Housing Authority  
401 Chestnut  
Baird, Texas 79504

**Precinct # 4 Cross Plains**

Cross Plains City Hall  
201 Main  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

**Precinct # 5 Putnam**

Putnam Community Center  
120 West Travis  
Putnam, Texas 76469

**Precinct # 6 Clyde**

Clyde Southside Baptist  
604 South  
Clyde, Texas 79510

**Precinct # 7 Oplin**

Oplin Community Center  
Oplin, Texas 79541

**Early Voting** will be held at the Baird Courthouse, 100

West 4th St., Room 107.

Polling Locations for **Branch Early Voting** are:

\* Clyde Justice of Peace Office

318 North First St.  
Clyde, Texas 79510

\* Cross Plains Justice of Peace Office

424 South Main  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

A motion to table agenda item III, the discussion/approval of the county MHMR Trusteeship, was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The motion passed unanimously.

Also on the agenda was the discussion/approval of taking Private Road 2381 (Precinct # 2) into County road System as County Road 216.

The road was wide enough and up to shape, Commissioner Farmer reported.

Following a motion made by Commissioner Farmer to approve the item, and seconded by Commissioner Hicks,

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**Commissioners**

ended by Commissioner Holland, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of previous meetings were reviewed and signed with no addition or corrections, and approved bills were paid.

No public comments were given at the meeting.

Three commissioners, Commissioners Harold Hicks (Pct. #1), Bryan Farmer (Pct. #2) and Tommy Holland (Pct. #3) were present at the July 12, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Charlie Grider (Pct. #4) was not present. Judge Roger Corn presided.

Also present were Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk, Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer, and Margaret Hetrick.

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**Taxpayer Protection Plan**

increases, *Americans For Tax Reform* says.

From this area, Representative Jim Keffer (H 60), and Representative Harvey Hilderbran (H - 53), both Republicans, are listed among those who have "chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Texas" by signing the Pledge."

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Help Wanted: Cleaning lady on monthly or twice monthly basis in Cisco and Eastland. References required. Rainbow cleaner experience helpful. Call after 7 p.m. only 254-629-1670 or 254-629-2413.

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**Registration**

1 dose Varicella vaccine by the time they enter kindergarten.

Please contact the elementary school office at 854-1400, ext. 308 if there are any questions.

**School begins at 8:00 A.M. on Monday, August 16, 2004.**

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**Inmate Escapes From Eastland County Jail: Still At Large**

In a press release from the Eastland County Sheriff's Office, it was reported that an inmate of the Eastland County jail, Douglas Lee Thomas, a white male, age 21 of May, TX, escaped Wednesday, July 7, at approximately 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Thomas was being held on a parole violation, Fail to Identify and Sexual Assault of a Child.

The Sheriff's Office reported that Thomas escaped through a roof hatch used for maintenance. The hatch was found unlocked and a search of the roof found the lock, keys and inmate Thomas' jail uniform.

Several circumstances regarding the escape are still under investigation, Sheriff Bradford said.

Thomas is believed to be in the company of Correction Officer Natalie Nicole Linden, a white female, age 26 of Ranger, TX.

The couple are possibly driving a White 2000 Ford Focus with a large scrape down the driver's side with Texas license R27ZCH, Sheriff Bradford reported.

A warrant for escape has been issued for Thomas by Judge Jack Graham. Judge Graham also issued a warrant for Linden on the charge of permit/facilitate escape from a correctional institution.

Sheriff Bradford told this newspaper that they believed Linden had handed Thomas the keys, and that they did not feel she was being held hostage.

Bond for Linden was set at \$10,000.00.

Linden had worked for the jail about 3 1/2 years, Sheriff Bradford said.

Another jail employee commented that Linden was a "sweet person" at her job, but said that they did not know anything about her

personal life, and they could not even speculate on the reason for her actions.

Anyone seeing Douglas Thomas or Natalie Linden or the above vehicle, or having any knowledge about their whereabouts, should contact the Eastland County Sheriff's office immediately.

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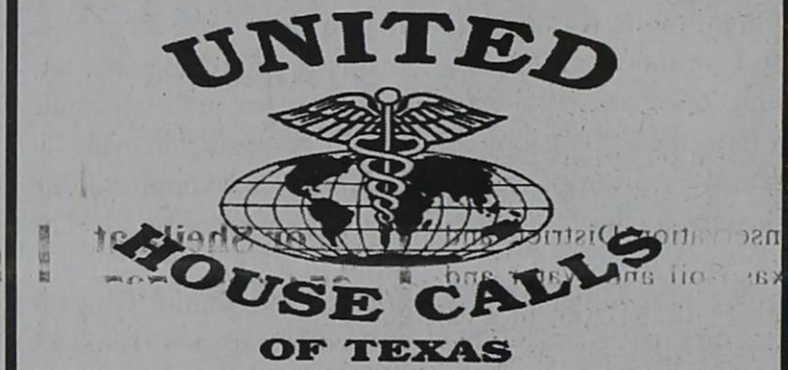
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## David Crum Receives TP&W Stewart Award

David Crum received the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Lone Star Land Steward Award May 26, 2004 in Austin for work he completed on the Frost & Leland Sandhills Ranch in Yoakum County, Texas for the June Leland Wildlife Foundation. Among those attending the award ceremony were Kay Crum, Sarah Crum Albers, Lindsay Meeks, Jim Frost, Rep. Jim and Leslie Keffer, Rob Keffer, and Dan Bullock.

The June Leland Wildlife Foundation, formed in 2001, took a 20 year lease of the ranch's 7,418 acres, a surviving remnant of original mixed grass prairie of the High Plains Region of Texas, and began an effort to preserve and improve the wildlife habitat and numbers of wildlife of the ranch. These and surrounding lands were once home to large numbers of lesser prairie chicken, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope whose numbers have dwindled due to loss of habitat. The Lesser prairie chicken, a rare upland game bird resembling a grouse, is a candidate for listing as an endangered species.

In 2001, 2003, and 2004 the foundation entered into cooperative agreements and contracts with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, US Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sandy Land Soil and Water Conservation District, and Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board to cost share efforts to improve wildlife habitat on the ranch. These agreements included the construction of permanent solar powered wildlife watering facilities, establishment of food plots, deferred grazing during growing seasons, and enhancement of habitat by reduction of undesirable plants. The partnering of the several agencies with a common goal has been of great benefit to the success of the effort.

In April of 2003 TPWD wildlife scientists and PHD students from Texas A & M University began a three year study of the ranch's lesser prairie chicken population. Substantial improvements in the numbers of the lesser prairie chicken have been noted in 2004, and it is hoped



Pictured are David Crum and Jim Frost

that successful efforts like this will help prevent the bird from being placed on the EPA endangered list.

The June Leland Wildlife Foundation seeks funding assistance from the public and other non-profit organizations to pay an annual ranch lease payment and costs of implementation

of conservation and habitat improvement plans.

Future plans include development of permanent public wildlife viewing areas for educational and recreational purposes.

"David and Kay Crum and the June Leland Wildlife Foundation have become good stewards of this fragile but important habitat," said Duane Lucia, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist. "They have conservation instilled in everything they do to the property."

(The JLWF can be reached at 254 629 2433.)

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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON U.S. SENATOR

This month marks the 35th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon. In this week's column Sen. Hutchison highlights that historic event and the progress we've made in space exploration since that time. If you would like a photo of the senator, the column masthead or a jpg of the Apollo 11 35th anniversary seal, please respond to this e-mail with your request.

35 Years Later

On July 16, 1969, three men began a voyage that would forever change our world, and mark their place in the history books. They were aboard the Apollo 11 spacecraft that launched from Cape Kennedy with a simple mission objective: "Perform a manned lunar landing and return safely." On July 20, just four days after jettisoning into orbit, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to step foot on another planet. Their lunar module, Eagle, touched down in the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon, while the third crew member, Michael Collins, the pilot and navigator for the mission, orbited above in the command module Columbia. The first words uttered on the moon, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," have become synonymous with space exploration and the innately American drive to continue that spirit of discovery. The two astronauts traversed the moon's surface collecting the first ever lunar samples, taking photographs and conducting experiments. Four days later

they reentered the earth's atmosphere, splashing into the Pacific Ocean where they were greeted by the aircraft carrier, Hornet, a beaming President Nixon, and a nation overflowing with goodwill, pride, and patriotism.

I was a young television reporter in Houston, when I covered the heroic Apollo 11 astronauts and their families during the 1969 moon landing. Since that time I've been an enthusiastic backer of manned space exploration and in my 11 years in the Senate I've worked hard to ensure America keeps pushing the envelope; maintaining our space program as a top priority, and assuring our technological edge in the world continues.

Our world has changed significantly since Neil Armstrong took the giant leap for mankind 35 years ago and many of the changes have been fueled by discoveries made in space. Microchips, satellite communication, cordless appliances, CAT scans and guided missiles were all advanced by the knowledge we gained in space. Even that initial lunar landing produced discoveries such as the knowledge that the Moon is lifeless, containing no living organisms, fossils, or native organic compounds, enabling us to learn more about the world that surrounds us. After the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster last year, we've been forced to reevaluate our space program and infuse NASA with a renewed mission and objective for the future of

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space exploration. This year President Bush unveiled a new vision for NASA, committing the U.S. to a long-term human and robotic program to explore the solar system, beginning with a return to the Moon that will enable future explorations of Mars and other destinations. His proposals offer tremendous potential to further research in energy, geology, and other fields. This spring the robotic rover, Opportunity, discovered that there was once water on Mars and therefore possibly life.

And all the while, NASA has continued its missions into space. Just last month the Cassini spacecraft successfully entered orbit around Saturn. The mission, taking place 934 million miles away from earth, and with the cooperation of our partners at the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency, began seven years ago when the craft first left Cape Canaveral in 1997. For the next four years the Cassini will orbit Saturn, executing 52 close encounters with seven of the planet's 31 known moons. This mission is just one slice of the amazing work being conducted by the scientists, researchers and astronauts who strive to keep discovery in the forefront of our consciousness.

This month as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of man's first footsteps on the moon, we commemorate Apollo 11, the pioneers who manned it and the great spirit of discovery that still dwells in us today. It also reminds us that staying in the forefront of space exploration will help us grow the economy and maintain defense prowess. With an ambitious plan in place, the 21st century could bring untold discoveries.

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Eleventh District of Texas  
Eastland, Texas  
Proceedings  
(En Banc) July 8, 2004  
**Affirmed**  
11-03-00179 CR State of Texas v. Debra Juarez Gonzales-Taylor (*Opinion by Justice McCall*) Publish  
(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)  
11-04-00060 CV Ricky W. Turner v. James Duke, Jr. et al-Taylor (*Memorandum Per Curiam Opinion*)  
(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)  
**Dismissed**  
11-04-00120 CV Margarita Rodriguez v. Juan Cuellar Rodriguez -Scurry (*Memorandum Per Curiam Opinion*)  
(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)  
11-04-00128 CR Michael Eugene Menefield v. State of Texas.-Midland (*Per Curiam Opinion*)  
(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)  
11-04-00137 CR Melanie Rochelle Dickson v. State of Texas-Baylor. (*Per Curiam Opinion*)  
(Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)  
**Abated**  
11-03-00345 CV Steven Piazza v. Cinemark, U.S.A., Inc.-Harris. (*Per Curiam Order*)  
(Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)  
**Motions Submitted & Granted**  
11-03-00305 CR Charles Aaron Maines v. State of Texas-San Jacinto.  
State's motion for extension of time to file brief.  
11-04-00013 CV Charles

Tarrant v. Thelma Marie Gibbons.-Midland.  
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## Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

### Gambling More Prevalent Than Porn On Internet

Internet pornography is a scourge, but amazingly, it's not the worst problem now entering our homes and workplaces over the Internet phone line. Internet gambling is now a \$3.5 billion per year business in the U.S., some three times bigger than revenues for Internet porn sites and expected to double in the next few years. This is made all the more shocking when you realize that Internet gambling is illegal in the United States. Internet gambling is based largely on offshore sites in places like Antigua where more than 100 Internet gambling sites operate out of the capital city of St. John's.

Since the year 2000, Internet gambling sites have increased by 80 percent with some 67 percent of the access to these sites taking place at work. In other words, about two-thirds of the time people gamble on the Internet, they do so on company time. No matter what you think about gambling, think about this fact in terms of work ethic and business productivity.

Legal gambling operations in the United States are now investing in off shore illegal Internet

gambling enterprises because the opportunity to make more cash is so good. Even American credit card companies are allowing people to transfer funds to Internet gambling sites via their charge cards, typically using coded entries.

Gambling has not gone away; it's gotten bigger and even more pervasive and invasive. It's in your home or office or wherever you keep your computer. It's as accessible to your children or grandchildren as it is to you. All they need is your credit card.

It seems to me that the Christian community is still largely asleep when it comes to gambling. A lot of Christians are gambling and many more don't see the moral problem gambling presents. This is a sad comment on the absence or weakness of the Christian community's biblical worldview.

Gambling is not just a game. Gambling is a scam, and too many Christians nationwide are rolling the dice - and now we can do it online.

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## 'King Arthur' Is Heldover At Majestic Theatre

Ed Allcorn, Majestic Theater Manager, says that he is holding over "King Arthur" for another showing in Eastland.

It can be seen from Friday, July 16 through Monday, July 19, with curtain time 7:30 each evening.

Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with adults-only balcony tickets \$5.50.

This movie is rated PG-13, with parents cautioned as to violence, a scene of sensuality, and some language.

The cast includes English-born actor Clive Owen as Arthur, Kiera Knightly (also English) as Guinevere, Ione Grufford (of Wales) as Lancelot, and English and European actors in other roles.

The photography was done mostly in Ireland.

For most people, mention of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is the stuff of legend. Few know that Arthur really existed, and he lived more than 500 years before the first romantic tales of his adventure were written down - and the reality is quite different from what has been told.

"King Arthur" sets out to put the record straight, by taking us to the fifth century - the Dark Ages. There, stripped of the elaborate

magic and medieval stories, a new but authentic image of Arthur and his men is presented.

In a time of savagery and warfare, in darkness and doom, a small band struggled to keep alight the fading glory of Roman Britain and establish a new realm, that of the two cultures.

In this version of Arthur there is no magic, no shining armor, no Camelot. Instead we have some brave men, whose origins are in a far-off land, who use their fighting skills against a new and terrible enemy - the Saxons.

At first Arthur would like nothing more than to forget it all and head for Rome, where the living is a lot easier. But as he grapples with the problems of the British Isles he begins to catch a vision of what he needs to do.

Arthur and his men made a spectacular stand and fought 12 battles with the invaders. He smashed the Saxon army so utterly that they were rendered powerless for almost 40 years.

There are many facets of this story, and this new Buena Vista picture covers most of them. The setting, costumes, weapons and all details are made as authentic as possible, making this a historical picture as well as an entertaining one.

## Gorman First Baptist Church Homecoming Aug. 22

First Baptist Church, Gorman, is having a 120 Years Homecoming Celebration, August 22, 2004.

All previous members, pastors, deacons, youth directors, and anyone else that is interested are welcome.

If you know addresses of

previous members of the Church, please send addresses, so we might invite them.

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# Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

Someone has asked me to write about the things I remember, regarding the work I did in Africa. I was chosen to assist in building a Liquefied Natural Gas plant in Northern Africa, in the mid to late 1970s.

I have vivid memories of the airplane rides, the people, their culture, as well as some natives who became dear friends of mine.

It all began because of my membership in the Steamfitter's Union. I was employed in Houston, Texas, as an Instrument Foreman. My crew of men installed various gauges, sensors, pneumatic and electrical devices, throughout the large plant under construction in Pasadena.

One of the Union Business Agents called me on the phone and told me he was sending me to Africa. I exploded! I didn't want to go to Africa.

He explained the job would only be for three months. I was to take three men with me, and we would be paid handsomely. Reluctantly, I accepted the offer.

While waiting for our passports, we received our four medical shots. Traveling to Arabia in 1948, it was necessary for me to receive 16 shots before leaving the United States. Traveling to the U.S. possession, Alaska, in 1947 only required 12 shots. I guess that makes me a big shot.

Leaving Houston at midnight, Air France took us for an eight hour ride to Charles de Gaulle Airport in the north part of Paris. We later traveled to Marseille for a two-day stay, until we received our Visas.

I am sure most of our readers have suffered jet lag. All four of us were so confused we hardly knew what we were doing. Our watches told us it was 8:00 a.m., but the real time there was 2:00 p.m. It was confusing to us.

The French people were quite hospitable. The food was delicious and our hotel was first-rate.

We were quite disappointed when we arrived in Africa. It was a far cry from the way we were accustomed to living in the good old USA. For a moment, we forgot about all the wonderful, modern things we had back home; things that we take for granted.

Going through Customs was quite an ordeal, especially since none of us could speak the native language. The officials were very courteous however, and we were finally admitted to their country.

After a 40-minute bus ride to our camp at the construction site, we were assigned private rooms and since we had not eaten for about seven hours, we hastened to the Mess hall, to sample the food. What a surprise! The food was prepared by a gentleman chef from England, and we were treated

to a delicious meal.

The barracks were, in reality, double-wide American made mobile homes with the undercarriage removed.

I can hardly wait to tell our readers about the natives and the construction job, in our next article.

## Struck-Arnold Family Reunion

The Annual Struck-Arnold Family Reunion will be Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th at the Cisco Country Club. There will be Karaoke Saturday evening. Family and friends are invited to attend. Early guests can attend dutch-treat dinner at Pulido's restaurant on Friday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

## Douglas Family Reunion July 16-17

The descendants of the Douglas family will have a reunion Friday and Saturday, July 16-17, at the Parish Hall of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, East 18th and Conrad Hilton Ave., in Cisco.

They will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, July 16, to eat sandwiches, chips, dips and etc.

A barbecue meal with all the trimmings will be served at noon Saturday, July 17. So bring your favorite covered dish and join in the visiting and reminiscing.

Robert Younger and Ella Chatman Douglas had four children. Their children and spouses included Inez (Douglas) Hallmark and her husband, Emory Grant Hallmark, both deceased; the late Clara Mae (Douglas) Hull and her late husband, Ben; Robert Younger Douglas of

Cisco, and his late wife, Blanche Jessup Douglas; Louella (Douglas) Speegle and her husband, Johnny W., both deceased. There are also grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

## Carbon Musical Set For July 31

Carbon Community Center will host their 5th Saturday of the month musical on July 31st.

Al Anderson will be the emcee with the music starting at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. or until each group performs.

The ladies will be serving sandwiches, desserts and drinks starting at 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. with proceeds going towards the upkeep of the center.

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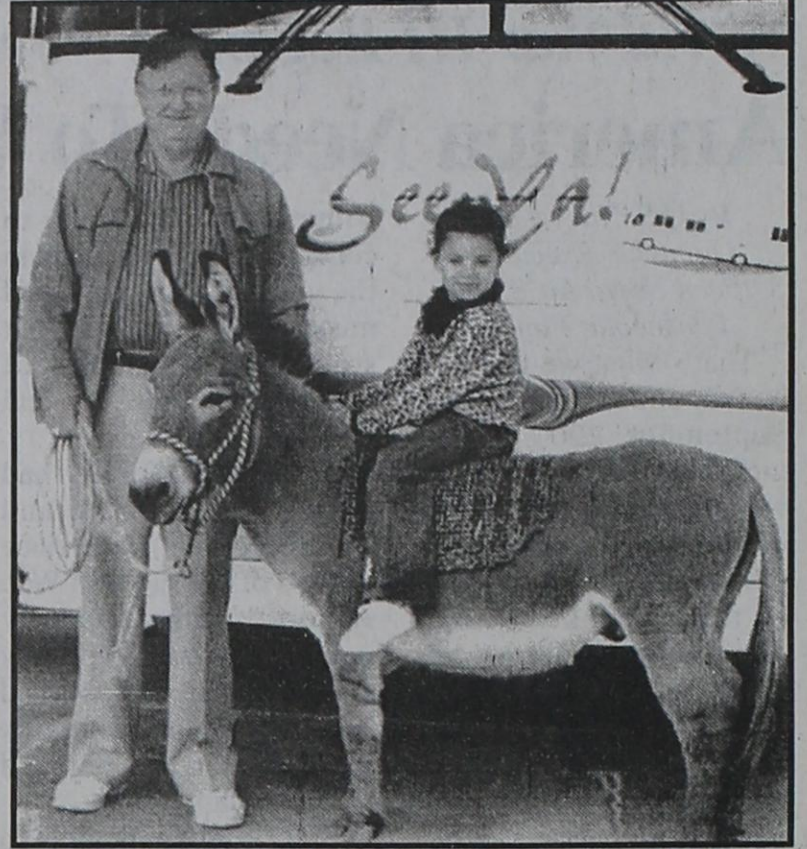
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Aubrey Kincaid with granddaughter Lexus and Jake.

## Free Rides, Photos Available Donations

Editor,

Thank you for the "Texas Messenger." Enclosed is my check to cover subscription to this well prepared and unique magazine. Keep up the good work.

I am enclosing a picture of myself and our great granddaughter, Lexus Kincaid and

our newest member of the family Jake (HeHaw) Kincaid. He is very cute, gentle and loves to give kids a ride! And as you can see he is very photogenic.

As a result, we are contemplating using him in our efforts to raise money for the "Anchor Home for Boys." We would bring him to town to a certain location and date and anyone wanting their picture or their kid's picture taken with him or on him could get a "free" picture.

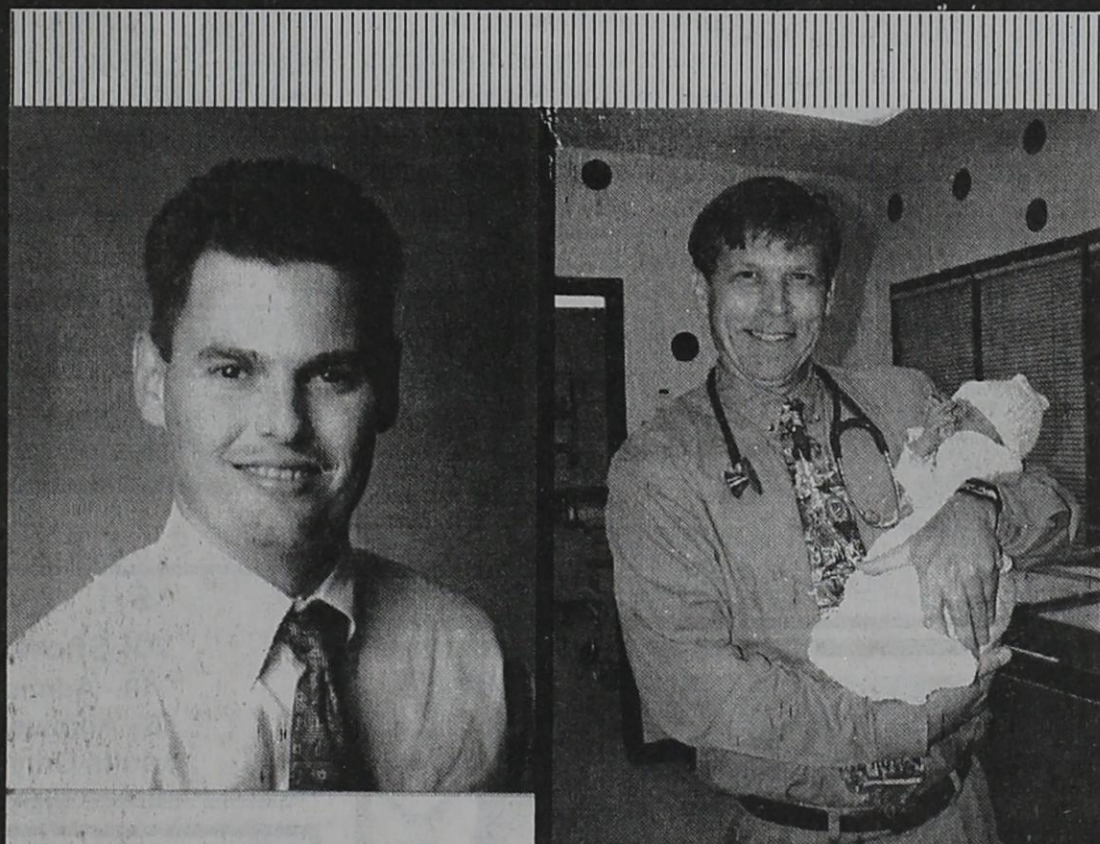
We would have a donation jar available if they wanted to donate to the cause.

Democrats will probably take advantage of this opportunity. In all fairness to the Republicans, we are looking for an elephant.

Best regards,

Aubrey A. Kincaid

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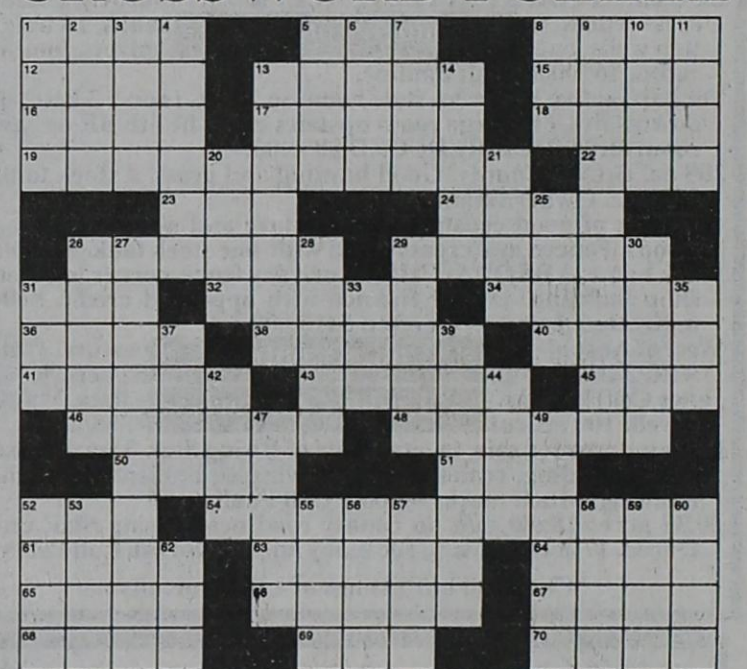
**Dr. Jamie Cox will be starting his practice with B & W Clinic, Monday, July 19, 2004. Dr. Cox is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner and will do Obstetrics and Pediatrics.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

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

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

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
- To carry from a lower to higher position.
  - In addition.
  - MacDonald, former Saturday Night Live comedian.
  - To stare at.
  - Common syrup flavor.
  - Valuable pilaged in a time of war.
  - Final letter in the Greek alphabet.
  - Bon \_ means "welcome" on Aruba.
  - Chain of islands.
  - Supreme being.
  - Abbreviation for especially.
  - Son of Jacob and Leah.
  - To give consent.
  - Saskatchewan Canada, located north of Regina.
  - Something lacking substance.
  - The Hunting of the \_ a novel by Lewis Carroll.
  - Pointed piece of wood driven into the ground.
  - Mold-ripened, whole-milk cheese.
  - Person employed to take care of horses.
  - To cook food.
  - Fondness.
  - Absence of war.
  - To be indebted to.
  - Cleans thoroughly.
  - Overlapping lengths of hair.
  - One time only.
  - Agnus \_ a liturgical prayer addressed to Christ as savior.
  - Acronym for Highly Sensitive People.
  - Male school principals of private schools.
  - Exclamation of sorrow.
  - Series of images occurring during sleep.
  - To salute.
  - Plural of notum.
  - Synchronizes.
  - Acronym for European Systems and Software Initiative.
  - To put forth an opinion.
  - The liquid obtained by leaching wood ashes.
  - Walter \_ proved that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitos.
- Down
- Beltran, Queen of Ranchera music.
  - Markovitch, classical composer and conductor.
  - Tufflike mass.
  - Chain to keep an animals within a certain area.
  - To domesticate.
  - German car manufacturer which started out making sewing machines.
  - Korbut, three-time Olympic gold medalist.
  - To seize a fugitive.
  - Someone who brings something into being.
  - Nevada, the Biggest Little City in the World.
  - Unmarried woman.
  - Washing the floor.
  - Golf score of two below par for any single hole.
  - Distinctive doctrines, systems or theories.
  - Original Equipment Manufacturers.
  - Large containers for liquids.
  - Major, a bird also known as the Great Tit.
  - Position, term or office of a bishop.
  - Material used to cover equipment.
  - To drink a toast to.
  - Looks at obliquely or sideways.
  - Acronym for the Pepsi Bottling Group.
  - Egg mass of lobsters.
  - Full-grown female sheep.
  - College, founded in 1440 by King Henry VI.
  - Clifford Clark \_ special advisor to President Harry Truman.
  - Setting for a precious stone.
  - For Your \_ Only, 1981 James Bond film.
  - Strips of cane set into certain instruments' mouthpiece.
  - One or the other.
  - On the other \_
  - Eastern North American plum tree.
  - hydrocarbon reception.
  - To declare untrue.
  - Spice tasting like nutmeg.
  - State of rest and relaxation.
  - To get up from bed.
  - Gradually slipped into.
  - Cooke, singer, of the hit, "Chain Gang."

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## World War III Began In November 1979

# America Needs To Wake Up!

By U.S. Navy Captain  
Quimette, Executive  
Officer, Naval Air Station,  
Pensacola, Florida

That's what we think we heard on the 11th of September 2001 (When more than 3,000 Americans were killed AD) and maybe it was, but I think it should have been "Get Out of Bed!" In fact, I think the alarm clock has been buzzing since 1979 and we have continued to hit the snooze button and roll over for a few more minutes of peaceful sleep since then.

It was a cool fall day in November 1979 in a country going through a religious and political upheaval when a group of Iranian students attacked and seized the American Embassy in Tehran. This seizure was an outright attack on American soil; it was an attack that held the world's most powerful country hostage and paralyzed a Presidency. The attack on this sovereign U.S. embassy set the stage for events to follow for the next 23 years.

America was still reeling from the aftermath of the Vietnam experience and had a serious threat from the Soviet Union when then, President Carter, had to do

something. He chose to conduct a clandestine raid in the desert. The ill fated mission ended in ruin, but stood as a symbol of America's inability to deal with terrorism.

America's military had been decimated and downsized/right sized since the end of the Vietnam War. A poorly trained, poorly equipped and poorly organized military was called on to execute a complex mission that was doomed from the start.

Shortly after the Tehran experience, Americans began to be kidnapped and killed throughout the Middle East. America could do little to protect her citizens living and working abroad. The attacks against US soil continued.

In April of 1983 a large vehicle packed with high explosives was driven into the US Embassy compound in Beirut. "en it explodes, it kills 63 people. The alarm went off again and America hit the Snooze Button once more.

Then just six short months later a large truck heavily laden down with over 2500 pounds of TNT smashed through the main gate of the US Marine Corps

headquarters in Beirut and 241 US servicemen are killed. America mourns her dead and hit the Snooze Button once more.

Two months later in December 1983, another truck loaded with explosives is driven into the US Embassy in Kuwait, and America continues her slumber.

The following year, in September 1984, another van was driven into the gates of the US Embassy in Beirut and America slept.

Soon the terrorism spreads to Europe. In April 1985 a bomb explodes in a restaurant frequented by US soldiers in Madrid.

Then in August a Volkswagen loaded with explosives is driven into the main gate of the US Air Force Base at Rhein Main, 22 are killed and the snooze alarm is buzzing louder and louder as US interests are continually attacked.

Fifty nine days later a cruise ship, the Achille Lauro is hijacked and we watched as an American in a wheelchair is singled out of the passenger list and executed.

The terrorists then shift their tactics to bombing civilian airliners when they bomb TWA Flight 840 in April of 1986 that killed 4 and the most tragic bombing, Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988, killing 259.

Clinton treated these terrorist acts as crimes; in fact we are still trying to bring these people to trial. These are acts of war. The wake up alarm is getting louder and louder. The terrorists decide to bring the fight to America. In January 1993, two CIA agents are shot and killed as they enter CIA headquarters in Langley,

Virginia. The following month, February 1993, a group of terrorists are arrested after a rented van packed with explosives is driven into the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people are killed and over 1000 are injured. Still this is a crime and not an act of war? The Snooze alarm is depressed again.

Then in November 1995 a car bomb explodes at a US military complex in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia killing seven service men and women.

A few months later in June of 1996, another truck bomb explodes only 35 yards from the US military compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. It destroys the Khobar Towers, a US Air Force barracks, killing 19 and injuring over 500. The terrorists are getting braver and smarter as they see that America does not respond decisively.

They move to coordinate their attacks in a simultaneous attack on two US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. These attacks were planned with precision. They kill 224. America responds with cruise missile attacks and goes back to sleep.

The USS Cole was docked in the port of Aden, Yemen for refueling on 12 October 2000, when a small craft pulled along side the ship and exploded killing 17 US Navy Sailors. Attacking a US War Ship is an act of war, but we sent the FBI to investigate the crime and went back to sleep.

And of course you know the events of 11 September 2001. Most Americans think this was the first attack against US soil or in America. How wrong they are. America has been under a constant attack since 1979 and we chose to hit the snooze alarm and roll over and go back to sleep.

In the news lately we have seen lots of finger pointing from every high officials in

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cannot afford to keep hitting the snooze button again and again and roll over and go back to sleep.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Yamamoto said "...it seems all we have done is awakened a sleeping giant." This is the message we need to disseminate to terrorists around the world.

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Intellect of Birds: Jury is Out.

I didn't have a strong opinion about winged creatures until Alfred Hitchcock came along with his scary film, "The Birds." In elementary years, the biggest "bird concern" was to make the bluebird reading group. (Not-so-good readers were "redbirds," and kids attempting to read from upside down books had "yellowbird" status.)

About that time, a few grown-ups were beating the drums to protect whooping cranes, whose world population had dropped from more than 1,500 20 years earlier to a couple of dozen. Other people, figuring we had plenty of other kinds of birds, didn't think they had a leg to stand on. Besides, they reasoned, couldn't we just get some regular cranes and teach them to whoop?

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Anyways, "The Birds"

scared the bejeebers out of folks. We left the theater huddled with others, scanning the skies for menacing birds. "Don't look back, they might be gaining on you," is a well-worn quote from baseball Hall of Famer Leroy (Satchel) Paige.\* Baloney, we thought. We looked back, forward and sideways for months, afraid birds were organizing.

Now, in the autumn of my years, my jury is out concerning birds. Previously, I don't think it ever convened.

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Current news suggests that birds are making a comeback. If Hitchcock were still alive, he would have a field day—maybe even a forest day. Consider these scenarios.

In Frederick, MD, the "take" was always short at the Magic Wand Car Wash. The owner thought employees were ripping him off and installed surveillance cameras. What ho! Workers were

exonerated. Cameras caught tiny birds entering cash machines through change slots; one exited with three quarters in his beak! They found more than \$4,000 in quarters on the roof, and more under a nearby tree.

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And, what swallows are doing in St. Paul, MN, is, well, hard to swallow. Hundreds of them, maybe more, have figured out that by flying in a certain formation, at a certain angle, at a certain time in the evening, they can trigger a motion sensor that opens a Home Depot's front doors. Thus, they are able to spend the night indoors, safe from the weather and predators.

The store has become an attraction for birdwatchers, indoors and outdoors.

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Before we give birds too much credit, though, goings on in Arizona must be considered. There, misguided brown pelicans are gliding into mirages on parking lots, mistak-

ing them for ponds. Pelican lovers are nursing them back to health and returning them to California, without even asking them if they want to go.

Authorities say the birds typically are young, with "limited navigational experience." (They are old enough, though, to know they want to get out of California...)

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It is possible, of course, to read too much into "bird brains." In one Texas town, the fabric store operator watched birds swiping inch-square remnants from the trash bin. The feathered thieves then flew straight to a tree, right across the street from a new bank.

She figured they were making small masks to cover their beaks before making their heists.

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Okay, so I've told you more than I know about birds' IQ. All I really know, first-hand, is that a half-dozen birds in our backyard have it figured

out. If they flutter mournfully around the empty bird feeder for a few minutes, my wife will notice. Soon I will get my orders to fill the feeder.

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Finally, the wealthy west Texas rancher was in New York to visit friends. They invited him to join them at a meeting of the Audubon Society. He regaled them with descriptions of the birds on his ranch. Soon, the group planned a visit to west Texas.

The rancher phoned his foreman, warning that the Audubon bunch from New York City was coming to visit, as he put it, "to watch the birds."

Pausing, the foreman ques-

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tioned, "Watch 'em what?"

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\*Paige, born 100 years ago, was arguably the most "quotable" athlete of all time. Consider these: "Ain't no man can avoid being born average, but ain't no man got to be common," and, "Momma always said: 'If you tell a lie, always rehearse it. If it don't sound good to you, it won't sound good to no one else.'"

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# The Gatekeeper's Log

By Doug Fraser

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## A New Opportunity

If you'll notice Gatekeeper Ministries has a new address. We've moved east on I-20 about an hour. However, the roots in Eastland are still very strong. Since we've made the move last month it seems as though we're making a lot of trips to Eastland or Cisco. Thus, we've been seeing a lot of you when we visit. Eastland still feels like home. Thanks!

If it's alright I'm going to share a recent change and blessing into the life of this ministry. On the Friday before we left Eastland for Weatherford I received a call from Daniel Montes, General Manager of KCER 105.9 Cisco's Community Radio. Daniel introduced himself and told me he enjoyed my entries in "the Log". Then he asked if I had ever considered doing some radio.

I was humbled and also joyous for a new opportunity to reach people. I recounted how I had a goal of someday reaching people through the airwaves. Shortly after we got moved into the new house Diane and I made the trip to Cisco to go to meet Daniel. We were blessed by what Daniel shared with us. We saw not only a real vision to reach the people of Cisco, but also the rest of Eastland County and beyond. Thus, a new friendship and ministry outreach was formed. Our goal is to be an asset to the vision, the mission, and the call of God upon this radio station, and of Daniel Montes and his lovely family. These are some great people who are an asset not only Cisco, but all of Eastland County. I want to encourage local pastors and groups to invite Daniel to speak to you and share his vision. You'll be blessed and glad you did. Also, I would encourage individuals, other non-profit

organizations, and church congregations to add your monetary support to this non-profit community based radio station. I know you'll be glad you did, because you'll be sowing good seed into good soil, and allow it to produce good fruit. I'll add, just so you know, I haven't discussed my comments with Daniel. I'm sharing my thoughts from my heart to yours.

Now for the rest of the news! We have less than 120 days until, in my opinion, the most critical Presidential election in the history of our nation. It's more than a political contest. We're in a battle of the greatest spiritual magnitude. Thus, the leadership of this land must include people who have a grasp on this issue, who value and demonstrate moral clarity, and who still value the Biblical and Judeo-Christian standards which our nation was founded upon. It's time for

the church of Christ in this land to get off its knees and get to work. It's time to understand God requires us to be a single minded. Read 1 Peter 3:8-12, especially in the Amplified Version of the Bible if you can. Simply put, coming to a church and asking for God's love, forgiveness, mercy and blessings, and then turning around and supporting political parties or candidates who either openly or tactically try to overturn the moral clarity and responsibility found in God's word and true truth; is wrong thinking. Due to lack of space I'm not going to add any list of items we all need to consider. However, it's time for the Church of God in America to rise up and lead the way with a Godly vision to fully demonstrate the law, justice, mercy, and love of God for all people of this land. You and I are the Church! It's time to start teaching

pastors: Each week until the election if you have to. Go ahead ruffle a few holier than thou feathers and maybe rub some fur the wrong way. But whatever you do don't fail to teach the truth of God found in His word, not just the ideas of your church or denomination. Help your people to understand the standards found in the Word of God for national leaders and for a nation under God. As Christians we're all Ambassador's for Christ here and now. So we're required to discharge our God given duties in the name of Jesus Christ. If you won't do your duty, ask for God's forgiveness and resign from your post. I urge each of you to read II Corinthians 5:14-21. Can you do it? Will you do it; and if not, then who? If not now, then when? It's time for us to honor and exalt God above all else before it's too late. James Robinson from Life Ministries International, recently said, "God is going

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bring this nation to its knees one way or another. It's time we got on our knees and repent before it's too late." The choice is mine and yours to make together. I've made mine! What are you going to do with yours?

Final note: we'll be in Colorado for a week, but you can catch me on KCER 105.9 with "FIT FOR LIFE" on Fridays.

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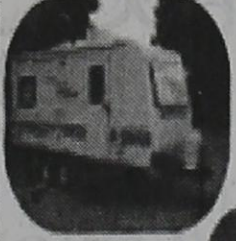
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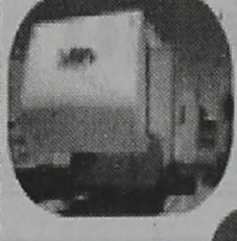
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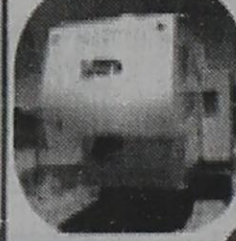
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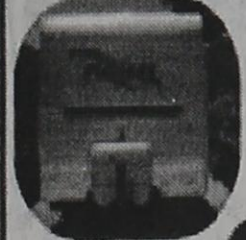
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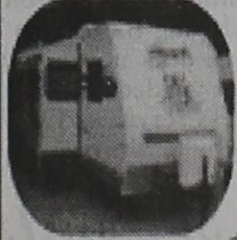
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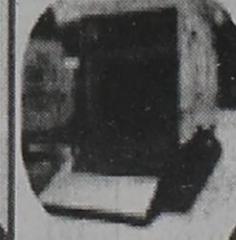
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This marks commemoration of the signing of the Armistice ending the Korean War.

Julius Graw, U.S. Navy (Ret.) and Director of News/Operations at Texas State Network, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Special guests include Congressman Martin Frost who will present the Bronze Star medal for Valor to Army veteran Robert Ayala for his heroic actions at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea in

1950. The Town North Concert Band will perform at 2:30 p.m. Other highlights include a memorial address presented by Medal of Honor Recipient Col. James L. Stone, and the 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines from the Naval Air Station JRB will present the colors.

All Korean War veterans are invited to attend.

Dallas VA Medical Center is located at 4500 S. Lancaster Rd. For more information please contact J.D. Randolph at 972-359-2936.

## From Whence Came I?

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

A trip to the Stephenville Public Library provided a day of enjoyment for all who went and a day of genealogical finds for part of the ones who went. It is interesting to see what other libraries have for our use. If a person were able to absorb all the information that is available one would be very intelligent. I also feel certain that one would have many awards in genealogy.

Have you ever wondered what motivated early immigrants to come to America? I have and often we do not think of all the people had gone through in their homeland before seeking a new home. Very often the reason people left their home was because of hatreds in their land. Many times it was for religious freedom. By 1661 Charles II of England had granted a Royal Charter that permitted "freedom of molestation, punishment or disquiet for religious views." About 1 1/2 million Irish came to America mostly in 1840-1850 because of a famine resulting in potato crop failure. The reason about 4 million Germans came to America in the 1840-1880's was great depression and unemployment; political unrest and failure of liberal revolutionary movement. The Danes, Norwegians, and Swedes numbering about 1 1/2 million came in 1870's-1900's because of poverty and shortage of farm land. About 1 million Poles came to America in 1880's-1920's because of poverty, political repression, and cholera epidemics. In 1880's-1920's about 2 1/2 million Jews from Eastern Europe came to America because of religious persecution. In that same time frame about 4 million Austrians, Czechs, Hungarians, and Slovaks came because of poverty and overpopulation. The same reason brought about 4 1/2 million Italians to America in 1880's-1920's. 1910-1920's about 700,000 Mexicans came to America because of the Mexican Revolution, low wages and unemployment. Then in 1950's-1980's another 1 1/2 million Mexicans came seeking better living conditions. About 600,000 Cubans came to America in 1960's-1980's because of Fidel Castro's take-over in 1959. 1970's-1980's the Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese came in numbers of about 165,000 because of the Vietnam War and the Communist take-over.

America has been considered a land of opportunity for all for a long time and it should be our prayers and dreams that she can forever be known as such. We are truly a big melting pot of all God's people. We need to live that way.

QUERY! HELP! Does anyone know anything about a place called "Tent City" near Gunsight and are there any pictures? Does anyone have pictures of old schools

that are now part of the Eastland Independent School District. Let's all cooperate with those trying to get good things done for our children and grandchildren. Did you ever go to Morton Valley School? If so send your name and address and an update on your family. There are several people working to get new Eastland County History together. Help us in anyway you can.



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## Tom DeLay Investigation Shifts To Corporations

By Viola Payne

In late May this newspaper published an article called "The Murky World of Investigations."

It detailed the investigation of Tom DeLay, U.S. Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and others by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

The focus of the investigations was whether there was illegal spending of corporate money by Republicans during the 2002 election year in Texas.

There was also a spin-off investigation of former Speaker of the House Pete Laney, a Democrat.

In an update, Earle recently told a newspaper that this investigations had expanded to include at least five

political organizations, a number of individuals and the corporations which financed them.

The D.A. commented that the investigation wasn't just about Tom DeLay, but corporate greed. He said they (the corporation) could always find another Tom DeLay.

But Earle, who is also investigating election spending by the Texas Association of Business, said that no individual or organization has been cleared yet. He stated that anybody who committed a crime is a target.

Several Grand Juries have met in Austin and considered evidence about the spending, which allegedly helped finance the Republican takeover of the Texas Legislature.

Earle is investigating whether the business associa-

tion and DeLay's committee illegally spent a combined \$2.5 million in corporate money to win the State House majority.

This majority and Tom Craddick installed as Speaker of the House, gave the power to redistrict. Reportedly the GOP gives Tom DeLay credit for resolving what they called "A West Texas problem" in this redistricting.

He spent three days last fall in shuttle diplomacy between the Texas Capitol chambers to finalize support for the maps that demolished the 17th District, expanded the 19th District and placed Midland (Tom Craddick) in a newly formed 11th District.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle is a Democrat, and for a long time the Republicans have accused him of using his office for political purposes. He has not indicted anyone in these investigations yet, and some are wondering if he will be able to do that.

A development this concerned a document turned up in the Enron investigation which allegedly implicates DeLay in fundraising there.

In the past, Earle has won some high profile cases and lost a few. So his current investigation is an on-going story.

## Cross Cut Reunion To Be Held July 18

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TXOL Internet is pleased to announce an all new residential Wireless / DSL broadband service for Eastland County residents. The new TXOL provided service will be known as Residential Express and priced at \$34.95 per month - not including one-time installation fee. It's perfect for customers seeking Internet access that's faster than dialup-access but more affordable than full-blown broadband. This service, like most all broadband services including Basic Plan TXOL Wireless / DSL, is a connected all-the-time service which does not require a phone line. In most all tests conducted thus far, the service has yielded an increase of up to 5-times the speed over that of conventional dialup access services. TXOL has been providing broadband solutions for 10 years and this is by far the best offering that we've ever made available.

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Don't know what wireless Internet is? In short, it is a fast Internet service that is done through a wireless radio mounted at your premises. It communicates to one of the many towers throughout Eastland County which in turn communicates with TXOL and connects to the Internet. It is a line of sight service and not automatically an available service for every residence. Obstructions such as large trees and hills between the premises and a tower prohibit use of the service. However, the service where available is a reliable service, even in storms. It is not a satellite type service - which is affected by many elements of nature. It is all-the-time connected and does not require hard line such as telephone cabling.

For more information, please call TXOL Internet at (254) 629-3278 or go online to [www.txol.net](http://www.txol.net)



# Obituary

## Anita Shirley

ABILENE- Anita Shirley, 63, of Abilene; died July 7, 2004 after a short fight with Leukemia.

Anita was born and raised in Cross Plains before moving to Baird for a short time. She then moved to Abilene where she resided at the time of her death.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004 at the Church of Christ in Cross Plains. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born to Claude and Virgie Baugh on May 4, 1941. Anita married J.R. Shirley on March 26, 1983 in Cross Plains. She worked at many different jobs, from running a grocery store to working in the service department at two different car dealerships to working at a craft store. There wasn't anything she couldn't do. Everyone who met her loved her. She was the best mother, sister, daughter, and MeMaw

anyone could ever ask for.

She was preceded in death by her father, Claude Baugh; a niece and great-nephew.

Anita is survived by her husband, J.R. Shirley; children and their spouses, Eddie Hedrick and fiance' Paula of Abilene, Kim Jackson and husband Eddie of Winters, Kelley Howard and husband Bill of Odessa; step-children, Russell Shirley and wife Renee of Amarillo, Melinda Martin and husband David of San Angelo and Melissa Williamson and husband Danny of Midland; her mother, Virgie Baugh of Abilene; two brothers, Johnny Baugh and wife Melba of Coleman, Steve Baugh and wife Dale of Abilene; a sister, Claudette Ross and husband R.Q. of Carlsbad, N.M.; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; as well as a host of special friends.

# Baird First United Methodist Church News

## UMV News

The United Methodist Women met Sunday, June 13, with ten members present.

President Lanetha Walker presided, and Hostesses Ouida Walker and Beulah Springate delighted all with delicious sandwiches, cookies, and tea.

Our program was a continuation of the fascinating District Mission Study on the Book of Exodus.

The next meeting was held July 12 with Ouida Walker continuing this study.

*Lanetha Walker, President*

## Youth Update

We had our ice cream sale at Trade Days and made around \$80.00 Not too bad for three hours of work.

On July 14, we had a volleyball match against Clyde at Sonic.

A trip to Six Flags is planned for July 15 during Christian Youth Weekend. It is always lots and lots of fun.

We are planning a mission trip to New Braunfels the following week with the Clyde Methodist youth.

A Chrysalis for boys and another for girls are coming up in August and September. Let me know if you would like to sponsor someone.

*Kristi & John & the Youth*  
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**Sunday Service - 10:45 A.M.**

**Sunday School For All Ages - 9:45 A.M.**  
325-854-1080

## Area Rancher Is An Artist At Heart

Abilene, TX - Dock Dilworth Parramore had rancher's hands and an artistic way of telling stories.

The Parramore Sketches, Scenes and Stories of Early West Texas, the newest exhibit at The Grace Museum, features more than 40 pencil

drawings by Parramore and brings early Abilene to life through a nickel pencil and a rancher's eye.

D. D. Parramore (1875-1946), who grew up in and around Abilene during its infancy, was a rancher, not an artist. Yet in the mid-1930s Parramore began drawing a series of pencil sketches to entertain and instruct his two young grandchildren, Eleanor Sellers (Hoppe) and Dilworth Parramore Sellers. Each sketch was drawn with a nickel pencil on unlined tablet paper with laborious hand-lettered captions.

The sketches illustrate Parramore's view of early west Texas and offer an unromanticized version of the life of early settlers and cowboys as he remembered them. His drawings show little glamour but focus instead on the humor and reality of everyday life.

The exhibit will be on display through November 27, 2004.

For more information about The Parramore Sketches please contact Heather Kuhn at 325.673.4587.

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## Baird First Baptist Church Schedule of Events

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For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574

<b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am	<b>Worship Service</b> 11 am	<b>Prayer Time</b> 5 pm	<b>Evening Service</b> 6 pm
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**Wednesday Service**  
7 pm  
(nursery provided)

**Coming Soon! VBS, July 19-22, 6:00 p.m.**

We will have a New Testament for each child. Our goal is to purchase 100 Bibles. If you would like to give a Bible - the cost is \$1.49 each. Call 854-1574 for more information.

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