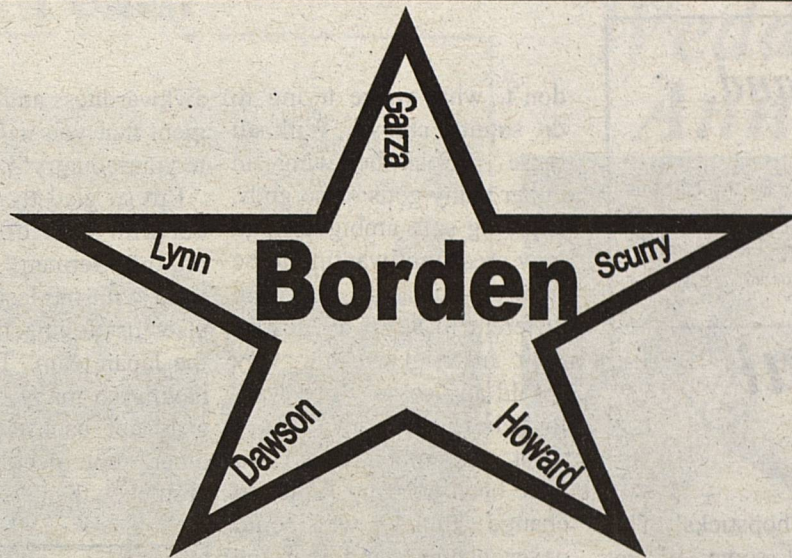


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Protecting Our Children Online

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The expansion of the Internet has ushered in a world of unlimited opportunity. Nearly 80 percent of Americans are online, and almost two-thirds use the Internet at home. The Internet provides businesses access to new markets, students access to new ideas, and friends and family members access to one another. The ease and speed with which information travels today is unprecedented – and is getting faster everyday. Along with the many advances offered by the Internet, however, we must confront the new and daunting challenges it brings.

As our children are exposed to the Internet at an early age, predators are a dangerous threat to their safety. There are thousands of predators prowling online at any given moment, and each year, one in every five children receives an unwanted sexual solicitation online.

This is a frightening reality which we must confront as

explicit material becomes increasingly available online. Since 1996, the FBI has documented a 2,000 percent increase in the amount of child pornography on the Internet, and 25 percent of all children have been exposed to unwanted sexually explicit material, according to a study conducted by the Department of Justice. These numbers are alarming, and we must act to protect our children so they can safely use the Internet as an educational tool without being in danger.

I am currently co-sponsoring the Internet SAFETY Act to shield our children from these aggressive predators. This legislation provides law enforcement officials with additional resources to prosecute adults who create and distribute child pornography. Under this bill, it will become a federal crime to produce or knowingly facilitate transmission of child pornography and to financially support or operate child

pornography sites. It will also increase existing penalties for child pornography, child prostitution and sex trafficking.

The Department of Justice's *Project Safe Childhood Report*, published in May, outlines the most dangerous ramifications of the increasing child exploitation via the Internet. In addition to posting offensive graphics and vulgar videos, Internet predators are now attempting to lure children into face-to-face meetings. Each year, one in 33 children receives a sexual solicitation to meet the predator in person. Unfortunately, only one out of four targeted children reports such an advance to their parents.

The Internet SAFETY Act creates an Office on Sexual Violence and Crimes against Children within the Department of Justice to further support the protection of our children. The Department of Justice will also provide over

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Old Mill Trade Days to Feature Three Days of Entertainment

In addition to over 125 vendors with products such as antiques, furniture, collectibles, art, jewelry and clothing and a variety of food vendors, the July 7-9 event at Old Mill Trade Days in Post will feature a 3-day line up of musical entertainment.

Over 60 performers will take the stage at Trade Days beginning at 10 am Friday and continuing Saturday. These contestants are vying for the title of Post City Idol, a regional competition for vocalists of all ages.

Sunday afternoon a full line up of Christian Country entertainers including Ricky Russ, Dave Pendergraft, Becky Braun and Clay Jacobs will perform on the Rainmaker Stage.

"We're looking at our event as a continuation of the Independence Day holiday

fun," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. "There are lots of activities to choose from around July 4, but our event on July 7-9 provides a great opportunity extend the fun another weekend."

Performers in the Post City Idol competition aged 15 and younger will begin the first round of competition on Friday morning and the semi-finals will begin at 2:00 pm that afternoon. Performers aged 16 and older compete in the first round Saturday at 10 am and the semi-finals at 2 pm. Finalists will be chosen from each category to compete August 5 at Old Mill Trade Days. The winner in each category will receive cash awards. "The winners will

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Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!
-Psalms 119:7

Japan Journal

Part 1: Base Camp

This is the beginning of a series that will tell the story of what Christ did during my mission trip in Tokyo, Japan. To those of you who prayed for my team and/or gave money, I can't thank you enough. Here's what you helped accomplish.

June 3

Today was our first day at base camp...or as iWitness Ministries likes to call it, the country of "iGosia". The currency is the "iGo". iWitness Ministries got the term "base camp" from the training that people get right before they climb Mt. Everest. They are prepared mentally, spiritually, and emotionally for what they are about to experience. At base camp we are tested with new things, we always have to be on our guard, and we spend the whole day seeking God.

You may ask what types of things we do at base camp. Well, today we went through "customs", where the iGosians (natives of the country) all spoke gibberish, they kept handing us the wrong forms, and some of us were "arrested". After that, many people got the wrong "bus passes" and weren't allowed into the worship room until they paid a certain number of iGos. After all that, the only food they gave us to eat was rice, sushi, and wasabi (a green sauce that tastes really strange). And we HAD to

eat it with chopsticks! Then they "lost" some of our luggage. Some people had to wear the same clothes two days in a row. So we were prepared for *anything* that could happen overseas!

I can already tell that my team is going to bond amazingly. There's a Germany team, a Kazakhstan team, and my Japan team all here at once...and they're all such sweet, beautiful people. I'm excited! Well, it's been a long day, so good night.

June 4

Today we really dug into the Word. We talked about the "Bottom Line" a lot. Too often, we focus on the top line (the fact that God wants to bless us), but totally ignore God's purpose *behind* the top line, which is to make His name famous! God blesses us to spread His glory.

Another thing that really jumped out to me during our sessions today was when someone said, "We often think that the church is standing still and hell is pounding against it. But the Bible says the *gates* of hell will not stand up against the *Church*. The gates, not the armies! Therefore, the Church is the one attacking!"

Father, when I'm in Japan, I must remember the fact that You have been doing work in people's lives long before we got there. You have prepared their hearts and brought them to us. If I

don't, what we're trying to do sounds crazy. With all these people believing in either many gods or no gods, enjoying safe ambiguity and gray areas, not wanting to be family outcasts or even different in any way, loving their material wealth...why would any solitary one want to believe in You? But I must remember that You *have* been working, You can change things we could never change, and that the same power that raised the *dead* will be working in us.

June 5

Today we played two really fun and useful games where half of the groups were missionaries and half of the groups were some strange nonexistent tribe with weird customs. The missionaries' job was to try to share Jesus with them, and the tribes' job was to make it as difficult as possible. One tribe wouldn't talk to you if you had your shoes on. Another insisted that you ask about their family before you talk about anything else. The games really helped us learn to adjust to really different cultures and traditions.

We played another game that wasn't quite as much fun though. We had to pair up with a member of our team. I paired up with a guy. Big mistake. First they just told us to stand facing each other and talk. After we did that for a few minutes, they made us stand where our toes were touching each other and talk. Then they made us hold interlocking hands and talk. Then we had to lean in! The whole time I was thinking...if only, if only I'd picked a girl. I can only imagine how the guys who picked guys were feeling! Anyway, after we were done, they said, "Now you're prepared for *any*

awkwardness and embarrassment that you *will* encounter in your country!"

I'm so glad to get to hang out with some of my friends on the Germany team who went with me last year. I'm also just loving the girls on the Japan team. It's so great having so many high school girls not backstabbing each other, not deciding who's prettier than who, not

leaving each other out, and most of all not gossiping about one another! We've been totally encouraging and building one another up! That's an answered prayer.

Well, tomorrow we get on the PLANE! I'm so excited! I'm probably going to stay up very late tonight, judging by how hyper the Japan and Germany girls are right now! Good night!

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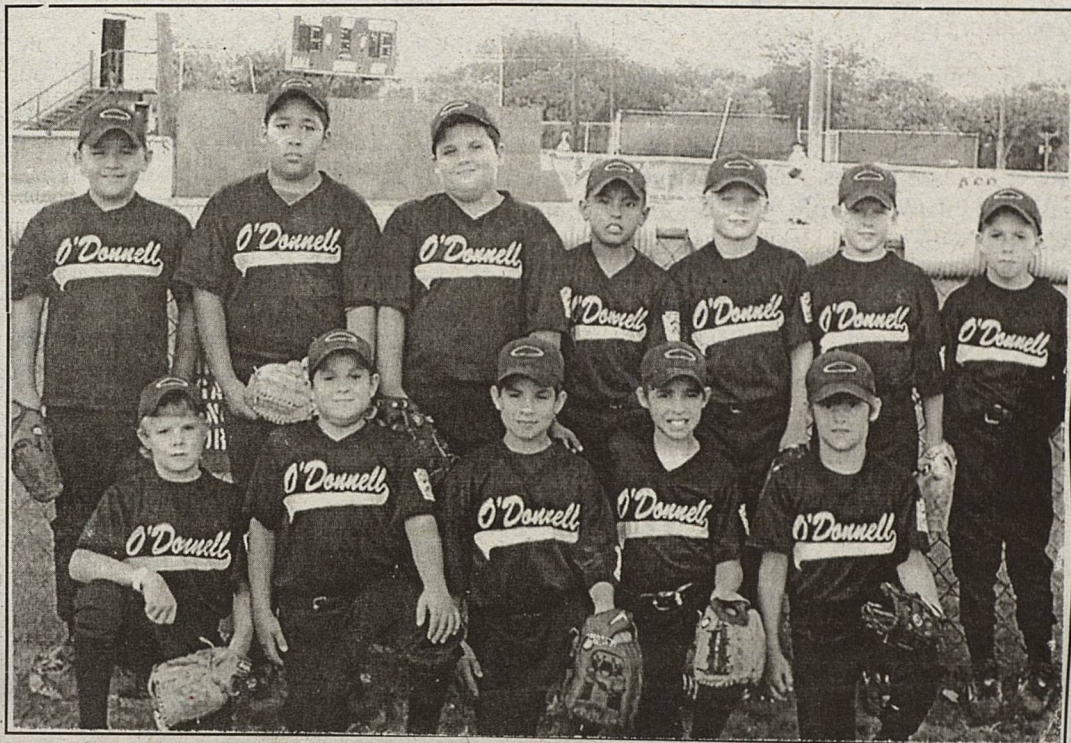
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All-Star Team



The 2006 O'Donnell All-Star Team: Top row (L. to R.): Tristen Benevidez, John Smallwood, Jerrod Jaquess, Michael Rivas, Austin Hendricks, Nathan Ham, and Colton Stephens. Bottom row (L. to R.): Matthew Ham, Jasen Cruz, Marc Cruz, Brooklyn Balague, and Caden Vaughn. Four of these All-Star team members, Tristen Benavidez, Nathan Ham, Matthew Ham and Caden Vaughn, attend school at Borden County Elementary.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

House Approves Increase in American Energy Exploration

I mentioned in last week's Roundup that the Deep Oceans Energy Resources (DOER) Act was on the House vote calendar last week. I am pleased to report that this legislation was approved by a vote of 232-187 last Thursday.

The DOER Act eliminates outdated federal regulations that prohibited all deep sea energy exploration. Further, the bill gives decision-making power to the states, allowing them to choose whether or not to allow exploration within 100 miles of their coasts. At the same time, the United States government can authorize energy exploration between

100 and 200 miles off the country's coastlines.

This change in energy policy is a positive one for Americans. As we try to meet our energy challenges, it is important that all solutions are on the table. Increasing energy exploration in a responsible manner, far away from our beaches and shores can contribute to America's energy independence.

WTO Meeting on Agriculture Trade Ends With No Deal

Negotiators from several member countries of the World Trade Organization, including the United States, met this past weekend to discuss international trade. Agriculture was at the center of the discussions ([click here](#)

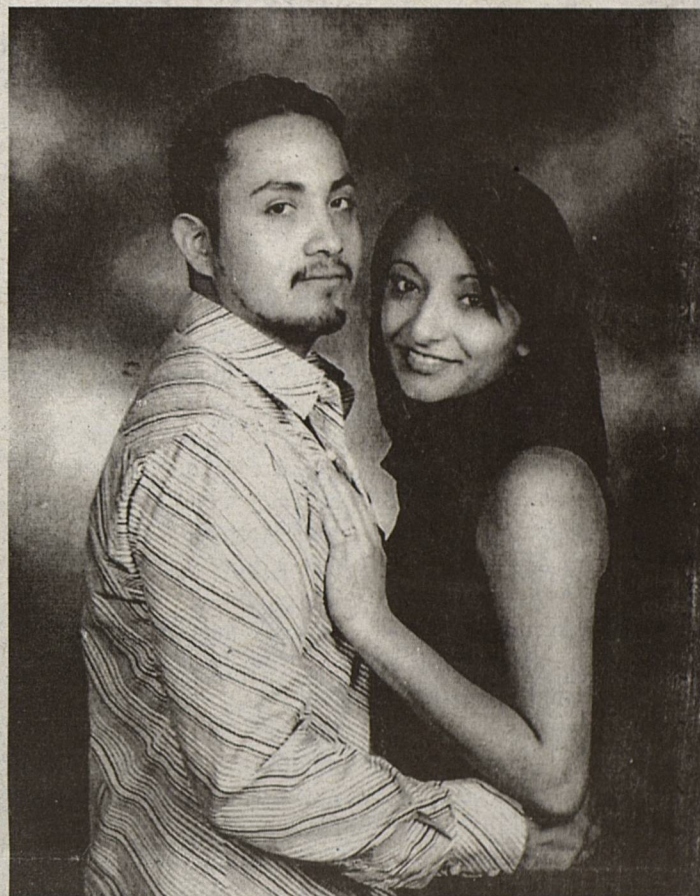
to read my statement). Unfortunately, some of the other countries were unwilling provide access to their markets. They were pushing proposals that created loopholes that would have allowed them to avoid tariff reductions. Our trade representatives wisely rejected these proposals.

While this set of meetings has ended without an agreement, future negotiations will be scheduled. I will continue to urge our negotiators to stand up for U.S. agriculture and advise them that no deal is better than a bad deal.

Happy Birthday, U.S.A.

This week, the United States celebrates its 230th birthday. Since its birth, America has been a beacon of liberty and democracy. Whether in wars to rid the world of communism and

Wedding Plans Announced



Johnny Joe Perez & Thelma Balague

Jesusa Balague of the Plains Community in Borden County is proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her daughter Thelma to Johnny Joe Perez the son of Joe and Mary Perez of Whitharrel, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of the late Juve Balague and is a graduate of Borden County High School. The prospective groom is a graduate of Whitharrel High School.

The wedding will take place on August 12th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maranatha Church of the Living God in Lubbock. The couple will reside in Lubbock, Texas.

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Shipping Dairy Calves to New Mexico? Don't Forget Their "Identification!"

**Bob Hillman, DVM *
Executive Director**

New Mexico livestock health officials have implemented and are enforcing animal identification requirements for dairy calves shipped into their state to assist in tracking potential disease introductions, particularly cattle tuberculosis (TB). Dairy cattle are no more susceptible to TB than beef cattle, but in confinement operations, such as dairies, infected animals may transmit the disease more readily. Commercially produced milk is pasteurized, or heat-treated, to kill bacteria and ensure product safety.

"New Mexico requires dairy calves to be individually identified with an official USDA ear tag, or a commercially produced ear tag that shows the state and premises of origin, if the calves are not imported into the state as part of a cow/calf pair. If commercial tags are used, the original owner's name, address and an individual animal number must be imprinted on the tag, and the commercial tags must be pre-approved by the New Mexico Livestock Board," said Dr. Dee Ellis, head of animal health programs with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry

health regulatory agency. The New Mexico Livestock Board may be reached in Albuquerque at (505) 841-6161.

Dr. Ellis noted that New Mexico requires dairy and beef cows and bulls from all states to have a negative TB test within 30 days prior to importation, and these animals are tagged. Calves entering New Mexico, however, are not TB test-eligible until they are 12 months old, and many would not otherwise be identified. By requiring dairy calves to be tagged, New Mexico livestock health authorities can notify the state of origin, if an imported calf later tests positive for cattle TB. This action may also protect New Mexico's TB-free status, which was regained in 2005, with the exception of a small zone in the southeast portion of the state.

"New Mexico is working to protect its cattle TB-free rating," commented Dr. Ellis. "Texas lost cattle TB-free status in 2002, and since then, more than 500,000 cattle in Texas have been tested. The U.S. Department of Agriculture may reinstate Texas' as TB-free later this year, and like New Mexico, we also will guard that hard-

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\$14 million this year to support regional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces. This national network of 46 ICACs, which includes a unit in Dallas and a newly created unit serving South Texas, cooperatively targets online child pornographers.

Prosecuting Internet pornographers not only reduces the

amount of sexually explicit material currently available online but also prevents countless children from being exploited as the subject of future images. Clearly the children forced to participate in such despicable acts suffer great physical, emotional and psychological harm.

There can be no higher

priority than ensuring our children's safety. The opportunities offered by the Internet are great, but so is our responsibility to maintain a safe and secure environment for our children, who are growing up in an age of unprecedented technology. In protecting them, the Internet SAFETY Act also protects our future.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A pretty girl's car stopped running. Her boyfriends, wanting to win her favor, offered their help.

One took off the head. The other dropped the pan. The third removed the transmission.

Suddenly her brother yelled, "Sis, I've found the trouble. Your car's out of gas!"

Something's wrong with man. Wanting to win favors, friends have worked feverishly. But the problem is still there.

Then the Bible says, "You're out of God."

He'll enable you to run smoothly, to climb victoriously, to brake suddenly, and to travel safely.

He said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

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earned status. Currently, TAHC entry requirements specify that each sexually intact dairy calf entering Texas have an official USDA ear tag, but identification to the herd of origin is not required."

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be determined by the judges; however, audience support could potentially sway a judge's decision," Latimer continued. "We're encouraging energetic audience participation." The Post City Idol event is co-sponsored by FOX 34 News and Coca Cola.

Old Mill Trade Days at the historic Postex Mills in Post is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. Call 495-3529 for more information.

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- Anatole France

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