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End of School Awards Assembly

The annual Awards Assembly was held on Thursday, May 27 at 2:50 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

Mr. Jimmy Thomas, school superintendent gave the welcome to all students parents and guest. He thanked the students for an outstanding school year and praised them for all their hard work and dedication to their school.

Mr. McMeans, then announced the students that attended school all year without an absence. The following students received the Perfect Attendance Award:

Pascual Espinoza, Lacey Roberts, Kristasha Benavidez, Michael Cooley, Raylea Underwood, Garrett Pool, Ana Arellanos, Montana Dunlap, Matthew Grant, Symeron Rinehart, Adam Carter, Carolina Arellanos, Zane Williamson, Yessie Gonzales, Dalene Kempf, Bobbie Kempf, Pati Rodriguez, Philip Abalos, Rowdy Dunlap, Rika Copeland, Tom Griffin, Abby Flanigan, Shawna Kempf, Noemi Galvan, Heath Gwinn and Jeff Dennis.

Mrs. Mayes, Beta Club sponsor presented the new Beta Club members a certificate. These new members are, Freshman: Ross Aten, Abby Flanigan, Rebekah Hensley, Shawna

Kempf and Krystle Lee. Sophomores: Nick Flanigan, Julie Mayes, Ky Merritt, Kevin Pinkerton, Erica Schooler, and Robert Stamper.

Mr. McMeans and Mr. Dye then recognized the Elementary and Junior High UIL participants and presented them with certificates.

The Junior High Scholastic Achievement Award was then presented by Mr. McMeans. This award is presented to the students with an average grade of 90 and no grade being lower than a 85 throughout the year. Students receiving this award were: Clay John Anderson, and Andrea Lozano. The students with the highest grade point average was also announced at this time.

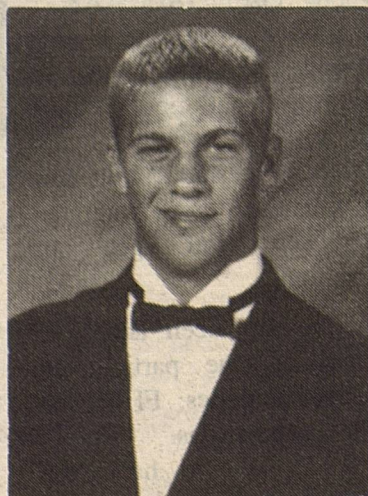
They were: 6th grader, John Stamper; 7th grade, Micah Hensley and 8th grade, Andrea Lozano.

Mr. Chet Dye then presented the high school students with their Scholastic Achievement awards, they were: Ross Aten, Abby Flanigan, Shawna Kempf, Krystle Lee Nick Flanigan, Julie Mayes, Kevin Pinkerton, and Tera Stamper. The students with the highest grade point average were: Abby Flanigan, 9th grade; Staci O'Brien 10th grade, Jeff Dennis 11th grade and Bryce Dye, 12th grade.

Mr. Thomas presented the high school students with the Beta Achievement award. This award is earned by having grades no less than 90. These students were: Micah

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Citizenship Award Winners



Bryce Dye



Chrissy Armstrong

A Surprise Trip to Oregon



Frank & Joyce Herridge

"My Three Sons." That was the name of a popular 60s television show. It also is whom Frank and Joyce Herridge are thanking for their recent trip to Oregon to visit old family friends.

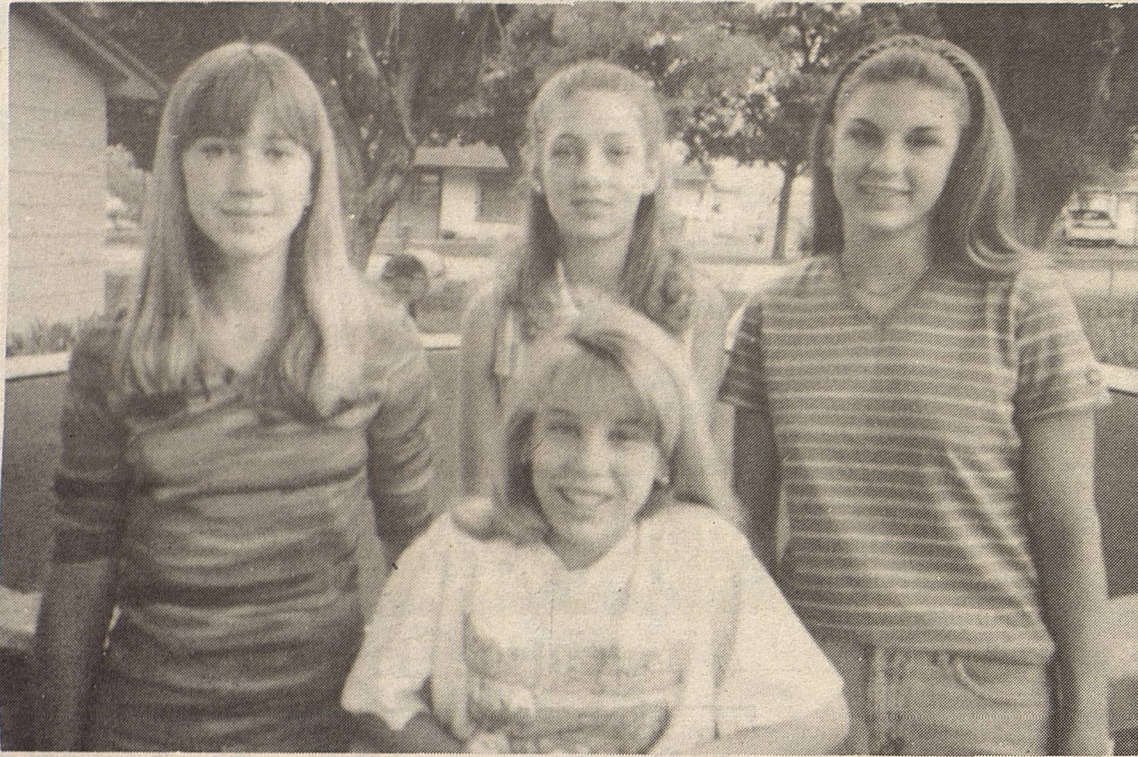
Maurice, Jibber, and Patrick Herridge--Borden County's own version of three sons--surprised their

dad and mother in April with tickets.

"Dad, here's something we want you to read," the boys said as Fiddler had gone into the living room after a birthday dinner for his daughter-in-law, Becky. The "something to read" proved to be airline tickets and plans for Frank and

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1998-99 BJH CHEERLEADERS



JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS FOR 1998-99 ARE: MICHELE BOND, SHAYLA GASS, MICAH HENSLEY AND TABITHA GRANT

Children involved in Child Development Class Project

On Tuesday, May 26, there was a lot of excitement going on in Mrs. Stamper's Freshmen Home Economics Child Development class. The students had the pleasure of baby-sitting 8 pre-schoolers, as they had four different play centers set up for the children to visit during the morning. There was a reading center, play center, craft center and finger-painting center. The kids enjoyed getting their hands messy with the shaving cream the freshman class provided for them to do finger-painting. At the craft center they painted with real paint and sponges, making many different pictures. Class members read books to them in the reading center and provided them with snacks. The pre-schoolers were taken outside to play. This activity was an experiment for the freshman in their Child Development class and they enjoyed the children's company very much.

Pre-schoolers attending the Freshman Child Development class were: Ethan Winegarner, Kayla Pepper, John Hensley, Tanner Richey, Taylor Richey, Stephanie Cooley, Katie Pelham, Nathan Westbrook and Bethany Stamper.

Home Economics students involved in the

class were: Rebekah Hensley, Abby Flanigan, Jerry Hernandez, Rebecca Garcia, Jolene Reyes, Krystle Lee, Holly Thomas, D.J. Smith, Lacey Grant, Joel Cluck, Javier Galvan, Noemi Galvan and Eva Abalos

by Jolene Reyes and Rebecca Garcia



Fun, Fun, Fun! These children had a great time at school playing, reading, and doing crafts during the Child Development class. Pictured here are Abby Flanigan, Ethan Winegarner, Kayla Pepper, Krystle Lee, Katie Pelham, Stephanie Cooley and Rebekah Hensley having fun at the play center set up by the freshman students.

Tammy Cooley receives Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Tammy Ranea Cooley, daughter of Joe and Pam Cooley of Gail has been chosen by the scholarship committee, to receive the Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship. Tammy plans to attend SPC in Levelland this fall and study towards a major in Occupational Therapy.



Tammy Cooley

Tammy was very involved in many school activities which included being a member of the Lady Coyote basketball team, an active participant in all phases of FFA and she brought the Coyote Mascot to life each Friday with her spirit and enthusiasm.

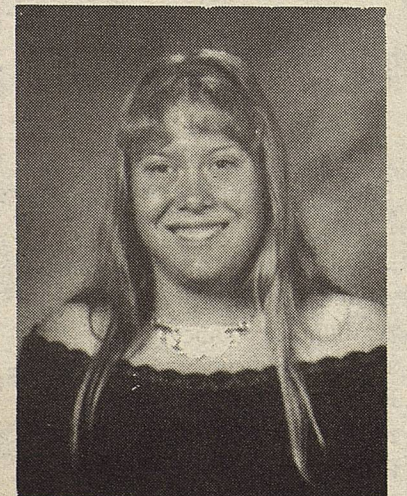
Her advice to her underclassmen in the "Senior Profile" of the Borden Star was: *"No matter what happens, just do your best and never give up until you have reached your goal."*

The parents and family of Brandon Adcock established this scholarship fund in Loving Memory of Brandon in 1991. Previous recipients of this scholarship have been: 1996-97, Shelby Isaacs; 1995-96, Laura Hensley; 1994-95, Doug Flanigan; 1993-94, Richard Buchanan, Mendy Hensley and Cody Cox; 1992-93, John Paul Harris, and 1991-92, Kristi Adcock Harrison.

First Recipient of J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Chrisstena Day Armstrong, daughter of Sheila and David Armstrong of Vealmoor has been chosen by the scholarship committee to be the very first recipient of the J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.

Chrissy plans to attend (where else) Texas A&M University. She will continue this Aggie tradition that puts into action her grandfather's advice. He said, "You can do whatever you want as long as you get an education."



Chrissy Armstrong

She has been active in school as she participated in UIL, athletics, FFA, and 4-H organizations.

J. Pat would have felt the committee made a

good choice as Chrissy has a positive, upbeat attitude much like his own was.

She is like her motto: **That which does not kill you, makes you stronger, and never, never give up!**

Oregon Trip

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Joyce's first week-long trip together, alone, and simply for fun.

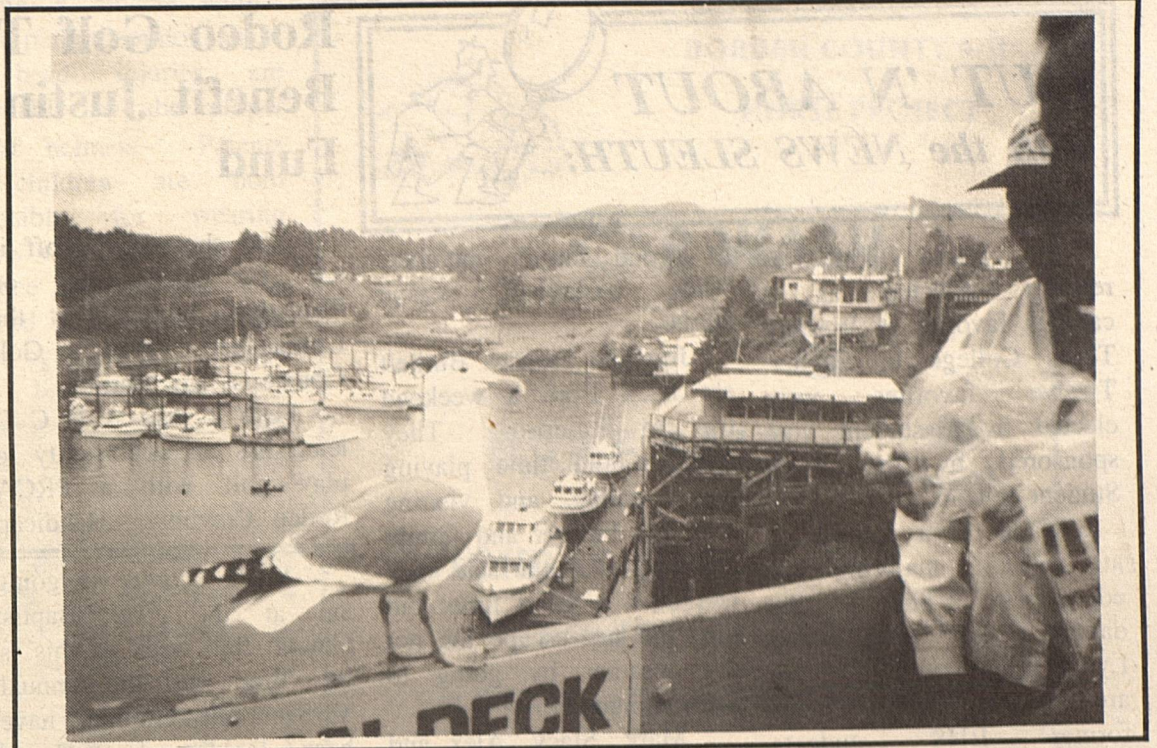
"In 38 years of marriage, this is the first time we've gone off together and spent a week," said Joyce.

The boys chose Oregon because their dad has maintained an almost 50-year-old friendship with a couple he originally met and worked with in North Dakota back in the 1950s. "I've known Ellis and Sandi (Sabin) since 1951 when I took some combines up to North Dakota and worked on their ranch for two years." Fiddler and Ellis not only shared a similar work ethic, but the two both love music. In the years to come, the families stayed in touch though not able to see each other. In 1982, the Sabins made a surprise visit to Gail and stayed a week with the Herridges. Soon after, they sold their ranch in

North Dakota and moved to Oregon where they live now.

Maurice, Jibber, and Patrick called ahead in April and worked out the secret plans with the Sabins--so everyone knew about the trip except Frank and Joyce.

Fiddler and Joyce arrived in Portland, Oregon, and the Sabins picked them up at the airport. The week was spent staying warm. Joyce said, "It was odd being in rainy, cool weather in the Northwest after having been in the 90 degree heat in Texas." Also, the Sabins treated their guests to daily drives through the lovely Oregon mountains. But, the favorite spot for Fiddler was their drive along the Pacific Coast Highway while Joyce enjoyed the 4th largest waterfalls in the United States, the Multnomah Falls, along the Columbia



WATCH THOSE FINGERS, FIDDLER!

River which runs across northern Oregon.

On Mother's Day, the foursome attended church. Later in the trip, they went to a Model A car rally and enjoyed a meal with that group in the evening. And of course, the two guys worked in time for some fiddle and accordion

playing while the women talked and window-shopped.

Fiddler was also able to visit with Bonnie, the Sabin's daughter, whom Fiddler had not seen since she was six years old back in the 50s.

Thanks to three devoted and generous sons, Frank

and Joyce spent a week in May with dear friends and come home with lovely pictures and wonderful memories. Future trips? Well, boys, Mom says that someday she wants to go to Mississippi. And as for Fiddler, the three sons have promised to send him back to Oregon in 70 years.

Awards Assembly

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Hensley 7th grade; Staci O'Brien, Ky Merritt and Jana Himes 10th grade; Kati Merritt, Colt McCook, and Jeff Dennis 11th grade and Bryce Dye 12th grade.

Each year the teachers vote on a senior boy and girl they feel are suited to receive the Citizenship Award. This award is

based on the students overall attitude towards the teachers and fellow students. This years award winners were Bryce Dye and Chrissy Armstrong.

In closing, Mr. Thomas told the students to have a fun summer and he would see them all back in August to have another GREAT Year!

THANK YOU

To seventh grade Moms for helping with the reception after the 8th grade graduation.

Thanks to Sarah Sharp for donating items for the recreation.

To the ushers for serving and all the 8th grade mothers for their help

/s/Brenda Copeland

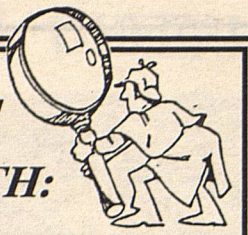


Graduate to Safety
Buckle Up



The 11th grade Chemistry Class went on top of Gail Mountain on April 29. Mr. Bill Bennett, director of the Crosby County Museum, led the students and identified the various plant types on the mountain, explaining how the pioneers used them in everything from medicinal purposes to paint. The students found some fossils which Mr. Bennett identified. The class had a great time on the mountain. Pictured L-R: Katie Kemp, Preston Sharp, Amanda Barkowsky, Colt Miller, Meranda Dunlap, Jeff Dennis, Letty Lozano, Becky Copeland, Brande Wells, Mr. Tom Lewis (teacher), Fernando Baeza, Ryan Grant, Cesar Mujica, and Kati Merritt.

OUT 'N ABOUT
with the NEWS SLEUTH:



Nadia Baeza was recently selected as a campus favorite at Western Texas College in Snyder. Twelve favorites were elected by a student vote sponsored by the WTC Student Senate.

Nadia is a sophomore at WTC, majoring in education. She is the daughter of Oscar and Lydia Baeza of Gail. We are always proud of our former BHS students accomplishments.

She also earned an outstanding student award for Spanish last spring. You may think that this is not much of an accomplishment, but I have been speaking English for many years and I have yet to earn any award. In fact, Carol Lewis still has to correct me ever once in awhile.

O'Donnell High School basketball standout, Ashli Farmer signed a letter of intent with the Lubbock Christian University ladies basketball team.

An All-District team member for the last three years, Farmer averaged 16.4 points per game scoring 412 points overall. She had 206 rebounds, 87 assists, 94 steals, and 19 blocks this year.

Ashli is the daughter of Matt and Dianne Farmer and granddaughter of E.L. and Barbara Farmer of Borden County, and Arvis and Bobbie Woodul of Lamesa. We will know where to find that bunch

of proud family members when basketball season starts.

Jim and Frances Burkett are back from a weekend trip to Ruidoso. They spent a fun time playing cards, eating, and visiting with her brother and family and friends. She said they had such a good time, but they did not escape the hot dry weather by going to the mountains.

Mark, Stacy, Alex and Reed Walker, who have lately moved from Houston to San Antonio, spent the weekend with Bob and Cookie Dyess. They had made the trip so they could help celebrate Bob's dad's 95th birthday. Everyone traveled to Spur where other family members and many friends joined in the festivities.

Hailey Adcock, Staci O'Brien, and Becky Copeland were in Austin last weekend to participate in the State Twirling, Solo and Ensemble Contest. They were accompanied by Randy and Verna Adcock, Susan O'Brien and Jeanette Koehler. Results and pictures will be in next week's *Borden Star*.

Bro. Clifton Igo never did have the expected tests done to check on the unexplained dizziness. The doctor was very late and Bro. Igo had pressing duties at a funeral so he told the nurse just to skip it. He says he feels just fine now. It was just a glitch in his wiring.

Public Notice

Please contact Mary Lynn Williams (806)439-6614 or Judy Kingston (806)439-6686 if you have any dishes left at the Plains Community Center after the Waldine Family Dinner.
Thank you.

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Rodeo Golf Tournament--To Benefit Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund

The shotgun tee off is set for 8:30 am on Thursday, June 18 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

Each 4 man A B C D team has an opportunity to play golf with a PRCA Rodeo Cowboy. Handicap

Much activity is going on at the Gail Baptist Church this week as this is the time for the annual VBS. The children have been looking forward to this for at least a month and the teachers have been busy decorating the rooms and preparing bible study for the enthusiastic group.

If you happen to be out 'n about next week, be on the look out for a car with a passenger that seems to be terrified because you notice her hands over her eyes. In the car, is Ms. Sue Jane Mayes and a student that has begun the Driver's Ed. summer program. We have confidence in her ability to guide these young drivers in the direction they should go, but unless it is a dire emergency you may want to postpone driving in Gail for at least 6 weeks.

determines placement in this unique contest.

Handicap classification for 'A' player is 0-9, 'B' player is 10-15, 'C' & 'D' players 16 and above.

The cost for the tournament is \$35.00 per person which includes green fees, golf cart and lunch.

Prizes are to be awarded to the first three places. Drawings for attendance prizes will occur during the event.

More than \$800.00 was raised in 1997 for the *Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund*.

Jack Birdwell is handling the entries and he can be reached at (915)264-2366.

Team Roping Slated

Billed as the After the Rodeo Team Roping, the afternoon/evening contest takes place in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl Sunday, June 21st.

Books open 1:00 pm and close at 3:00 pm when the roping begins.

Classification is US #7 with #4 Cap. (4 head for \$60.00, progressive on 1) After the first roping,

there will be a 3 head for \$40.00 open roping progressive on 1. Terms are cash only. The roping is held in conjunction to the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo and is NOT a country roping.

Skyline buckles will be awarded to Average winners.

John Anderson, (915)796-4954 & Steve Fryar, (915)398-5513 are the contacts for this event.



Borden County Cemetery Memorials

In Memory of Waldine Martin

Bess Hardberger
Francis & Mildred Koehler
Larry & Wanda Smith

In Memory of Roland Hamilton

Bob & Sue Beal

In Memory of Edna Miller

Bess Hardberger

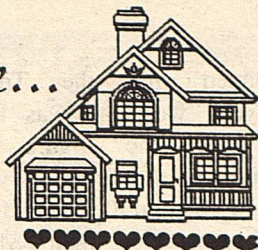
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Caution: School's Out Watch for Children

Message brought to you by this newspaper and the Texas Highway Patrol Association

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
Family and Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Summer Time and Bicycles

As we enter these lazy, hazy days of summer, days are longer, the temperatures are rising, school is out, and children are playing outside. One of the most popular summer activities for children is riding a bicycle. Whether it is a tricycle, bicycle, racer, or a mountain bike, motor vehicle drivers must remember to be on the lookout for these young "drivers". Drivers must remember to share the road with bicyclists. Sharing the road is critical but drivers must also be alert to the fact that many bicyclists do not know the rules of the road or follow safety practices, especially young children. Young children, less than 10 years of age, do not have the skill and judgment to cope with traffic.

As a parent, it is critical to teach children safe cycling habits from their first day on a tricycle. Bicycles and tricycles are not toys, they are vehicles that rely on human power to move. Knowing and practicing safe habits will reduce their risks of injury. Wearing a safety helmet is one critical habit that a cyclist needs to adopt.

When children first ride a tricycle, they need to wear a bicycle helmet. If they learn this habit from the beginning, they more likely will always practice the habit. The risk of head injuries while riding tricycles is real. A recent review of pediatric trauma cases nationwide showed that, although the tricycle population (children under 5 years old) accounted for

a small proportion of children with bike-related injuries, their injuries were just as severe as those of older children (5-14 years old). As children move from a tricycle to a two-wheeler, continue to insist on their wearing a bicycle helmet. Letting your child choose a helmet is one way to encourage helmet use. Just make sure the helmet fits snugly, covers the forehead, and is certified to meet either Snell, ASTM, or ANSI standards.

Head injuries are the most serious type of injury and the most common cause of death for bicyclists. Numerous studies have proven that bicycle helmets work to reduce head injury. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, a total of 60 bicyclists were killed in the state, nine of those fatalities were children ages five to nine. That number may not seem very significant, but if the seriously injured or killed individual is a member of your family or community, your life is affected.


Wearing a bicycle helmet is just plain common sense and head injuries are preventable by the proper use of helmets. Parents and children are both responsible for wearing helmets when they ride.

Once a helmet has been involved in a crash, do not use it again. The damage may be obvious but sometimes it is not. The helmet may have small invisible cracks which weaken the shell. After a crash, buy a new helmet and use the old one as a reminder that helmets do save lives!

Letter to the Editor

We just wanted to thank the wonderful family from Guthrie that stopped the night of May 2nd after my husband and I hit a deer and were stranded on the highway between Post and Gail. They were such a blessing. They helped us load up our luggage and move our truck out of the road and then took us to Gail to their relatives house--where they welcomed us into their home and graciously let us wait for our ride. We apologize but after the circumstances of that night, we can't remember either families' name. We just wanted to write and say how much of a blessing and how much we appreciated the help and hospitality we received


**BORDEN COUNTY 4-H
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from both families.

Matthew 25: 33-40
God Bless and Thank you!
Jerald & Sarah Clay.
Lubbock, Texas

Editor's Note!

The helpful couple from Guthrie were Shawna and Butch Gass. They were on their way to Gail to visit with Shawna's sister, Sherry and her husband Stanley Gass.

We are not surprised to know that we have helpful, Christian folks in

our community.

Sarah Clay and her husband were on their way home from visiting her grandfather, Melton Davis, a resident of the Murphy Community, on the north side of Lake Thomas. Small World!



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- Iron scaffolding on wheels
- Various miscellaneous items

MINNESOTA SETTLEMENT ILLUSTRATES ABSURDITY OF TEXAS ATTORNEYS' FEE

A bi-partisan group of state legislators has filed a brief in Federal Court arguing that five lawyers handpicked by Attorney General Dan Morales for Texas' tobacco settlement deserve no more than \$195 million in fees and not the \$2.3 billion that Morales wants to pay them.

The seven legislators made their assertion in papers filed on May 15th in U.S. District Court in Texarkana. The brief contrasts the fees demanded by Morales and the Texas lawyers with the fees to be paid to lawyers in the recently concluded Minnesota tobacco settlement.

In Minnesota, lawyers waived their 25 percent contingency fee and settled on a much smaller legal fee of \$443.8 million, which is to be paid entirely by the tobacco companies. During the four-year life of the Minnesota litigation, their attorneys reviewed 34 million pages of documents, providing the most significant documents to the attorneys general of other states; they fought through 12 appeals to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, four to the Minnesota Supreme Court, and two to the U.S. Supreme Court. They then tried the case for four months. The \$6.1 billion Minnesota settlement works out to twice as many dollars per capita as the Texas settlement.

Over 100 Democrat Officials Give Their Support to Governor Bush

Democrats from across the state have given their endorsement to Governor George W. Bush. The endorsements of 105 Democrat county-level elected officials were announced at a news conference and picnic held at the Governor's Mansion last week.

The Democrats came to Austin for the announcement and barbecue picnic. In attendance at the event were Crosby County Attorney C. Michael Ward, Cochran County District

According to some estimates, the legal fees being charged in the Texas case amount to over \$100,000 per hour. "Attorneys are bound by a Canon of Ethics that says fees must be 'reasonable and conscionable,'" Butler said. "I defy anyone to explain how \$100,000 an hour can be considered reasonable and conscionable."

In contrast, Texas' lawyers never brought the case to trial, and they worked half as long as Minnesota's lawyers. The five plaintiffs attorneys in Texas are seeking a contingency fee that amounts to \$2.3 billion, 15 percent of the \$15.3 billion that the tobacco companies are scheduled to pay to the state.

"It is absurd to think that Morales' chosen lawyers should be paid nearly six times as much as lawyers in Minnesota, especially when you consider that the Texas attorneys worked less time, never went to court and actually made an agreement that simply mirrors the proposed national tobacco settlement," said John Butler, chairman of Texans for Reasonable Legal Fees, a Houston-based business group that opposes the Texas fees.

"The Texas fees are even more incredible because the lawyers haven't even documented their hours or expenses."

The Minnesota attorneys'

fees were calculated under the "lodestar" method, which is a complicated formula that uses a contingency component and the amount awarded to the state to calculate payment. Morales and his lawyers have refused to provide enough information to arrive at a precise lodestar figure.

Butler said that if it was

assumed that the Texas lawyers' workload was half that of the figure in Minnesota, the Texas lawyers would be entitled to fees totaling no more than \$195 million under the lodestar method.

"Even the \$195 million is probably too high," Butler cautioned, "because the Texas case never went to trial. But we can't even begin to get a detailed estimate because the

lawyers won't submit records showing how much time they actually worked."

Butler also pointed out that in Florida a judge has ruled that the contingency fee in that state's tobacco settlement was not "reasonable and conscionable" and threw out the agreement.

Texas merely needs to follow the law and pay the lawyers a fair but *reasonable* legal fee.

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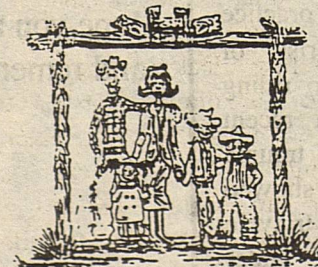
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By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

Conserving Water in the Home

Texans must be more efficient in their use of water inside the home in order to decrease costs and to preserve our most precious natural resource, The Texas Water Development Board reports.

The increasing cost of expanding water supplies and the limited availability of water in some areas of the state lead experts to believe that Texans need to take drastic measures to conserve water in the home.

Since 75 percent of the water used in the home is in the bathroom, it is a good idea to look there for ways to minimize water use. The most effective conservation step in the home is to install a low-flow showerhead. This will lessen water use by 50 percent. Also, taking a short shower instead of a bath will help reduce water usage.

Updating the model of toilet in your bathroom can also help minimize the amount of water used in the home. Older models can use up to seven gallons of water per flush, while newer models use only 1.6 gallons. It is important to remember not to use the toilet as a trash can for paper and facial tissues because this uses an unnecessary amount of water.

Simply turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth or washing your face or hands can save a considerable amount of water. Also, installing a low-flow faucet aerator can save up to one-half the water being used.

The kitchen is another area in the home that uses a significant amount of water. The first step is to run water only when it is absolutely necessary. Soaking pots and pans before washing, placing frozen foods in a pan of hot water instead of letting the hot water run over them, and keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until it is cold enough are three examples of how to minimize water use in the kitchen.

The dishwasher and the washing machine are two of the biggest wasters of water. In order to save water, wash only full loads and adjust the water level to match the size of the load. Both are also available in water saving models, which are usually the same price as the regular models.

Another way to save water is to be sure that the water heater thermostat is not set too high. This wastes water because the water has to be mixed with cold water before it is used.

Also, be sure to fix all water leaks. Leaks account for at least 10 percent of the water bill. If the source of the leak is a hot water faucet, it is not only a waste of water, but a waste of energy.

A toilet with a silent leak of one cup of water a minute wastes about 2,700 gallons of water a month. A toilet leak occurs when water seeps from the tank into the bowl. This may or may not be seen

The Beef Checkoff---Working As Hard for the Industry as the Cattlemen Who Control It

Livestock markets nationwide recently received petitions requesting a referendum on the \$1-per-head checkoff. The Livestock Marketing Association, which is encouraging auction markets to support the petition effort, has a year to collect the estimated 117,000 producer signatures needed to force a referendum.

"I cannot understand why anyone wants to terminate the beef checkoff," said Bob Sims, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. "Checkoff-funded programs are our first and only line of defense, plus the only way we have of being proactive in the marketplace."

However, Sims can understand why some cattlemen might question some of the programs funded with checkoff

or heard. "Silent leaks" are very common and are often missed. To determine if your toilet has a silent leak, place a few drops of food coloring into the tank. Wait a few minutes and if color appears in the toilet bowl, there is a silent leak.

Another common leak is a faucet leak. These are usually very obvious and are very inexpensive and easy to fix. Generally, by replacing the "O" rings, the leak will be fixed.

It is a fact that Texans spend more than one billion dollars annually on new or expanded water supply facilities. By making a few changes in the way we use water in our homes, it is possible to reduce costs and make more efficient use of the state's water resources.

dollars. "Any time you have programs that are approved by independent cattlemen, you can expect disagreement. It's just like selling fed cattle to a packer--we all have our independent ideas on how to sell cattle. Why should we expect to agree on every program approved by state beef councils or the Cattlemen's Beef Board."

Sims says the checkoff is one of the best examples he knows of how independent thinkers like cattlemen can come together and develop plans and programs to benefit their industry. "Make no mistake about it--the checkoff is governed and controlled by the cattlemen who pay the money to make it happen."

Here's how it works. State beef councils (45 in all) collect the \$1-per-head when cattle are sold. More than 600 cattlemen



serve on state beef council boards. Each state has the option of keeping up to 50 cents of each dollar it collects to use for in-state beef promotion and education efforts. The rest goes to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board for national programs.

"Not all cattlemen will agree on all programs funded by checkoff dollars. But we know that cattlemen support the beef checkoff," Sims says. "In January 1998, a producer attitude survey showed that 70% of cattlemen approve of the checkoff." So what needs to be done about the recall effort?

"Don't sign the petition," Sims suggests. "Let's not waste time and resources arguing about whether or not to have a checkoff. Instead, let's spend our time improving programs."

Television Bathroom Breaks Getting Longer

When the number of captive viewers dwindles, television has a harder time increasing the rates for advertising. So it has resorted to increasing the number of ads in each one-hour segment.

Last year prime-time television aired more ads than ever before. A recent study by BBDO advertising agency found that the top four broadcast networks ran an average of 11 minutes, 12 seconds of commercials during each hour of prime time last November. That compares to just nine minutes, 38 seconds in November 1991.

In addition, there are network promotions and public service announcements that push primetime ad clutter to

almost 15 minutes per hour. And, if that were not enough, advertisers now are using more 15-second spots, which means that viewers are inundated with almost twice the numbers of messages per hour than just a few years ago.

The prime-time leader was Fox, with 15:54 of commercials and promos per hour. ABC followed with 15:44. NBC had 15:19 and CBS had 14:29.

While the prime-time ad assault reaches the most viewers, daytime television viewers are the most inconvenienced. The networks showed nearly 20 minutes of commercials and promotions per hour according to the study.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of May, 1998, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:
VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding
DOUG ISAACS, Commissioner, Precinct # 1
LARRY D. SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct # 2
VERNON WOLF, Commissioner, Precinct # 3
HURSTON LEMONS, JR., Commissioner, Precinct # 4
JANA UNDERWOOD, Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court
 with Joyce Herridge, County Clerk and Ex-officio of the Commissioners' Court absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceeding were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners' Court meeting of the 20th day of April, 1998 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS OPENED

As advertised, bids for the purchase of Gravel were opened at 9:30 a.m. Bids were received from Laredo Paving, Inc. of Big Spring, R.E. Janes Gravel Co. of Vealmoor Plant, and R.E. Janes Gravel Co. of Slaton Plant. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to accept the bid from R.E. Janes Gravel Co. of Vealmoor Plant for Gravel Grades 3, 4, and 5. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FUEL BIDS

Bids for the purchase

of fuel, diesel Fuel-No 2 and unleaded gasoline were received from Lamesa Butane Co., Inc. of Lamesa; Eddins-Walcher Company of Snyder; and Parks Fuels, Inc. of Big Spring. Commissioner Wolf made a motion to accept the bid from Parks Fuels, Inc. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPANE BIDS

A bid for the purchase propane was received from Eddins-Walcher Company of Snyder. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to accept bid with Commissioner Smith seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ASPHALT BIDS

A bid was received from Fina Oil and Chemical of Big Spring. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to accept the bid and Commissioner Smith

Seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION ORDER

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Oil Division Order from Wickford Energy Marketing on the Willie Ross Lease in Martin County for the Borden County Permanent School Fund in the amount of .01601860 royalty interest. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RISK MANAGEMENT POOL

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement with Texas Association of Counties for membership in Government Risk Management Pool. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Julie Mumme, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, presented the

Healthwise Program to the Court. Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the Resolution for Healthwise Program for employees with the Texas Association of Counties. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

A discussion was held on the rates for soil conservation. No action was taken.

SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to change the date of the Commissioners' Court Special Meeting from May 25, 1998 to May 26, 1998. The Courthouse will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Wolf made a

motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 1998.

Classified Ads

Summer Work

4 College students and 1998 High School Grads. Up to \$9.15. Flexible PT/FT openings. Scholarships available. Conditions apply. Apply in Lubbock. Work in Borden Co. or Lubbock. Area Code: 806/793-0536

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

SMOKE FROM SOUTH OF THE BORDER CLOUDS AIR OVER TEXAS

I went home to LaMarque for Mother's Day. As much as I enjoyed the visit with my mother, I was shocked at the air quality on the Gulf Coast. Visibility in Houston was horrible from a smoky haze hanging over the city.

It was the worst I've seen in the area where I grew up and spent the first 30 years of my life.

By now you've probably heard why this is happening. Smoke from agricultural and forest fires raging in Mexico and Central America has been wafted north across the gulf by prevailing winds. Dry conditions in Mexico have driven out of control the annual fires set to burn the remains of last year's crops and clear forest areas for more planting.

The smoke has created a public health alert in Texas, the first of its kind in recent history. A public health advisory has been issued for 51 Texas counties, including the cities of Houston, Victoria, Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Brownsville and Laredo. The National Weather Service is predicting that conditions are worsening for the cities of Austin and San Antonio. Haze can be seen in the air over Fort Worth and Wichita Falls.

The first priority of government in this situation has to be trying to stop the fires, and ensuring that Texans are aware of the health risks the smoke may cause and what precautions they can take to avoid problems.

These conditions are especially bad for the young, the

ailing and the elderly. In fact, local schools have canceled all outdoor activities.

In the meantime, I and other members of the Texas congressional delegation are taking steps to see that our state doesn't suffer doubly from the increased air pollution. I have written a letter asking the Environmental Protection Agency not to sanction Texas because of these air quality problems.

I am acutely concerned about the effect of this natural event on the ability of Texas to meet federal clean air standards. Texas has worked diligently to improve its air quality greatly. San Antonio now complies fully with federal air quality standards under the Clean Air Act, but without the relief I am requesting from EPA, these fires may result in the EPA reclassifying San Antonio's air quality.

Such a reclassification would mean that EPA could mandate additional regulations that could have severe economic consequences for the area. These could include stringent new regulations on vehicles, business and industry, such as mandatory carpooling and denying permits for business expansion.

Our communities — and their economies — should not be punished for a situation they can do nothing to alleviate when they've worked so hard for so long to remain in compliance with the law.

I have asked EPA Administrator Carol Browner, specifically, that any poor air quality due to the fires not be used to determine whether Texas cities are achieving the standards set under the Clean Air Act.

In addition, I have asked the White House to extend all possible emergency assistance to the Mexican government for its efforts to extinguish the fires. Mexico has been working feverishly to put out the fires, but has been hampered by drought and weather conditions.

The only way to lick this problem will be through cooperation: cooperation between Texas and the federal agencies involved, and cooperation between the United States and Mexico. I am working to see that these efforts begin swiftly, are carried out smoothly, and that these fires do not have lasting consequences.