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Special to the Callahan-Eastland County Newspapers:

Ben Barnes Discusses Redistricting, Other Topics-

Supports Carole Keeton Strayhorn for Governor

By Viola Payne

There's nothing like a discussion with Ben Barnes to liven up an Eastland County morning in August!

On Thursday, Aug. 3 Barnes gave me an interview for the Eastland County Newspapers - by phone from Washington, D.C. He said he would be flying back to Texas that day. Barnes, a Democrat and former Speaker of the House and Lt. Gov. of Texas, was born in Eastland County and grew up in Comanche County.

He visited Eastland recently to promote his book called "Barn Burning - Barn Building." He mentioned that this book was continuing to do well.

This interview was offered to us and arranged earlier in the week through Barnes' office. One of the main topics was to be Redistricting, something that Barnes feels strongly about.

Even as we spoke Thursday a panel of three Federal Judges was meeting in Austin to begin deliberations on the redrawing of U.S. District 23, as mandated by the Supreme Court. No one knew how this

would affect the adjoining Districts..

I told Mr. Barnes that I had some questions, but wanted this interview to be more than a question-and-answer thing. I wanted some of his insight on world conditions as well as national and state politics.

I told him that I had a sense of peril for our country that I hadn't felt since World War 11.

Barnes agreed. "This is the most dangerous time our nation has had since World War 11, and some of it is self-inflicted. Many people don't understand that.

"Our poor policy in the Middle East has led to an outpouring of anti-American sentiment.

"Most people don't realize how thin we are spread militarily in a ground war like this. There are around 300-million of us, and many times as many Moslems in the world. Then there is the situation with Iran and North Korea!

"In the meanwhile, we have neglected the Israel-Palestinian conflict. You have to negotiate that one all the time.

"Now it has inflamed into a war, and we're standing by. "Of course Israel has a right to defend itself, but the other side does too.

"So much money has been wasted that our national debt has soared to over \$800-trillion"

Barnes added that we are borrowing \$600-million a day from China to spend for oil.

"They're our banker," he said.

"We were supposed to be less dependent on oil by now - but we're not..New laws will let us drill in more places, but there's a lack of an energy policy."

He said there was a heat wave in Washington D.C. right now, and a lot of energy was being consumed just to cool things along the East Coast. Natural gas futures had skyrocketed, he noted. I mentioned that today the panel of Federal Judges were meeting to look at proposals to re-draw District 23 - that gigantic one reaching from San Antonio up the Rio Grande to El Paso and the line of New Mexico.

Continued Inside, See Ben Barnes...

Callahan County SWCD is Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for landowners, hunters, and interested individuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black/white. The cost will depend on the size and design of each indi-

vidual map.

For more information on how to purchase a land map contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th St. Baird, TX or Call (325) 854-1349, EXT 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS at 325-762-2552, EXT. 3.

Election Judges, Alternates, and Polling Places Named for County by Commissioners

Polling places for the elections to be held in Callahan County were decided by a unanimous vote of 5-0 in the July 10th meeting of the Commissioner's.

The polling places include:

- Pct. #1: Clyde Lions Club Building, FM 18 & Rusk Street in Clyde.
 - Pct. #2: Eula Lions Club Building, FM 603 S. Clyde.
 - Pct. #3: Baird Housing Authority Building, 401 Chestnut in Baird.
 - Pct. #4: Cross Plains Community Center, 9th & Beech in Cross Plains.
 - Pct. #5: Putnam Community Center, 120 W. Travis in Putnam.
 - Pct. #6: Clyde Southside Baptist Church, FM 604 South in Clyde, TX
 - Pct. #7: Oplin Community Center, FM 604 S. in Oplin.
- Early Voting: Baird Courthouse Room #107 at 100 W. 4th St. in Baird.
- Branch Early Voting:

Clyde Justice of the Peace Office, 208 Oak Street in Clyde.

Branch Early Voting: Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Office, 424 S. Main in Cross Plains.

Election Judges & Alternate Judges include;

- Pct. #1 Susan McCool, Judge; Silas Tucker, Alternate.
 - Pct. #2: Roxane Schoen, Judge; Pat Logan, Alternate.
 - Pct. #3: Jackie Pruet, Judge, Johanna May, Alternate.
 - Pct. #4: Joh Swift, Judge; Joyce McCoy, Alternate.
 - Pct. #5: Randy, Petty, Judge; Beth Petty, Alternate.
 - Pct. #6: Sharon Gage, Judge, Fannie Froman, Alternate.
 - Pct. #7: Trent Gee, Judge, Clarice Yandell, Alternate.
- Ballot Board Judge, Dorothy Watson.

Local Cross Plains Artist, Anna Chesshir, Featured in A-RN for Decorative Crosses

Specializing in crosses and decorations thereon, Anna Chesshir is an artist in Cross Plains, whose favorite and first creation is her "Summer at Uncle Bob's", a depiction of artifacts Anna found on her uncle's property in Odessa.

She has made crosses from artifacts from the wildfire remnants from Decem-

ber of 2005, including a signature glass butterfly in the right corner of every piece.

She learned the cross creation from an apprenticeship with Odessa artist Derrell Grace last summer.

Cross Plains was devastated by a wildfire as the residents can well remember, where 116 homes were destroyed.

Baird I.S.D. Classes Start On Wed. Aug. 16th- Be There by 7:50 or be Square, Bolls at 7:55

Baird will start their school year on Wednesday, August 16. For all students Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade the first school bell will ring at 7:55 a.m., followed by an 8:00 a.m. bell indicating the start of classes for 2006-07 school year, for the Baird Independent School District.

All students are asked to be on campus no later than 7:50 a.m. each day, unless notified to arrive earlier for participation in tutorials or extracurricular activities/practices. The Baird ISD Child Nutrition Department will begin serving Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. every morning for those who wish to have breakfast.

Baird I.S.D. is pleased

to announce that the Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten program will operate on a full-day basis with the same start time as all other students.

Students in Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten and First Grade will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. each day. Students from 2nd grade to 12-th grade will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m. Buses will run at 3:25 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Baird I.S.D. will begin a tutorial program for students on Tuesday, September 5. Tutorials will be scheduled from 3:20 to 3:45 p.m. Beginning on September 5, buses will run at 3:45 Monday-Thursday, and 3:25 p.m. on Fridays.

Baird High School Homecoming Set for September 16, 2006 (addresses needed)

The Baird High School Homecoming has been set for September 16, 2006. All the activities this year will be on Saturday, September 16th including the game. We are trying to update our address file and are needing addresses for the following people from the 1989-1993;

- Tracy Boyd, Vicky Connel, Doreen Prossie Cooper, Kim Smith Ponder, Stacy Hawes Roeming, Brad Jones, Jeff Lockaby, Eva Mendez, Misty Rodriguez, Lee Roy Barron, Angela Boyd Beavers, Roxanne Catapano, Beth Irizarry, Edie Jones, Tony Lopez, Bonnie Rodriguez, Glen Santos, Laura Abernathy, Stephen Belcher, Sheri Boles, Jeff Cumby, Courtayne Holland Kelly, Erin McKinney, Valery Seals, Edward Walters, Jennifer Wilson, Bonnie Ancell, Jason Martin, Venus Miller, Kyle Smith, Renea Barron Stearns, Dakari Wharton, Jerry Burgess, Jon Gilley, Renay Hanley, Donna Swan, Lalena Wagley, Christie Austin Welch, Grabiell Cerda, Genesse Freiman, Maribeth Fish, James Tate, Kathy Turner, Towar Bell, Christy Story, Krissy Gilley, Chad LeFevre.

We are putting a few

TEXAS FARM CREDIT DISTRICT REPORTS STRONG GROWTH IN SECOND QUARTER

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending institutions today reported a \$1 billion increase in gross loan volume for the first six months of 2006. The Austin-based bank and 21 financing cooperatives, collectively known as the Tenth Farm Credit District, make up the largest rural lending network serving Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

The district's net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2006, was \$58.5 million, a 4.9 percent increase from the second quarter last year. Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2006, was \$115.1 million, or 8.6 percent, above the first six months of 2005. Both net interest and noninterest income increased for the quarter. Gross loan volume at mid-year was \$11.2 billion, a 9.8 percent increase from the \$10.2 billion reported at year-end 2005 and a 23.0 percent increase from the \$9.1 billion at June 30, 2005. District credit quality remained strong, with 98.9 percent of gross loan volume rated acceptable at June 30, 2006, compared to 98.4 percent acceptable at year-end 2005.

These strong financial results are good news, not just

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names each week and will continue for the next several weeks. If you have any information about these former students, please let us know at P.O. Box 954, Baird, Texas 79504, or call 854-1497.

Thanks for your help. Baird Ex-Students' Assn.

Story and a picture appeared in A-RN in the Saturday issue Life section on August 7th, was by Celinda Emison who we have to thank for these details of Anna Chesshir. Thanks

Baird Elementary School to have "Meet the Teacher" at 6-7 p.m. on August 15th, Tuesday next

Baird Elementary School will have a "Meet the Teacher" night on Tuesday, August 15, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. All parents and students from Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to the elementary school to meet the teachers and see the classrooms. Also students are encouraged to bring their school snter through the front doors of the school cafeteria where you will be directed to the classrooms.

Coming Sept. 1st

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D.P.S. Report

7-30-06 to 7-6-06
Cases Investigated
WARNINGS-137

COMPLAINTS-159
DWI- 1
Driving While License Invalid--2-
Open Container 1
ACCIDENTS-There were one accidents investigated during this time span
Drive Carefully, and Enjoy the Summer!

Callahan County Lays Out Preliminary Plans for Budget at Open Hearing August 21st and Aug. 25, Public Invited

Preliminary public hearing dates for discussion of the tax rate and the first of at least two for the county of Callahan was set for Monday, August 21 and the second for Friday, August 25th was set by the Call. County Commissioners at their Budget Meeting on Monday, July 24th.

Discussion of the preliminary 2006-07 fiscal year budget will take and adoption of the Budget has been scheduled, tentatively as well for Tuesday, September 5th, for the 2006 fiscal budget tax rate.

Preliminary tax rate for the year of 2006-07 is .41697 cent per \$100 valuation. Last year's was

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"CORNUCOPIA" Moving Toward Big Screen at a Fast Pace

Eastland County Native Mike Collins 'tell-all' book "Cornucopia of Evil," which has been selling like hot cakes around here, has major leaps toward being turned into a major film production.

Collins has sold the right to Dwight Adair, a big-time producer/director who is presently developing a treatment and screenplay. The work is being seen as a run-away film for the movie theaters as well as a possible television series, and possibly a pay-for-view internet film.

Adair's credentials are first class and his credits include directorship of the T.V. series Dynasty and Dallas as well as director/producer for Faded Love and Go For It. He was producer for Dream House and She Fought Alone, both television series.

Collins is donating all proceeds from local sales of his book to the Eastland

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Flooring for Sale from Old Gym

Baird Independent School District is in the process of refurbishing the old gymnasium. One of the main objectives is to replace the wooden floor because it is not level. The hardwood floor has been removed in sections of about 30 square

feet. These sections are for sale to the public for \$1 per square foot. Proceeds from the sales of flooring will help defray the cost of updating the gym. If interested in owning a piece of history you may call Sceptt Cooper at 854-1400 extension, 320.

Help Wanted

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PVC pipe, Aquarium, nice ladies shoes, loppers, tin ware, plastic totes, live mouse trap, video and audio tapes, some glassware, jewelry, boat motor gas tank, .22 rifle semi-auto w/clip, cameras, rocking chair
 Corinth Baptist Church is between Cisco and Eastland just one fourth mile off Hwy 6 (old Hwy 80) on County Road 154 north. Signs will be posted. This is only a partial listing as more items are being donated almost daily. Most of the sale will be conducted inside with air conditioning. Some of the larger items will be sold outside. Many of these sale items are new and almost new. There will be something for everyone, and it will be a fun sale. Concessions will be available, so come eat supper with us and enjoy the fellowship of a fun auction. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 10th. The sale will be conducted by Lee Yaddow - Auc. Lic. #11486 and Fred Tucker - Auc. Lic. #7965. Call 254-629-1956 for more information.

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.40642 cent per \$100 property value. Effective tax rate this year, the rate which generates the same amount of tax levy as the previous year's is .38609 cents per valuation. Rollback tax for 2006-07 is .41698c per \$100 of property value, being the highest rate possibly levied which would not entail an election for rollback. Budget Expenses for Callahan for a budget deficit of \$226.41 is \$2,881,629.46 totally, including a three percent increase in pay for county employees.

Continued from Pg. One for the Farm Credit lending institutions throughout the Tenth District but also for our customers, said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer. One of the highlights of the cooperative structure is that we can share financial success with our borrower-stockholders through annual patronage programs. Our goal is to continue our strong financial success for the benefit of our borrowers. Combined assets of the district totaled \$14.6 billion at mid-

Obituary Jimmy Lloyd McCloud

Jimmy Lloyd McCloud, 53, of Clyde, died Thursday, July 20th, 2006, in a vehicle accident in Las Vegas, NV. Services were at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Hall officiating. Burial was to follow at Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Jimmy was born March 12, 1953 in Abilene, TX to Buster and Mary (Beck) McCloud. He grew up in Clyde and Baird, graduating from Baird High School in 1971. He married Susan Elaine Wiley on March 7th, 2001 in Clyde. At the time of his death, he was a truck driver for Kennedy-Simmons Trucking Co. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife: Susan Elaine of Clyde, four sons, James Henson of Watauga, David and Bryan Henson, both of Euless, Steven Henson of Mountain Home, Id; a brother, Terry Fleming of Clyde, and a half-brother, Terry Fleming of Clyde, and a half-brother, Jeff Cox of Clyde; a foster mother, Mrs. Oscr (Marie) Brown, of Abilene, and foster-parents, Mickey and Jewell Kelly of Baird, and four grandchildren.

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These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, TX. This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Bream, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish and Koi. In Addition we are also offering Red Horse minnows, Fathead and Goldshiners. Fish orders will be taken from **April 19, 2006,**

through August 31, 2006, or until supplies run out. **Whichever come first.** The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. We will set appointment times for pick up as orders are takne. All orders are **pre-paid with a check or money order**, and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, TX at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th and Suite B. Orders and information may also be obtained at the Albany, TX NRCS office. The number is 325-762-2552. EXT 3.

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year. Members equity in the cooperatively owned lending organizations totaled \$2.0 billion. The Tenth District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, established by Congress in 1916 to provide loans and financial services to agricultural producers, agribusinesses, and rural landowners and homeowners. Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$607 million and \$1.161 billion for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, as compared with combined net income of \$519 million and \$1.017 billion for the same period last year.

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CDL drivers with clean record, exp. equip. operators, heavy equip. mechanics & labor at Jay Mills Contracting 254-965-

HELP WANTED: Experienced, mature woman for home cleaning; Rainbow vacuum cleaning system knowledge helpful. Needed every other week for multiple in-home tasks. Good references required. Please call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to set interview.

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ACREAGE

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 29.72 acres with large hill. Mostly wooded with red oak and live oak, creek, water line, electricity, excellent home site. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, owner/broker, agent.
 40 Acres +/- partially wooded with oaks, 4 ponds, waterline septic syst, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck.
 50 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$79,900 **SOLD**
 61 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,500 per acre.
 61 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded w/ live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,800 per acre.
 65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
 81 Acres mostly wooded with oaks & mesquite trees, one 4-acre field, two ponds, hills down to draws, large ranches around this property, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,395 per acre.
 83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds, excellent property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
 93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including Lake Cisco, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
 112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CH/CA and older frame house **SOLD** turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$145,600.
 116 Acres on large creek, wooded with live oak, 2 ponds, larger field in the middle, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
 124 Acres with nice fifth wheel camper, mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 fields, big hill and other elevation changes, creek, 2 ponds, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail and duck. 221,555.
 151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,490.
 151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 **SOLD** buildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$220,183.
 160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land **SOLD** on in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.
 275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite trees, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$328,625.
 421 Acres with home 2-story, 5 **SOLD** ponds and swimming pool, large metal barn with pens, 12-acre lake, large creek, mostly wooded.

COMMERCIAL

Attractive and clean, 2 year old 40' x 50' bldg., corner property with interstate access. Covered front porch and pavilion with ample parking, drive thru shop, parts counter, showroom, 2 half baths and mini kitchen. 5 lots. Call for details.
 3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details.
 Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details.

HOUSES

Only 17,000 for this 2 BR, 1 bath home. Call for details.
 2 BR, 1 bath home on corner property with storm windows, some wood floors, large oak trees, attached garage and fenced backyard, \$25,000.
 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees. Reduced to \$26,500.
 3 BR, 2 bath home with storm windows, double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500.
 Large 2 BR, 1 bath home. Could be arranged for a third BR, separate DR, detached garage with extra storage, many large oak trees, 1 1/2 lots, \$32,000.
 2 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, large trees, 2 separate double carports, storage building and plenty of space to add more. **SOLD** \$42,000.
 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with full bath, 2 ponds, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large pecan trees, reduced to \$29,000.
 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large deck, full bath, carport, storage bldg., privacy fence, corner property, \$36,000.
 3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.
 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home with CH/A, large LR and master BR, small office, fenced backyard, large trees, storage building. \$53,000.
 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, WBFP, storm windows, attached garage, covered patio, backyard fenced, detached room with full bath, small shop. \$55,000.
 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, builtin appliances, pantry, attached double garage, large trees, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$55,000.
 Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots, \$59,500.
 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer home, separate LR and den, storm windows, CH/A, attached 2 car garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$62,500.
 Large 3 BR, 2 bath home, (recently built) with 2 family rooms, CH/A, wooden deck, double carport, 2 storage buildings and shop or game room. Fenced backyard, corner property.
 4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CH/CA units, vinyl siding, storm windows, jacuzzi, double carport plus single carport, workshop, many large oak trees, 151' x 270' lot. Also has mobile home hookups.

LAKE CISCO

Well maintained, 3 BR, 1 bath home with metal siding, covered patio, 2 storage bldgs., covered boat dock with boat lift, large trees, \$45,800.
 Recently built, attractive 2 BR, 1 bath home with CH/A, nice pine cabinets, large deck, many live oak trees, storage building, covered boat dock, \$69,500.
 Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.
 Beautiful landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/A units. **SOLD** many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees.

Ann Williams, Broker Jimmy Williams

TCEQ Chairman Urges Water Conservation During Drought

An Editorial Message from Kathleen Harnett White, Chairman Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

It is no surprise that a Texas summer is hot and dry but 2005-2006 has been the driest recorded since 1957. The National Weather Services predicts persistent drought conditions through October for more than two-thirds of the state. We began the summer with a deficit. At the end of June, the state's reservoirs were at 79 percent of capacity, which is 10 percent lower than the same time last year.

The typically long, hot Texas summers readily bring water to mind, but Texans need to recognize the long-term water needs of our growing state. According to a 2006 preliminary analysis of Regional Water Plans, by 2060 when our population will have doubled, Texas could have extreme water shortages. In 2060, 61 percent of the population in over 500 cities would be unable to meet basic water needs during drought unless we reduce current rates of water use or develop additional sources of water. Every Texan can help conserve water this summer and throughout the year.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires water suppliers to develop drought contingency plans to manage water usage, reduce peak demand, and extend supplies. June ended with 119 community water systems asking customers to limit outside water usage. An additional 78 systems were added to the list as of July 28. Of these systems, 22 are not allowing any outside watering at all, 104 are requiring mandatory watering restrictions based on address and day of the week, and 71 are asking for their customers to voluntarily reduce usage.

You may receive notices from your local water supplier about water restrictions. The TCEQ breaks down restrictions into four stages. Under Stage I and II restrictions, customers are asked to conserve water. Mandatory restrictions come into play in Stage III and involve limiting lawn watering to specific days of the week and prohibit other non-essential water use to reduce the demand on the system by a certain percentage. If these efforts fail to sufficiently reduce usage, Stage IV restrictions may be implemented. These critical water use restrictions prohibit all outdoor watering and using water to wash vehicles of any kind. However, one size does not fit all situations in our big, diverse state. Since local decisions best reflect local conditions, restrictions issued by your water system may vary.

There's no need to wait until conditions are dire. Conservation keeps a bad situation from worsening. There are things each individual Texan can do to conserve water. Some ways to reduce water usage are:

- \$ water your lawn no more than twice a week and only during early morning hours,
- \$ use a drip irrigation system instead of sprinklers,
- \$ wash full loads of dishes or laundry,
- \$ cut back on washing your vehicle,
- \$ replace old plumbing with water saving fixtures,
- \$ consider installing a cistern to catch rainwater for future use,
- \$ plant native plants (that require less water).

The "Know Your Water I.Q." program at www.wateriq.org is an excellent resource for learning more about water conservation. Cities and communities across Texas are joining the "Water IQ" program to increase public awareness of the need to use water more efficiently.

As a rancher, I know that nature does not always cooperate. Population growth coupled with increased demand in a dry climate make it imperative that each Texan makes every effort to conserve water. Our quality of life depends upon our wise use of this precious and limited resource. Texas is blessed with tremendous water resources in our many rivers and aquifers. Let's all use them wisely.

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Key Legal Requirements for Texas City Officials

The explanations here are for informational purposes only and should never be substituted for adequate legal advice. Prior to taking action on anything contained herein, a city official should consult with local legal counsel. Please contact the TML Legal Services Department at 512-231-7400 or legal@tml.org for more information.

Texas Open Meetings Act (OMA)

Definition of "meeting": A meeting occurs any time a quorum of the city council is present and discusses public business that is within the city council's jurisdiction, regardless of the location.

General rule: Every regular, special, or called meeting of the city council and most boards and commissions (depending on membership and authority) must be open to the public.

Exception: OMA does not apply to purely social gatherings or conventions and workshops, so long as any discussion of city business is incidental to the purpose of the gathering.

Exception: Statutorily authorized executive or "closed" sessions, including deliberations concerning: (1) purchase or lease of real property; (2) consultation with attorney; (3) personnel matters; (4) economic development; and (5) certain homeland security matters.

To hold an executive session, the governing body must first convene in open session, identify which issues will be discussed in executive session, and cite the applicable exception. All final actions, decisions, or votes must be made in an open meeting.

Agenda: A governmental body must post an agenda that includes the date, hour, place, and subject of each meeting. The agenda must be posted at city hall in a place readily accessible to the public at all times for at least 72 hours before the meeting. In addition, for cities that have an Internet Web site: (1) a city under 48,000 population must post meeting notices on its Web site; and (2) a city over 48,000 population must post the entire agenda on its Web site.

Records of meetings: Cities must keep written minutes or recordings of all meetings, except for closed consultations with an attorney. The minutes must state the subject and indicate each vote, decision, or other action taken.

Penalties: Penalties for violating the OMA range from having the action voided to the imposition of fines and incarceration. Any action taken in violation is voidable and may be reversed in a civil lawsuit. There are four criminal provisions under the OMA, including:

- (1) Knowingly conspiring to circumvent the Act by meeting in numbers less than a quorum for the purpose of secret deliberations;
- (2) Calling or participating in a closed meeting;
- (3) Participating in an executive session without a certified agenda or tape recording; and
- (4) Disclosure of a certified agenda or tape recording to a member of the public.

Texas Public Information Act (PIA)

Definition of "public information": Public information includes any information that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity, regardless of the format.

General rule: Most information held by a city is presumed to be public information and must be released pursuant to a written request.

Exceptions: Specific statutory exceptions allow certain information, such as that subject to the attorney-client privilege, to be withheld from the public. Because there are numerous exceptions, city officials should consult with local counsel immediately on receipt of a request.

Procedure: Any member of the public may request information in writing. A city official is prohibited from inquiring into the requestor's motives, and is generally limited to:

- (1) Releasing the information as quickly as is practicable, but generally not later than ten business days following the request; or
- (2) Requesting an opinion from the Texas attorney general's office within ten business days of the request as to whether the information may be withheld.

Penalties: Penalties for violating the PIA range from a civil lawsuit against the city or a city official to the imposition of fines and incarceration.

There are three general criminal provisions under the PIA, including:

- (1) Refusing to provide public information;
- (2) Providing confidential information; and
- (3) Improperly destroying government information.

Open Government Training

Each elected or appointed member of a governmental body must take at least one hour of training in both the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act. For more information, please visit the attorney general's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Ethics

Chapter 171 - Conflicts of Interest

Definition of "conflict of interest": A local public official has a conflict of interest in a matter if any action on the matter would involve a business entity or real property in which the official has a substantial interest, and action on the matter would confer an economic benefit on the official.

General rule: If a local public official has a substantial interest in a business entity or real property, the official must file an affidavit with the city secretary stating the interest and abstain from any participation or vote on the matter. A local public official is considered to have a substantial interest if a close relative has such an interest.

Exception: If a local public official has a conflict of interest and files an affidavit, the official is not required to abstain from further participation or a vote on the matter if a majority of the members of the governing body also have a conflict of interest and file an affidavit.

Penalties: Penalties for violating the conflict of interest provisions range from having the action voided to the imposition of fines and incarceration.

Chapter 176 - Conflicts Disclosure

Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires that mayors, councilmembers, city managers or administrators, and certain other city officials must file a "conflicts disclosure statement" with a city's records administrator within seven days of becoming aware of either of the following situations:

- A city officer or the officer's family member has an employment or business relationship that results in taxable income with a person who has contracted with the city or with whom the city is considering doing business.
- A city officer or the officer's family member receives and accepts one or more gifts with an aggregate value of \$250 in the preceding 12 months from a person who conducts business or is being considered for business with the officer's city.

The bill also requires a vendor who wishes to conduct business or be considered for business with a city to file a "conflict of interest questionnaire." The conflicts disclosure statement (Form CIS) and the conflict of interest questionnaire (Form CIQ) were created by the Texas Ethics Commission and are available online at www.ethics.state.tx.us.

An officer who knowingly fails to file the statement commits a class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Nepotism

Definition of "nepotism": Nepotism is the appointment or employment of a close relative of a city's "final hiring authority" (the city council or city manager, depending on the form of government) to a paid position with the city.

General rule: A public official, acting alone or as a member of a governing body, generally may not appoint a close relative to a paid position, regardless of the relative's merit. In addition, the reverse applies. In other words, a person may not be elected to the city council if a close relative is employed by the city, unless the relative first resigns.

Exception: If the employee has been continuously employed by the city for a certain period of time, a close relative may be elected to the city council.

Penalties: Penalties for violating the nepotism provisions include a fine and immediate removal from office.

Dual Office Holding/Incompatibility

Definition of "dual office holding" and general rule: The Texas Constitution generally prohibits one person from holding more than one paid public office.

Definition of "incompatibility" and general rule: Texas law prohibits one person from holding two public offices, regardless of whether one or both offices are paid, if one position might impose its policies on the other or subject it to control in some other way. There are three types of incompatibility:

- (1) "Self-appointment" incompatibility prohibits a member of a governing body from being appointed to a position over which the governing body has appointment authority;
- (2) "Self-employment" incompatibility prohibits a member of a governing body from being employed in a position over which the governing body has employment authority; and
- (3) "Conflicting loyalties" incompatibility prohibits one person from holding two public offices in which the duties of one office might negatively affect the duties of the other office.

Penalties: A person who accepts a prohibited second office automatically resigns the first office.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Bro. Jimmy Nelson preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, August 6. The morning message was from Exodus 25: 1-9 "Let them make me a sanctuary: that I may dwell among them". Other visitors were Maggie Nelson, Cassie Brasher, Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington and Kari Rodgers of Georgetown. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Verna Lee Little. "Without Him" was beautifully rendered by the choir: Aletha Burgess, Crystal and Rachel Snider, Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Thomas Seay, Ruth Rodgers, Woodrow Browning, Joe Bond, Ann Warren, Sylvia Buchanan, Jimmy Little, Oren Webb and Cody Fails, with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. Nelson's message on Sunday night was from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-26, telling us that we serve a risen Savior. Our hope is in the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Sunday night visitors were Kari Rodgers and Julia Hall of Georgetown who were visiting with Kari's grandparents, Ed and Ruth Rodgers. "Happy Birthday" was extended to Betty Little.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited in Copperas Cove on Wednesday with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond and attended the Wednesday night services at the First Baptist Church where Shannon brought the message.

Joe and Glynda report that their son, Brian, who is moving from Florida to Dallas lost most of his clothes and household goods when the moving van that was transporting them caught fire and burned before reaching Dallas.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson, Cassie Brasher and

Zelda Jordan enjoyed lunch together in Eastland on Sunday.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson attended the Bennett Cousins reunion in Ranger on Sunday.

Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington visited during the weekend with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

Beverley and Bob Pharris of Haskell visited with Betty and Larry Strube.

Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michele Snider and La Von Snider visited with Gene and Kay Snider on Thursday.

Delmon Eaves visited with Oren and Norma Webb.

Construction on the new Kokomo Community Building has begun. The slab has been poured and I understand that they were to start putting the walls up today. It will be a metal building so maybe it will go up pretty fast. It will be a nice addition to the community when it is finished.

Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan were in Eastland on Saturday to take a few things to the Kokomo Room in the Eastland County Historical Museum. We are having some pictures copied so more displays can be made. We still urge anyone who ever lived at Kokomo, or their families lived here, to look through your pictures and newspaper clippings of special events at Kokomo and copy them and share them with us. We especially need articles and pictures about the early years at Kokomo, but any year will be welcome. They can be mailed to Zelda Jordan at 917 Hwy 2689, Gorman, TX

Desdemona Homecoming And School Reunion

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 12 at the Community Center (former school gym). The morning program will begin at 10 a.m. This is an annual affair, always on the second Saturday in August--same date been observed for over three-quarter of a century. There was some exception of years during World War II, when it was canceled because of the shortage of gasoline and to wait for the return of our soldiers.

There is some difference of opinion as to the actual year of the beginning of the Desdemona Homecoming. Some of the oldest of the "Old Timers" say it began as far back as 1921. Others come up with a later year. The program has changed somewhat in the past fifty years or so.

In the early years, when the population during the "Oil Boom" was estimated at

twenty eight thousand or so, a parade was formed, sometime it was a mile in length. Citizens walked carrying comical signs and placards, several citizens rode on horseback, covered wagons pulled by a team of horses carrying an entire family, a string music band rode on a wagon and many shiny automobiles from the oldest to the newest made up a very enjoyable parade.

Beef for the noon meal was barbecued over an open pit near the Community Tabernacle. A "pitch fork" was used to turn the meat. Families from far and near brought baskets and boxes of food to spread together for the noon meal. We now have lunch served by a catering service, giving more time for visiting with friends.

Then, as now, the meeting was opened with prayer, a patriotic song, welcome address, recognition of visitors, award plaques to the oldest

Denny J. Roach Joins Membership Of American Angus Association

Denny J Roach, Carbon, Texas, is a new member of the American Angus AssociationSM, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national breed registry organization in Saint

man and woman present. Also the memorial service and roll call of the ones who have passed on since last meeting.

School Reunion is included with the annual Homecoming. Approximately 250 to 275 ex-students, teachers and friends attend each year.


The Homecoming was held each year at the Community Tabernacle until August 1972 when it was moved to the High School Gym.

First School Reunion was held August 1966 at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. Then it was added to the Homecoming so these events can be enjoyed together. Make plans to attend for an enjoyable day.

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"Whole grains are critical to a balanced, healthy diet, as evidenced by the FDA's new dietary guidelines," said Lisa Sasson, a clinical assistant professor at New York University's Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health. "The good news is that health-conscious parents have more ways to incorporate whole grains into their families' diets. Multi-grain pasta, which is versatile and economical, is ideal for consumers who want to prepare quick and nutritious meals that even kids will love."

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Spinach Rotini Salad

12 oz Golden Grain or Heartland Multi Grain Rotini
4 oz fresh baby spinach
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup Italian dressing
3/4 cup tomatoes, diced
4 oz regular or turkey pepperoni, julienned
8 oz cheddar cheese, shredded

salt and pepper to taste
Cook rotini per package directions. Rinse with cold water and drain. Combine all remaining ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add pasta and mix well.

Confetti Penne Pasta

12 oz Golden Grain or Heartland Multi Grain Penne
1/3 cup olive oil
1 Tbsp chopped garlic
3/4 cup red bell pepper, diced
3/4 cup celery, diced
1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced

2 tsp lemon pepper seasoning
2 cups broccoli florets, cut small and cooked
1 lb cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast, diced
1 cup chicken broth

Cook penne per package directions. Drain, cover and set aside. In large skillet, heat oil and add garlic, red pepper, celery, mushrooms and lemon pepper seasoning. Cook until tender, about 5

minutes. Add cooked pasta, broccoli, chicken and broth to skillet. Toss to heat through and serve immediately.

Baked Spaghetti Supper

12 oz Golden Grain or Heartland Multi Grain Spaghetti
1/3 cup olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced or 1 tsp garlic powder
1 medium onion, chopped

2 bell peppers, chopped
1 Tbsp dried basil
6 cups tomato spaghetti sauce

1/2 lb cooked turkey sausage, sliced
2 cups Mozzarella cheese, shredded
1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain, cover and set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add garlic, onion, peppers and basil. Saute 3 minutes. Add sauce and sausage. Simmer 5 minutes. Spread 1 cup of the sauce mixture into bottom of a 13" x 9" baking dish. Layer half of the spaghetti, half of the remaining sauce mixture, 1 cup Mozzarella cheese and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Repeat layering. Bake for 15-20 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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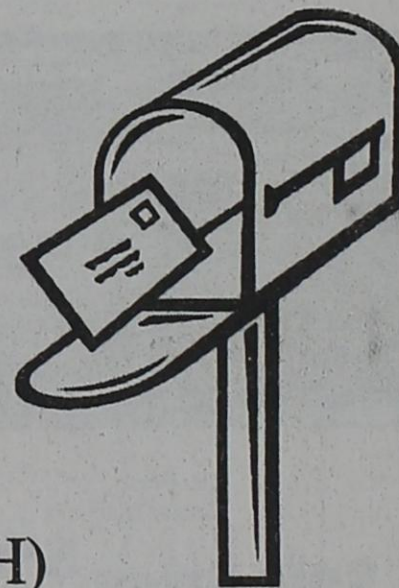
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House Bill 3:

Revised Franchise Tax Overview

Overview

The Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 3 during the 79th 3rd Called Session in 2006. The bill amends Texas Tax Code Chapter 171 to revise the existing franchise tax by changing the tax base, lowering the rate and extending coverage to active businesses receiving state law liability protection.

Changes made by HB 3 are effective for franchise tax reports originally due on or after January 1, 2008.

Entities Subject to Tax

The tax applies to partnerships (general, limited and limited liability), corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts, professional associations, business associations, joint ventures and other legal entities

with statutory liability protection, except for:

- sole proprietorships;
- general partnerships directly owned by natural persons;
- entities exempt under Subchapter B of Chapter 171;
- certain unincorporated passive entities;
- grantor trusts, estates of natural persons and escrows;
- passive investment partnerships;
- certain family limited partnerships;
- real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs) and certain real estate investment trusts (REITs); and
- certain non-business passive entity trusts.

Margin

The revised tax base is the

taxable entity's margin equals the lesser calculations: total revenue minus cost of goods sold; or total revenue minus 70 percent.

Total revenue is determined based on federal income tax reporting. Exclusions from revenue include:

- physicians' revenues from Medicaid, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), workers' compensation claims and TRICARE, and actual costs for uncompensated care;
- health care institutions exclude 50 percent of revenues from Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, workers' compensation claims and TRICARE, and actual costs for uncompensated care;
- dividends and interest from federal obligations, Schedule C dividends, foreign royalties and dividends under Section 78 and Sections 951-964;
- certain flow-through funds; and
- attorney's cost of providing pro bono legal services, limited to \$500 per case.

Cost of goods sold is traditionally defined, but excludes officer compensation and includes some specific items for certain industries and up to 4 percent of overhead costs.

Taxable entities only selling services are not eligible for the cost of goods sold deduction. However, motor vehicle and heavy construction equipment rental or leasing may use cost of goods sold.

Payments for undocu-

mented workers are not deductible.

Compensation and benefits include:

- W-2 wages and cash compensation paid to officers, directors, owners, partners and employees (including owner or partner distributions to natural persons), limited to \$300,000 per person; and
- benefits provided to all personnel, including workers' compensation, health care and retirement benefits to the extent deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Payments for undocumented workers are not deductible.

Apportionment

Margin is apportioned to Texas in essentially the same manner as prescribed by current law.

Tax Rate

The tax rate is 0.5 percent for entities primarily engaged in retail and wholesale trades as well as those businesses under Major Group 58 of the 1987 SIC code (eating and drinking establishments). The rate is 1 percent for all other taxable entities.

No Tax Due

Taxable entities with revenues of \$300,000 or less will owe no tax. Taxable entities with tax due of less than \$1,000 will owe no tax. However, all taxable entities, including those that will owe no tax, must file a return.

Combined Reporting

Taxable entities that are part of an affiliated group engaged in a unitary business must file a combined group report without regard to the \$300,000 limitation on revenue. Members of a combined group must use the same method to compute margin.

Questions?

Email: margin.tax@cpa.state.tx.us

National Fair Housing Law 38th Anniversary

This year marks the 38th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing policies, the West Central Texas Council of Governments encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the

basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

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507 W. 7th, Cisco - renovation started, needs finishing; 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 carports, storage shed, 2 lots. \$20,000.
28.177 ac; old building, access to electricity and water; one stock tank, no minerals on Hwy. 6 N, of Cisco to right of Country Club Rd., sign on property, \$70,442 firm.
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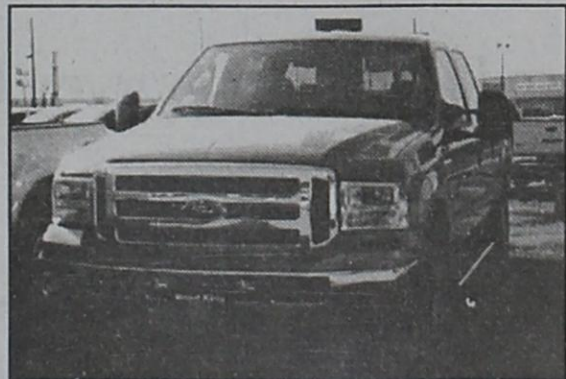
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Obituary

Joe Donald Webb

BAIRD-Joe Donald Webb, age 74, of Baird, TEX, passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2006 in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were to be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 6, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Clyde, Texas, directed by Parker Funeral Home. Rev. Robert Stone was officiating. Burial followed in the Ross Cemetery with military honors.

Joe was born August 23, 1931, in Baird TX to Samuel Edmund Webb and Stella South Webb. He graduated from Clyde High School. He had lived in Baird the last five years, moving from Dallas,

Texas. He was a Union Journeyman Electrician for 45 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years during the Korean conflict. He married Kay Frances Prew in Clyde, Texas on August 15, 1953. He enjoyed life, his family, Friends, and his farm. Survived by: wife, Kay Prew Webb of Baird, Texas; two daughters, Kathy Childers of Little Elm, Texas, and Patricia Webb, and Jonathan Webb of Monterrey, California, 16 grandchildren; two brothers, Charlie Webb of Minnesota, and Brit Webb of Marfa, Tex.; four sisters, Irma Canada of Baird, TX, Amy

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Ben-Barnes "Barn-Burning, Barn-Building"

"It'll be up to the Judges on what plan they accept," Barnes commented. "It's only 90 days to the Nov. General Election. I don't know how they're going to get all this together in time for that."

"No, you can't ever tell what the Courts are going to do. One thing that got us into this fix was that Speaker of the House Tom Craddick was determined to get a new District for Midland and U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay got into it." I asked a question from a staff member of the newspapers.

"When you were helping redistrict for the Democratic Party in Texas, how was your redistricting different from that of Tom DeLay?"

"When I worked on redistricting I tried to protect our seniority in the U.S. House of Representatives," Barnes answered.

"At that time Texas was a powerful state in Washington, with six Committee Chairmen, including George Mahon and Omar Burleson from West Texas."

"In recent years, Charlie Stenholm had a high position in agriculture and on other committees."

"After Tom DeLay did his redistricting, 140 years in seniority was given up. The six new Representatives (from newly created Districts) have no influence."

"So Texas influence has been diluted by Tom DeLay and Tom Craddick."

I asked if the Democrats had a chance to raise enough money for the upcoming election.

"I think there's a swing back," Barnes answered. "Right now, the business community is seeing an unbelievable number of mistakes. There are a number of problems, and the present Administration refuses to work with the Democrats."

"Who are you going to support for Governor of Texas?"

"Carole Strayhorn," Barnes answered without hesitation. "Yes, I know she's an Independent, but I think she qualifies as a leader."

"She has already raised \$10-million for the campaign, enough to be a serious contender."

"I think she will do something for the schools and lower taxes."

When asked about the Democratic nominee, Chris Bell, Barnes answered that he was a good man, but just hadn't been able to raise enough money to win the race.

I mentioned that Carole Strayhorn was opposed to Gov. Rick Perry's Texas-Corridors plan. Barnes said he was also opposed to the way Perry wanted to build those roads.

He said he was not opposed to toll roads - making the people who used them pay for them. But he was opposed to a group in Spain collecting tolls for years on Texas roads.

He said that toll roads didn't furnish money for schools like taxes on gasoline did anyhow. He thought gas taxes should be increased "a nickel or a dime" for public education.

As the interview ended, Barnes announced that one week from Saturday (on Aug. 12) he planned to be in De Leon at the High School Cafeteria at 10 a.m. to speak at a school reunion.

He said he hoped some of the Eastland County people

Jaquess of Clyde, Texas, Marty Battey of Abilene, TX and Betty Farmer of Abilene, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Honor of his life and to benefit others, the family requests individuals make a blood donation to the Meek Blood Center.

Bears Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 19	Ranger	There	5:00 p.m.
August 25	Bronte	Here	6:00
September 2 (Sat.)	Jerrell	Brownwood	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Sat.)	LC.H.S.		10:00 a.m.
Sept. 9 (Sat.)	Stamford	Baird	7:30 p.m.
*Sept. 16 (Sat.)	Abilene J.V. District Game	Shotwell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Roscoe	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Albany	Albany	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open		
Oct. 20	Roby	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Winters	Winters	7:30 p.m.
Novemb. 3	Hamlin	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Novemb. 10	Rotan	Rotan	7:30 p.m.
		*Homecoming	

The Creative Cook by Julia Merla

The next time your family passes a platter of sweet corn on the cob, think about this: You're eating a food with an amazing history. "The single most important gift of the Americas to the world was maize, or what we now call corn," points out Maria Baez Kijac, author of "The South American Table" (Harvard Common Press, 2003). Corn was first cultivated by the Indians of Central America, and by the time Columbus sailed, it was a staple all over the Americas.



Some varieties are processed to make tortillas and cornmeal. There's popcorn, of course. And, in virtually every, South-of-the-border cuisine, fresh sweet corn has earned a special place in people's hearts and on their tables. For example, Ensalada de Vigilia, a glorious composition that calls for potatoes, fava beans, fresh corn kernels and many garnishes, is a traditional Easter dish in Ecuador.

Supersweet Corn and Quinoa Salad hails from Peru. "This bright, colorful salad, appealing to the eye as well as the appetite, is substantial enough to stand alone as a main course," says Kijac. "It is my favorite dish to take whenever I'm asked to bring something to a party." The salad can also be prepared with couscous or another grain, but quinoa is a high-protein, quick cooking grain that originated in South America and is traditional in the dish. Right now is a good time to make this salad because fresh Supersweet corn from Florida is in plentiful supply.

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- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 cups fresh supersweet corn kernels (4 medium ears)
- 1 cup seeded and diced (1/4 inch) red and green sweet bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion, soaked in hot water for 5 minutes and drained
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions (white part and 1 inch of the green)
- 8 ounces good-quality salad shrimp, or 2 cups cooked chicken, smoked turkey, or imported boiled ham cut into 1/2 inch cubes (optional)
- 1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Add prepared quinoa to a large mixing bowl. Add the beans, corn, bell peppers, onion, scallions, and shrimp (if using) and toss to combine well. To make the vinaigrette, in a sealable container, combine all the ingredients and shake for a few seconds, until the mixture thickens. Toss the salad with the vinaigrette (use a little less if not using shrimp). Add salt to taste. Cover and refrigerate until needed. Just before serving, toss the salad with the cilantro. Garnish with halved cherry tomatoes, or serve on a bed of greens, if desired. YIELD: 4 to 6 portions

*Prepare with 1 cup uncooked quinoa or couscous according to package directions.

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Cornucopia of Evil, Second Edition

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Centennial Memorial Library, and will be in Eastland tentatively on Saturday, August 19th for a talk and signing. It is hoped that Adair will also accompany him here for that event.

Filming for the movie will be done in the Carbon and Eastland County area sometime in the near future.

"Cornucopia" is available at the Telegram at \$10 each. A native of Carbon Collins was a bank employee in Eastland for many years, and the book details circumstances surrounding the death of his daughter and other matters.

Collins reports that the present edition (the second) is somewhat different than the first because it goes into the autopsy in detail and in some other points.

2006-07 Calendar Baird I.S.D.

Teacher Development Workday: Aug. 14-15 ' December 22

May 25
Staff Development Day: ends Aug. 11
*Compensatory Days: November 21-22 also January 19.

Bad: Weather Day: May 11.
Students Holidays: Labor Day, September 4
Thanksgiving, November 20-24
Christmas Day, December 21-January 7
County Stockshow: January 19.
Spring Break, March 12-16
Easter, April 6
TAKS TESTING days: October 17-20, February 13-15, April 4, April 17-20, May 15

B>H>S. Graduation: May 25, 2007

***Three staff development waiver days required during the summer or weekends to compensate the 3 days in November and January.

DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szorady



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Back to School Bash

All Baird Students entering grades K-8 are invited to a Back-to School Bash (sponsored by the Baird PTO). The Back to School Bash will be Friday, August 11th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Baird Elementary.

This is a great way to kick off the new year,

whether you are new to the community or a returning student. There will be free food, drinks and outrageous bounce house fun!

Your principal and PTO officers will be there to answer any questions about the school So mark your calendar and please! join us.

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Public Service Announcement

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Conservation Program Public Meeting Set Aug. 21

There will be a public meeting in Baird on August 21, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the implementation and allocation of funds for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives, Program (WHIP), Grassland, Reserve Program (GRP), and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). These programs were re-authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. These programs offer financial and technical help to assist

eligible participants install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. This meeting is open to the public and All Agricultural Producers, Landowners and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Callahan Co. Courthouse on the second floor. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be conservation priorities, cost share rates, practices to cost share on, an application screening process and a priority ranking system for applications. Your input is very important and all opinions and recommendations will be given to the local Work

OBITUARY Eunice Pointer

Eunice Pointer, age 89, passed away Monday, August 7, 2006 at the Life Care Hospital in Fort Worth. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at the Higginbotham Chapel with Dwain Clower officiating assisted by Bob Pipes; burial will follow in the Pioneer Cemetery near Breckenridge. She was born January 2, 1917, in Canton, Texas to Wes and Annie B. (Barnard) Horton. Eunice married

George Pointer in Harlingen; who preceded her in death in 1990. She was a housewife and a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Kandy Jones of Cross Plain; two brothers, Wesley Horton of Burleson and Albert Horton of Fort Worth; sister-in-law Lucille Horton of Harlingen; as well as a nephew, Johnny Horton and several nieces and 2 great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Group for their consideration.

Immediately following the Program Development public meeting, there will be a local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of a mandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide S.W.C.D. Board, Farm Service Agency County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agen, N.R.C.S. and F.S.A. employees.

After considering all alternatives available to them, the Local Work Group will advise N.R.C.S. on how the local people would like for the EQIP program to be carried out. All of their recommendation will be taken into account by the N.R.C.S. Designated Conservationist when finalizing the program. If you have an interest in

how the Conservation Technical Assistance Money available through the EqIP program is to be used on Callahan County PLEASE plan on attending this meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the N.R.C.S. office at Baird at 325-854-1349, ext. 3.

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County Commissioners Implement Hazard Mitigation Plan for Callahan

Callahan County Resolution Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

WHEREAS, Certain areas of Callahan County are subject to periodic Flooding and other natural and man-made hazards with the potential to cause harm to people and damages to property within the area, and

WHEREAS, Callahan County desires to prepare and mitigate for such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local jurisdictions have in place a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan as a condition of receipt of certain future Federal mitigation funding after November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, to assist cities and counties in meeting this requirement, the West Central Texas Council of Governments, and its contractor, H2O Partners, Inc. of Austin, TX has initiated development of multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan covering Jurisdictions within the West Central Texas Council of Governments, including Callahan County;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, that the Commissioners Court of Callahan County hereby

1. Adopts those portions of the Plan entitled "West Central Texas Council of Governments Creating a Disaster-Resistant Region in West Central Texas" 2004-2009, that pertain to Callahan County; and

2. Vests the Callahan County Judge with the Responsibility,

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Authority, and The Means to:

(a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.

(b) Develop an addendum to this Hazard Mitigation Plan if the County's unique situation warrants such an addendum.

3. Appoints the Callahan County Judge to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan be reviewed at least annually and that any needed adjustments to the County's Addendum to the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan be developed and presented to the Commissioners' Court for consideration.

4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Approved and Adopted by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court, this 10th day of July, 2006.

(signed, Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge.

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Callahan Co. Dove Warm-Up Set for Saturday, August 19th

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Trap shooting fee is \$5.00 per Round of 25 targets. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams. Prizes are sponsored by First Financial Bank. For more information, contact Kevin Meier at Longacres in Abilene at 325-672-9521 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:50 p.m. or at home after 7:00 p.m. at 325-893-2174.

Workers' Compensation Educational Session Offered in Lubbock on August 11, 12 noon to 1

AUSTIN-The Lubbock Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is hosting a brown bag education session on Prospective Review of Medical Care Not Requiring Preauthorization for health care providers, employees, human resource managers, claims and employee organization on Thursday, August 10, 2006.

This free session will be held from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at 22 Briercroft Office Park Suite A. This Session will be an open forum for participants to ask questions. For more information, contact the D.W.C. Public Information Office or Lubbock Field Office Manager Cindy Currey at 806-744-456: The e-mail address is cindy.currey@tdi.state.tx.us.

BUS SERVICE MINISTRY, OTHERS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BAIRD, AUGUST

All Aboard! Baird First Baptist Church, located at 240 Race St., is excited to announce a new bus ministry, beginning Sunday, August 20, 2006. A need for this type of ministry was recognized during our recent Vacation Bible School "The Artic Edge, Where Adventure Meets Courage." You Will Be HAPPY to learn that the adventure will continue through our bus ministry! The bus ministry will serve children age three through senior adults, who live within the Baird city limits, and are needing a ride to our Sunday School (Bible Study) and Worship Serv. beginning at 9:45 each Sunday. If you or a child in your neighborhood have been unable to attend Sunday School and Worship Services due to lack of dependable transportation, here is your opportunity!

With August 20 only a couple of weeks away, we encourage you to contact the church office at 854-1574 to receive important information pertaining to pick-up times and enrollment for this serv.

We will be eagerly anticipating your calls!
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Service Times
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00

p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Wednesday Old Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.
(Nursery provided for all services.)
Change of Location-Youth will meet in the Old Fellowship on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Aug. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Community Prayer and Fellowship for Students-Teachers Administration-Parents Women on Missions will not meet this month... Wednesday, August 16 at 6:15 p.m.
Church Council Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting Sunday, August 20, 11: a.m.

Lord's Supper Monday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Game Night-Bring a Snack Thursday, August 24 at 7 p.m.

Sr. Adult Hymn Sing Belmont Baptist-Abilene Sunday, August 27 6 p.m.

Singing and Ice Cream Fellowship Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.
"Sisters at the Well" Guet Cay Collins and Joan Heinen Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Sr. Adults Callahan Baptist Association Will Meet at F.B.C. Clyde at a Meal and Program LOTS OF FUN!!! WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

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