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### A short trip 'back home'

For just a few moments Monday morning, the halls of Borden Schools turned back the clock for a very special family that made a short visit "home". Lisa McLeroy Lingo of Mesquite and Gena McLeroy McKee of Rowlett and their children came to Gail to see Larry and Wanda Smith over the week-end. And, while here, a trip to the school was a must-see.

Many things in the school's layout have changed since the girls' graduation in 1979 and

1982, but they were able to show their children their grandmother's 2nd grade class room and their granddad's pictures on the wall. Mr. Thomas shared a few minutes of his time as the McLeroy grandchildren romped and played in the office where Mr. McLeroy worked for over 20 years.

Lisa and Gena returned back to East Texas with videos and pictures to share with their brothers Jim and Bob and their families--and hopefully with continued good memories of Borden County.

### Baeza and Dye Shine in Coaches All Star Game

The Texas Six-Man All Star Game was held in Lubbock this past week and two Borden Co. Seniors were chosen by area coaches to participate in the game. Bryce Dye and Oscar Baeza spent the week in Lubbock practicing with other All Stars getting ready for the big game on Saturday night. The athletes were treated to events and activities all week by the Lubbock Sports Authority and area businesses that sponsored the games. The

week preparing for the game is a great chance to get to meet the athletes from the other schools that you played against during high school, and usually life long friendships are developed.

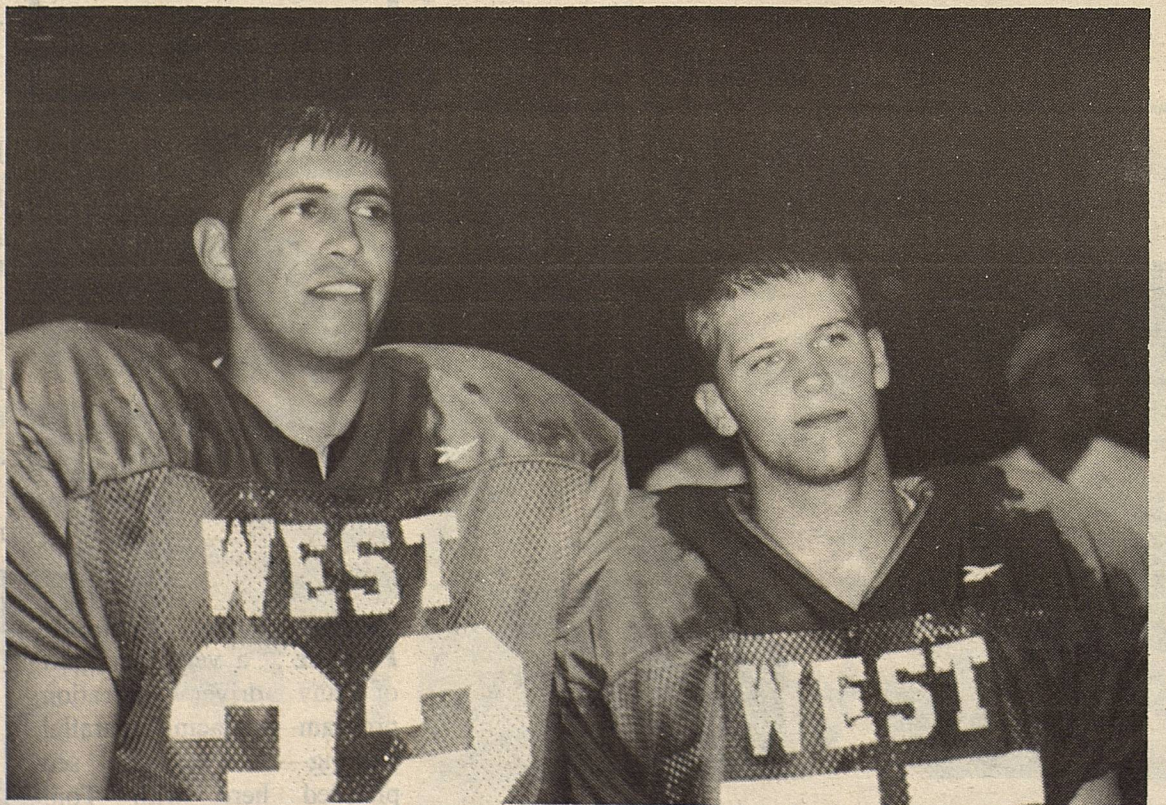
Oscar and Bryce were voted captains by their peers and met the East captains at mid-field. Dwain Lee from Grandfalls Royalty was the Coach of the West team. Coach Lee was very impressed with the Coyote

Exes and played them on both sides of the ball. Oscar played offensive end in the first half and caught a pass for a 37 yard gain. This was the biggest play of the first half for the struggling West offense as they trailed at the half 12 - 0. Bryce Dye began the game on the defensive side of the ball playing defensive end. As you can tell it was a defensive ball game, Bryce sacked the East quarterback early in the game and he would

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In Grandmother Ann's old 2nd grade class room--Brittnee Lingo, Jaclyn Lingo, Spencer McKee, Austin Lingo and Macey McKee.



Oscar Baeza and Bryce Dye did a great job representing the Borden Coyote "STATE CHAMPION" team in this year's Coaches All-Star Football games held in Lubbock over the weekend.

**Celebrate Jesus Revival**

July 19, 20, 21 & 22

First Baptist Church Gail

Steve McMeans, Evangelist



# Driv'n Miss Mayesie Crazy

This story is a gripping account of suspense, fear, anxiety, and terror. It takes place in Borden and surrounding counties, near your homes and on your streets and highways. It is everyone's worst nightmare...

## Drivers' Education.

The author chooses to remain anonymous and has agreed to change the names of the students in order to protect the guilty. In this one-part series, Borden County residents will know first-hand the experience of one drivers' ed. instructor who will soon publish a novel based on these experiences entitled Put That Darn Blinker On! Below are some excerpts from this soon-to-be-published book:

**Day One:** June 15--I love my job. How great to be able to get in an air-conditioned vehicle, see the lovely countryside, be with these wonderful students and try to influence them in such a positive way.

**Day Two:** Well, so what if they forget to stop before putting the car in park. Anyone could make that mistake. And, who knew that the mother quail and her

covey of eight would be just over the hill?

**Day Five:** Some moron pulled out in front of my driver today in town. How am I supposed to teach these kids when there are adult drivers on the road who have forgotten how to drive?

**Day Ten:** I got up this morning, brushed what hair I had left, and said a longer morning prayer than I was accustomed to saying. I'm hopeful that today no one will pull out in front of anymore 18-wheelers on Hwy. 180.

**Day Fourteen:** I called my insurance company today and increased my life insurance policies. Practiced drive-through window driving again at a local Sonic—some of my shorter drivers are still having trouble pushing that button.

**Day Fifteen:** I had a nightmare last night. I dreamed that drivers' ed. had only started.

**Day Twenty-One:** At last, I can get out of that white Lumina. If I see one more red light with a protected arrow, I am going to

scream—which is exactly what I did today when one of my students drove right through a red light.

As you can tell, this book will be well worth its 75 cents price tag. The 1997 edition was not quite as exciting as the 1998 publication, so be sure to get your copy early.

### 1998 Final Statistics for Drivers' Ed.

Most road kills: Lindsey Smith (two birds)

Most correct right turns on red: James Bond

Best use of horn: Adrianna Baeza

Most stylish driver: Jerry Hernandez

Most close calls: Amanda Watts

Most likely to get a speeding ticket: Erica Schooler

Mr. & Miss Drivers' Ed 1998: Adrianna Baeza and Jerry Hernandez

Teacher's Pet: Julie Mayes

Favorite town in which to drive: Snyder

Favorite place to get donuts: Country Corner in Post

Favorite radio talk show to listen to: "Dr. Laura"



*Rana Jones*

## Miss Teen New Mexico

TATUM, NM -- Rana Jones, daughter of Max and Jane Jones of Fluvanna, TX, and Cutter and Bethe Cunningham of Tatum, NM. was crowned Miss New Mexico Teen USA in a pageant held in Las Cruces, NM, in June. and will represent New Mexico in the 1998 Miss Teen USA pageant to be held in Shreveport, Louisiana. Rehearsals and competition will begin August 3, and a new Miss Teen USA will be crowned on Monday, August 17th. The pageant will be televised on CBS.

### ATTENTION ATHLETES!

#### All Sports Physicals Scheduled

It is time to start thinking about All Sports Physicals for the upcoming school year. All boys and girls 6th through 12th grade planning to participate in ANY sport in the 1998-99 school year, will need to take a physical.

Physicals are scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Healthsouth Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic located on 50th and University in Lubbock. The bus will leave Gail at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning from the school.

Further information and a physical form will be mailed to you in the next few days by your coach.

#### REMINGTON 870 Rifle

The Borden County EMS is selling chances for a REMINGTON 8770 - 12 gauge Mag Pump rifle, donated by Leroy Shaffer.

Chances are \$1.00 each and may be purchased at Fiddlers Trading Post or the Coyote Store in Gail.

Drawing will be Friday, August 28th at 4:00 p.m. at the D & J Store on the east side of Lake Thomas.



Prairie Dog Town, Snyder...sharing some bread crumbs with the locals: Krystle Lee, Eva Abalos, Tom Griffin.



**Drive-Through Window Practice**.....a very vital part of any driver education program—replacing parallel parking—is what you see pictured here with Tom Griffin, Eva Abalos, and Krystle Lee in Snyder.



# All Star Game

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have recorded other sacks but the quarterback rushed his throw to avoid Bryce sacking him. One of those hurried throws resulted in an interception. Bryce spent some time playing center also and caught a short pass that made a couple of yards. Oscar and Bryce teamed up together on the defensive side of the ball in the second half both playing defensive ends and both doing a great job containing the East runners and supplying pressure to the East Quarterbacks. Both Coyotes had their share of tackles. The West defense blocked two punt attempts by the East. Oscar and Bryce were in on the rush but it was hard to tell who actually blocked the punt. One of the punts was recovered by Bryce.

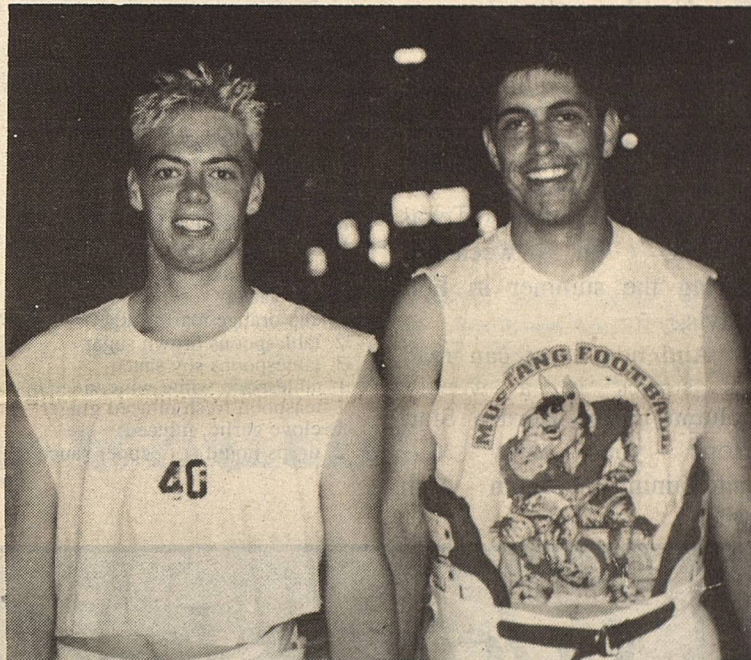
Defense usually wins games but this time a good defensive effort was not enough to finish on top. The West offense had two too many fumbles and missed opportunities kept their scoring down, the game ended 16 - 6.



Borden County Coyote All-Stars Oscar Baeza and Bryce Dye serving as team captains during the All Star game, meet in center field to begin the big game.



Oscar Baeza #32 and Bryce Dye #55 get together to talk thing over before the next play during the All Star Games Saturday evening.



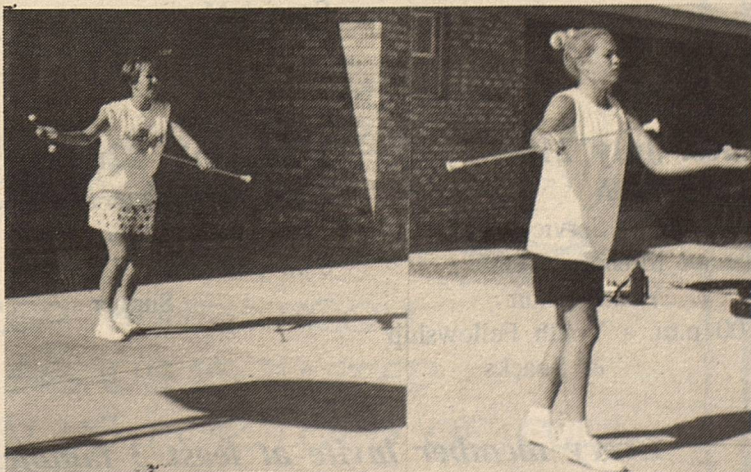
**SWITCHED AT BIRTH?** No, this is just an example of what athletics are all about --when it comes down to it, healthy rivalries bring out the best -- Oscar and Jarrod Beall of Sands sharing the camaraderie that all-star camps encourage.

## Coyote Twirlers begin early

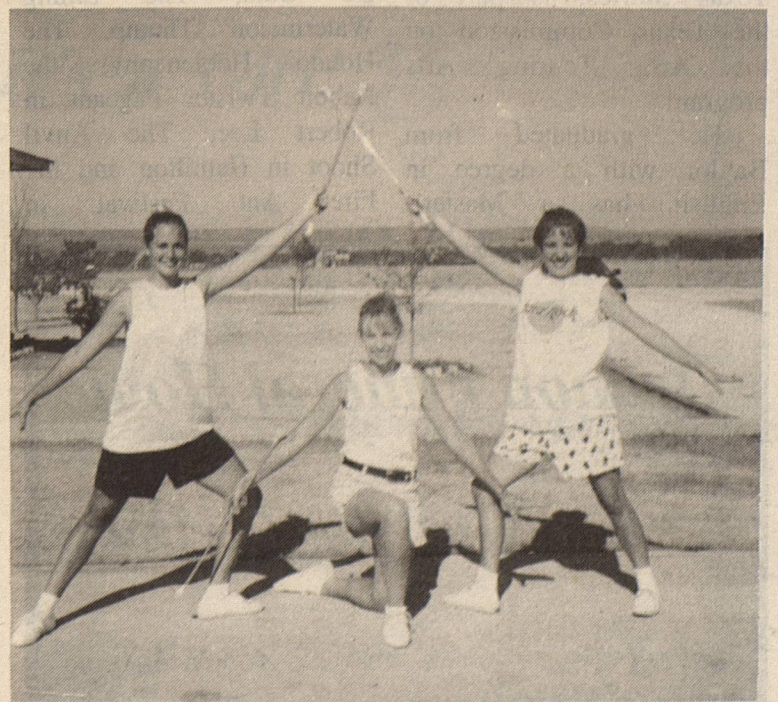
Even though football practice is just around the corner for the Borden County Coyotes, two Borden Coyote Band members begin their practicing a little earlier to be in shape and to be ready for this year's big football season. Juniors Staci O'Brien and Hailey Adcock, were busy working on new routines from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. all last week, making sure they will be ready for that first big game.

Lori Stephens, twirling

teacher, helped the girls to add some new with new routines in solo excitement to this years twirling, single baton, two pep-rallies and half time performance with the baton and hoop twirling. The girls hope to be able Coyote Band.

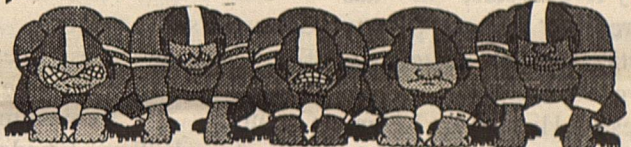


One, two, three CATCH: Staci O'Brien and Hailey Adcock working on their two baton toss.



Mini Twirling Camp held: (L. to R.) Staci O'Brien, twirling instructor Lori Stephens and Hailey Adcock

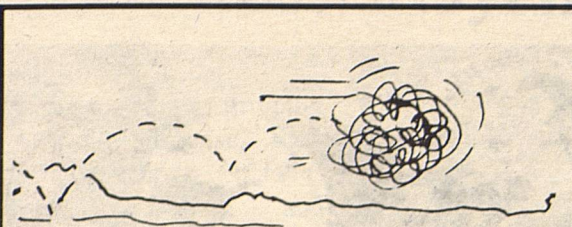
## Football Workouts



**ATTENTION:**  
**High School Football Players!**

Football practice is just around the corner.  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH**  
will be the first day of practice.  
**Hope to see you there!**  
***Repeat in '98***



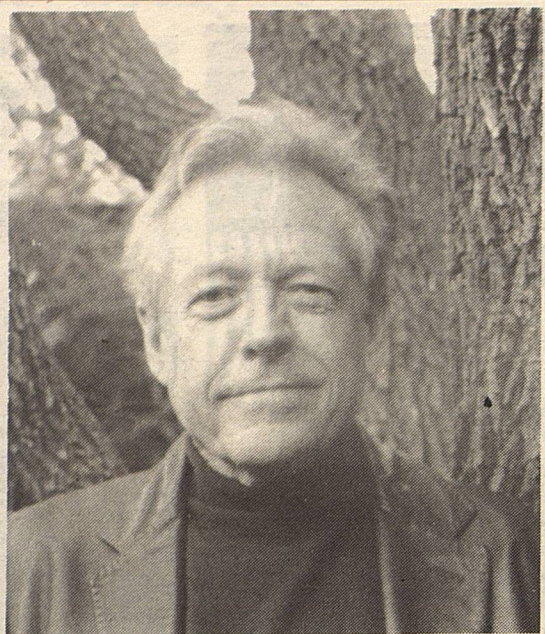


## Texas Stories

*A showcase of the Texas Spirit*

**Tumbleweed Smith**

*Part owner of Texas*



Tumbleweed Smith is the producer of the Sound of Texas, a radio series which began in Big Spring and became the most widely syndicated radio show in Texas.

In doing his daily program for more than twenty-five years, he has gathered the largest private collection of oral history in the United States.

Texas Highways Magazine says he has probably recorded more Texas characters on tape than anyone else.

Tumbleweed has taught broadcasting at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin since 1974.

He is a syndicated newspaper columnist.

His one man show, Texas Stories, is part of the Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Arts program.

He graduated from Baylor with a degree in English, has a Master's

degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and studied Law at Drake University.

He owns an advertising and production company and has won International Awards for his work.

His honors include the Governor's Award for Tourism, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievement Award and Two Freedoms Foundation Awards.

He lives in Big Spring with his wife Susan. They have two sons, a daughter-in-law and one grandson.

In some of his travels, Tumbleweed has performed at the World Champion Burro Roping in Marathon, The Toad Holler Hoot in De Soto, The Luling Watermelon Thump, The Hondo Hootenanny, the Rabbit Twister Pageant in Robert Lee, The Anvil Shoot in Hamilton and the Fire Ant Festival in

Marshall.

He has also been a celebrity judge at the Chili Cookoff in Terlingua, The Pinto Bean Cookoff in Balmorhea and the Menudo Cookoff in Pecos. He does a one man show, Texas Stories, on weekends during the summer in Fort Davis.

And now, you can read his stories in a weekly column in the Borden Star. Hope you enjoy this entertaining column each week.

## Slow cooker stands the countertop test of time

You rarely see a garage sale without one. It's often exiled to the storage closet. Yet, it still has survived, even thrived. The slow cooker has not only weathered every trend in kitchen gadgetry, but has evolved into one of the most popular cooking appliances in America.

In fact, according to the NPD Group, market research firm, slow cookers can be found in 77.8 percent of the kitchens in America. Most of those are Rival Crock-Pot® slow cookers.

Originally manufactured in the classic colors Harvest Gold, Burnt Red and Avocado Green—the Rival Crock-Pot is still as convenient and time-saving as it was when introduced in 1971. But unlike macrame hangers and polyester pants, the Crock-Pot stood the test of time and lingers on into the nineties. It patiently simmers along with the delicious aroma of dinner wafting through the air, waiting for you to come home from a long day's work.

Preparation is easy, you just fill it and forget it. The low-watt, wrap-around heat cooks slowly, unsupervised for up to ten hours. Stirring is unnecessary because the food is evenly and thoroughly cooked. Cleanup chores are even easier with the removable stoneware.

Try these Crock-Pot favorites:

- East-West Barbecued Chicken**
- 6 boneless skinless breast halves
  - 1/3 cup catsup
  - 1/3 cup orange marmalade
  - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
  - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
  - 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
  - 1 teaspoon fresh minced ginger
  - 1 clove garlic, minced
  - 2 drops liquid hot pepper sauce



Place chicken in Crock-Pot. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over chicken. Cover and cook on low 7 to 9 hours. Makes six servings.

### Cajun Corn

- 2 packages (16 ounces) frozen corn
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 rib celery, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 1 can (14.5) stewed tomatoes
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1/2 tablespoon cajun seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce, optional.

Place corn, onion, celery, green pepper and red pepper in Crock-Pot. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over vegetables in Crock-Pot. Cover and cook on low 8 to 9 hours. Makes 10 servings.

## Celebrate Jesus Revival

July 19, 20, 21, & 22nd  
First Baptist Church, Gail

### Sun. July 19th

#### Meet the Evangelist Night

6:00 p.m. - Service  
7:00 p.m. - Sandwiches  
& Fellowship

### Mon. July 20th

#### Children's Night

6:30 p.m. - Hot Dog's  
Pre-School-6th Grade  
7:00 - Service  
Special Music:  
Children's Choir

### Tues. July 21st

#### Youth Bash

7:00 p.m. - Service  
Special Music:  
Youth Choir  
8:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship  
& Snacks

### Wed. July 22nd

#### Good Neighbor Night

7:00 p.m. - Service  
8:00 p.m. - Ice Cream  
Supper



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Evangelist

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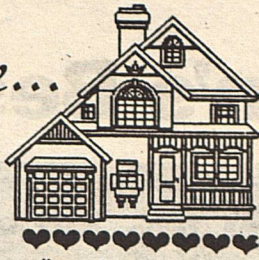
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Lamesa, Texas

*Every member invite at least 3 families every night.  
Let's prove that Christ is truly alive!*



# 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.

## Ways to save money on banking and credit services - Part 2

When it comes to saving money on banking or credit card services, these tips from the Consumer Literacy Consortium may be helpful. [Note: This is part of 2 of a 3-part series]

### Credit Cards/Services:

1. You can save as much as several hundred dollars each year in lower credit card interest charges by paying off your entire bill each month.

2. If you are unable to pay off a large balance, switch to a credit card

with a low annual percentage rate (APR). For a modest fee, Bankcard Holders of America (703)389-5445 and RAM Research Corp 1-800-344-7714 will send you a list of low-rate cards.

3. You can reduce credit card fees, which may add up to more than \$100 a year, by getting rid of all but one or two cards, and by avoiding late payment and over-the-credit limit fees.

4. If you have significant savings, earning a low interest rate, consider mak-

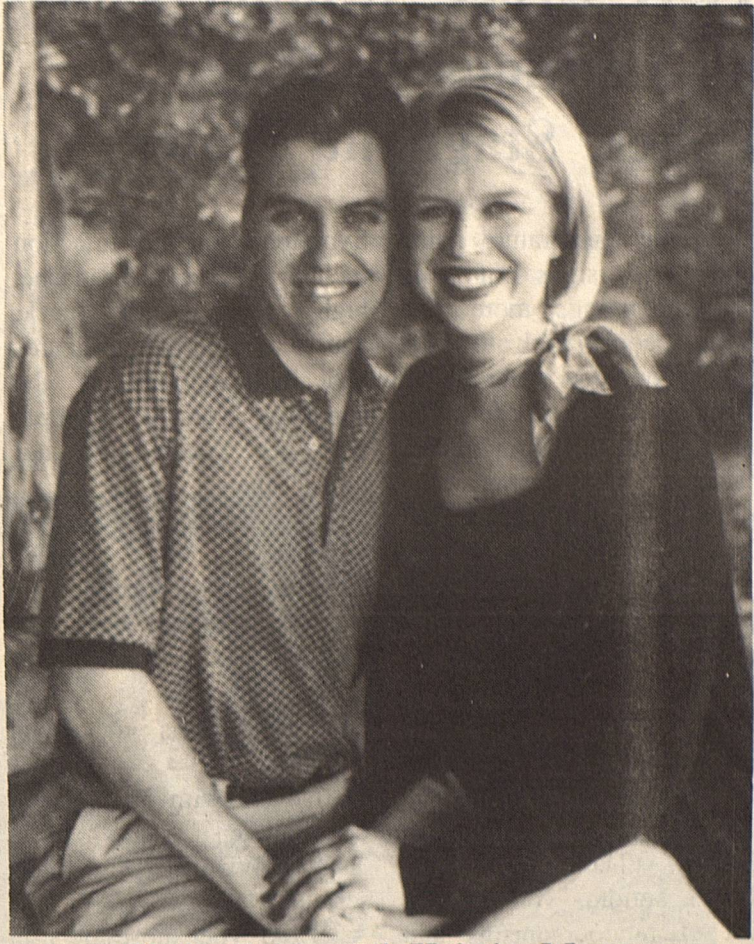
ing larger down payment or even paying for the car in cash. This could save you as much as several thousand dollars in financing charges.

5. You can save as much as hundreds of dollars in finance charges by shopping for the cheapest loan. Contact several banks, your credit union, and the auto manufacturer's own finance company.

**NEED HELP - -**  
Mowing lawn, cleaning garage, washing car or any odd job?  
Call 1-806-497-6717 ask for D.J. Smith anytime.

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## Engagement Announced



Chris Tubb and Kristin Monger

Kristin Elaine Monger and Christopher Ryan Tubb, both of Austin will be united in marriage on August 1, 1998 at the University Church of Christ in Austin.

Kristin is a 1992 graduate of Borden County High School and a 1997 graduate of Southwest Texas State University. She is the daughter of Sheryl Monger of Vealmoor and Jon Monger of Lancaster, Ohio. Grandparents are Dwain and Glenodene Williams, Big Spring, great-grandmother is Maurine Hanks, Vealmoor.

Chris is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is the son of Cindy and David Tubb of Big Spring. He is currently employed by Doubletree Guest Suites Hotels in Austin.

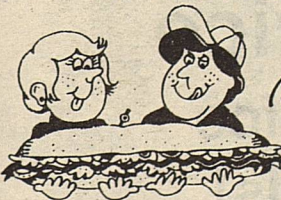
## Hey Youth!



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GAIL YOUTH GROUP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. TO OUR "SUMMER YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS".

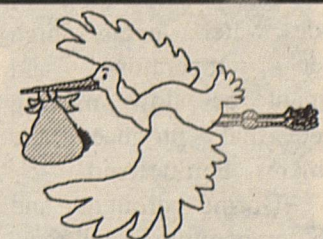


THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FOOD AND GAMES SUCH AS WATERBALLOON VOLLYBALL, WATERGUN BATTLES, AND LOTS OF OTHER CARZY ACTIVITIES!



ALL AREA YOUTH FROM 6TH-12TH GRADE IS INVITED TO COME JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

## It's a Girl!



## Bailey Renae Johnson

Born: June 30, 1998

Weight: 6 lbs. 12ozs.

Length 20"

Parents: Michael & Stacy Johnson, Post

Grandparents:

Wendell & Cindy Johnson, Post

Great-grandparents:

Jiggs & Shorty King, Post



Bailey is welcomed home by big sister LaShae



## TDH Urges Swimmers to be Cautious in Rivers, Lakes, Stagnant Water

With the temperature rising and few signs of rain drops coming, more and more people look to cool off at outdoor water spots. But as the heat foes up and water levels in rivers, lakes, ponds streams go down, the potential for health problems grows.

"You can look at the problems associated with swimming in fresh water like a pyramid," said James Perdue of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health (TDH). "At the broad bottom, you have a lot of microorganisms and bacteria that can cause such mild problems as ear infections, swimmer's itch or intestinal diseases. At the top point, you have the very dangerous but relatively rare problems such as primary amebic meningoencephalitis."

This infection, also known as PAM, is caused by a common microorganism found in most all untreated surface water and all types of soil. It is the combination of lower water levels, high water temperature and stagnant or slow moving water that produces the problems, Perdue said.

During drought and high temperature conditions, concentrations of the amoebas increase as they feed on the bacteria in the warm water. the organisms thrive at temperatures above 80 degree F but do not multiply at temperatures below 40 degrees F.

Infection occurs when water containing the organisms is forcefully inhaled -- usually from diving, jumping or underwater swimming -- and infected death occurs usually within a week.

Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. People who are infected do not infect others.

Swimming pools properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine generally are safe as is salt water. TDH offers these recommendations to avoid infection:

\* Never swim in stagnant or polluted water. Take "NO SWIMMING" signs seriously.

\* Hold your nose or use plugs when jumping into water.

\* Swim in properly maintained pools when possible.

\* Keep wading pools clean and change the water daily.

\* Wash open skin cuts and scrapes with clean water and soap.

\* Avoid swallowing water when swimming.

\* Use ear plugs, swim goggles or masks if you tend to get ear or eye infections. To help keep potential sources of infection out of recreational water:

\* Shower before swimming,

\* Take young children to the restroom frequently.

\* Children who are not toilet trained should wear a swimsuit or rubber pants over diapers designed to prevent leaks. Check diapers frequently.

Perdue said that even more common dangers associated with lakes and rivers include injuries from diving into waters that hide rocks and debris or into waters that are too shallow, using alcohol or drugs and leaving children unattended.

## The Season's Best Grilling

This is the time of year when family and friends gather to participate in an American institution—the summer barbecue. Whether it is to celebrate a family reunion, a birthday, a long weekend or simply the rites of the season, grilling and casual entertaining are fundamentals for summer.

Follow these tips to ensure a safe, tasty and nutritious meal the next time you fire up your grill or plan that perfect summer meal or informal get-together.

• Before you begin grilling make certain that the grilling surface is clean. Use a wire brush on the grates and a scraper on the solid parts of the equipment. Remove all coals and any liquids which may have previously accumulated or been placed in the grill.

• To prevent the meat from sticking to the grilling surface lightly coat it with cooking oil.

• Cook meat thoroughly. Grilled food can look done before it is, so test for doneness by cutting into a piece of the meat. Juices should run clear and meat should not be pink.

• Serve your meal promptly after grilling is complete and remember to refrigerate leftovers immediately.

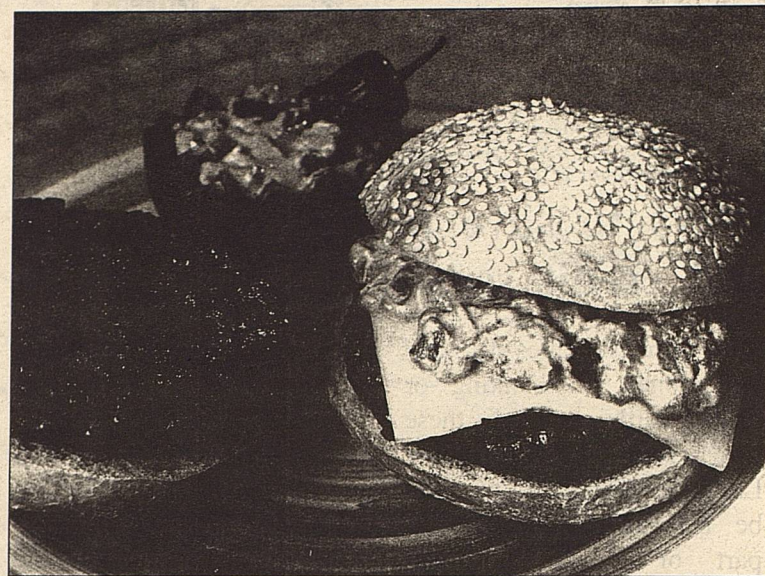
• Enjoy quick and easy crowd-pleasing recipes such as Great Grilled Burgers the next time you plan a barbecue or get-together. Select some recipes that can be prepared in advance and require no baking time such as Muddy Mounds.

And as a recipe ingredient remember that oatmeal is a whole grain, low fat source of soluble and insoluble fiber that adds great flavor, texture and nutrition.

### Great Grilled Burgers

*This moist and juicy burger is sure to satisfy the heartiest of appetites! You can double or triple this recipe to feed a crowd.*

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- ½ cup 3 Minute Brand\* Old Fashioned or Quick Oats
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup ketchup



*A grilled Southwestern Burger makes any meal a fiesta with the fresh flavor of cilantro, the zing of your favorite salsa and the hearty texture of oatmeal. Ole!*

- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt

Combine beef, oats, egg, ketchup, onion, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Shape into five patties. Grill 10-12 minutes or until no longer pink in center, turning once. Serve on buns with cheese slices, tomato, lettuce, pickles, ketchup and mustard, if desired.

### Variations:

*Southwestern Burgers:* Use salsa in place of ketchup. Add 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro and 1 teaspoon ground cumin to beef mixture. Serve on Kaiser rolls with sliced Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese and prepared guacamole, if desired.

*Italian Burgers:* Use meatless spaghetti sauce in place of ketchup. Add 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese and 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves to beef mixture. Serve on thick slices of Italian bread topped with a slice of mozzarella or provol cheese and additional spaghetti sauce, if desired.

### Muddy Mounds

*Let the kids help make these oatmeal-filled sweet treats. The colorful*

*gummy worms make this high fiber no-bake cookie a fun dessert or snack.*

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa
- ½ cup (1 stick) margarine or butter
- ½ cup skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4½ cups 3 Minute Brand\* Quick or Old Fashioned Oats
- 24 gummy worms

Combine sugar and cocoa in saucepan; mix well. Add margarine, milk and vanilla. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, just until mixture boils; remove from heat immediately. Stir oats into mixture and drop by rounded tablespoons onto waxed paper. Press gummy worms into warm mounds. Cool completely. Makes 24.

### Variations:

*For bars:* Press oat mixture into a greased 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Press gummy worms into warm mixture. Cool completely before cutting. Makes 24.

*For giant mounds:* Drop three rounded tablespoons of oat mixture onto waxed paper. Press three gummy worms into warm mixture. Cool completely. Makes 8.

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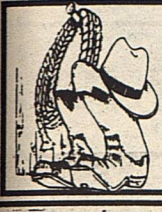


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By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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**Perry reinstates Hay Hotline to 'Up Hay' supplies for livestock producers**

The Texas Department of Agriculture has set up a Hay Hotline to help connect farmers and ranchers who need hay with those producers who have hay for sale.

The Hay Hotline number is 1-8770429-1998 (1-UPS-HAY-1998) The hotline is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is a free call.


"The Hay Hotline is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to locate forage during this difficult time," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "The hot, dry weather continues to take its toll on range and pasture land across Texas, and producers in scattered areas need additional forage supplies for their livestock."

Many ranges and pastures are not providing adequate grazing, and pro-

ducers are rapidly depleting carryover hay stocks. In addition, many pastures and hay fields have not had sufficient regrowth following the first hay cutting. In some parts of the state, producers were not able to get a first cutting.

"We want to make sure that our livestock producers have access to adequate forage supplies this summer and into the fall and winter months," Perry said. "The Hay Hotline is a precautionary measure since there is no federal Emergency feed Program this year."

Producers with hay can all the toll-free number and be put on a list of suppliers. An up-to-date list will be mailed to them the day they call. In addition, TDA will put the list of suppliers on its website ([www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us)).



**Out-N-About**  
by Area Reporters

Last Wednesday, Judy Kingston and Mary Lynn Williams set out for a visit with their children in the Dallas area. Mary Lynn visited a few days with her son Keith and his wife Leigh Ann Williams which

are expecting twin babies soon. Leigh Ann has been hospitalized but is now home, but confined to the bed until the birth of the babies. But everyone was fine and are looking forward to the new

arrivals. Judy visited with her son and his wife, Jody and Leisha Kingston. They are expecting their first, a baby boy in about 2 weeks. I'm sure Judy will be planning on another visit real soon when the new family member arrives.

The two ladies had a great time visiting with their families and enjoyed the ride there and back. And they didn't even get lost one time!

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Every now and then, I get into a snit.

I never feel called upon to explain myself when I do get into one. I figure that there are enough things wrong that if I choose to have a fit of generally being annoyed, anybody should be able to find any one of several reasons for my pique and be fairly accurate in his presumption.

In these fits of displeasure, I wonder why it is that I should have to work for a living, when I have other things I want to do.

It could be that I am picking up vibes from some friend who is going through a disaster that likely was meant for me, and got misdirected. Whenever I think that to be the case, I am subject to call and ask "Are you alright?"

One such friend, a long time ago, sincerely believed that I invariably would know whenever she was experiencing even a minor disaster, and that I would come to her rescue. For whatever reason, I allowed her to continue believing that, and even perpetuated her belief.

I enjoyed her telling others that I could walk on water. More comforting was her belief that if she did me any real harm some great disaster would befall her.

It was the sixties, and we played around with Ouija boards, palm-reading, mental telepathy, precognition and things of that sort, in between working side by side, newspapering.

Once, I told her that I had been reading about astral projection, and that I thought I would try it sometime. She encouraged me in the pursuit, but as soon as we were apart, I forgot all about it.

A few days later, she stormed into the office, snorting fire and glowering at me.

After a day of slammed office doors, unexplained sarcastic remarks, a couple of screaming fits and other exhibitions of obvious anger directed my way, she finally explained. "You quit that astrally projecting yourself! I couldn't get you out of my apartment last night, all night long! Night



before last, and the night before, it wasn't too frightening, at first. But last night, you wouldn't go away. You just stop doing that! It scares the daylight out of me when you do it!"

While I stared at her in disbelief, she continued, saying how frightening it was to realize that I could astrally project myself, and telling me that she would fire me if I ever did it again. She added darkly that she would see to it that I never got another job.

I could picture myself answering questions on employment applications. When I reached the line asking why I left my last job, I would have to put down that I had been accused of astrally projecting myself, and fired. My children would starve!

It would have been useless to try to convince her that no one other than she had been in her apartment on those nights, and that I had been safely at home then. I had to think fast, and talk even faster, to convince her that it had not been I. Someone else had landed in her apartment on an astral projection.

I went on and on, telling of how popular a pursuit astral projection had become. Thousands of folks likely practiced it at any given time. Someone else who knew her simply had visited her, and she had mistaken that person for me.

My explanation placated her, and her anger abated. But she held onto the belief that she could summon me by focusing her thoughts on me. Often in the middle of the night my telephone rang, and she was on the other end. At first she would scold me for not responding to her telepathic

summons. Then she would announce that she planned to kill herself, and that I must come at once, to be by her side in her final moments.

While I stumbled groggily into my clothes, preparing to leave my family and drive across town in the middle of the night, the phone always rang a second time. "When you pass the convenience store on your way over, stop and get me a lemon. I'm out of lemons for my tea," my boss always said.

Needless to say, it was her need for a lemon and her fear of going out after dark, together with her loneliness, that prompted her attempts at telepathy, and the subsequent phone calls. If she truly had any suicidal thoughts, they had been dismissed by the time I arrived at her apartment, lemon in hand, to be her audience until nearly dawn.

As if being required to fetch the lemon for her cup of tea in the middle of the night under such a pretext were not bad enough, it was I who was required to be at work at 8 o'clock each morning, to get out our part of the newspaper.

Whenever she grew restless, my friend sought new pursuits for the two of us. Occasionally these held more intrigue than even she (and certainly, I) had intended. Now and then we found ourselves shaking in our boots over something we stumbled onto during such times. Somehow, we survived those years, but I've never understood quite how we managed to do so.

I chalked it all up as what one must do in order to make a living, if the situation requires.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of June, 1998, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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, Prec. No. 1; **LARRY D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **VERNON WOLF**, Commissioner, Prec. #3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.** Commissioner, Prec. No 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 proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of the 8th day of June, 1998 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

### LANDFILL

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to close the Landfill on July 4, 1998 in observance of Independence Day. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously

### NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion for Borden County to participate in the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

### ADJOURNMENT

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

## Living Will can help answer end-of-life questions



### SENIOR FOCUS

Robert J. Luchi, M.D.  
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Houston, Texas

Making decisions in the wake of a medical crisis is one of life's most difficult moments. However, a Living Will can help offer reassurance that your wishes will be carried out by your health-care provider.

A Living Will is a legal document that spells out a person's wishes for treatment near the end of life, if he or she is unable to make those decisions after becoming ter-

minally ill. The document details the type of medical care the person desires and whether aggressive medical interventions should be taken on their behalf.

Discussing the idea of a Living Will can be uncomfortable for some people, but experts at the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston say most older people have given some thought to dying and are thankful family members are willing to listen to their concerns.

Two documents comprising advance medical directives can be obtained by adults 18 years and older from a hospital, family doctor or legal representative. The Living Will form contains basic statements about wishes regarding end-of-life decisions and pertinent legal informa-

tion. The second form, Durable Power of Attorney for Health-Care Decision Making, allows you to designate a person to make medical decisions for you if you become incapacitated.

Once the forms are completed, they can become part of your family doctor's records. Some people also provide a copy to their attorney. If you change your mind about how care should be delivered, you can update a Living Will at any time.

These decisions are never easy, but they become even more difficult during a time of crisis. Making a Living Will part of your medical portfolio helps to ensure family members are certain about how end-of-life decisions should be made.

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