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Gail FFA Member Receives Scholarship

Nick Flanigan a Borden County 2000 graduate and a member of the Gail FFA chapter has recently received the honor of a college scholarship through the Texas FFA Association.

Students applying for these types of scholarships are judged on their FFA achievements and involvement as well as their academic accomplishments during their four-year FFA career.

Nick submitted his

application and participated in an interview at the Area Convention in May. He was chosen as a top 11 finalist to advance to the State Degree Check and interview process at San Marcos this past week. Nick's efforts at the state level resulted in a \$4,000 scholarship.

Nick plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall and pursue a major in Agribusiness. Nick is the son of Nancy and Bill Gordon of Post.

Drive Safely
Watch for our Children

Borden County employees participate in Roadeo

Jibber Herridge, crew chief and Ray Don Underwood, maintenance technician, participated in the Texas Department of Transportation's 2000 Abilene District Roadeo. Both men work in the Borden County maintenance section.

The event tested 37 section winners from throughout the 13-county district on their driving skills and their preventive maintenance knowledge. Herridge and Underwood took first place and second place respectively at the county level to earn them the right to compete at district.

At the district competition, Herridge took second place overall and will



Ray Don Underwood, second from left, and Jibber Herridge, second from right, show off the certificates they earned as participants in the Texas Department of Transportation's 2000 Abilene District Roadeo. With Underwood and Herridge are Nan Sharp, Borden County section supervisor, and Bill Hale, Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

compete at state level later this year. This will be his fourth trip to the state finals.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar, Aug. 6th & 7th

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners—and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6th and 7th, 2000, in conjunction with the Annual beef Cattle Short Course. The Seminar will start at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6th, and

conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7th, 2000. It will be held at the College Station Hilton.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts,

bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top notch educational program emphasizing

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Obituary

Coy Berryman 1972-2000

Funeral service for Coy William Berryman of Canoga Park, Calif., was held in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Colen Lasiter of the Rock Assembly of God Church in Oklahoma City and Dr. Marty Akins, First Baptist Church pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens, with arrangements under direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Berryman, 27, died Tuesday, June 6, at his home after a sudden illness.

Born August 29, 1972, in Tulsa, Okla., he was a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School and was best actor at the state one-act play contest his junior and senior years.

He lived in Snyder

most of his life and attended the University of Texas and Tarleton State University.

He married Amanda Carter on Aug. 12, 1995 in Snyder. At the time of his death, Mr. Berryman was working as an actor in Los Angeles. He was a Baptist.

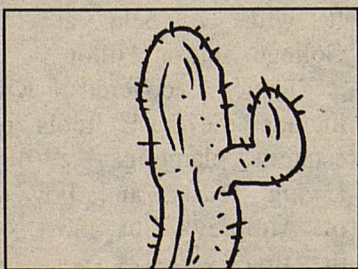
Survivors include his wife, Amanda Berryman of Canoga Park; his parents Linda Berryman of Oklahoma City and C.W. Berryman Jr. of Oklahoma City both formerly of Snyder; a brother, Clay Berryman of Lubbock; his mother and father-in-law, Kaye and Mike Carter of Snyder; a brother-in-law, Chad Carter of Snyder; and his grandfather, C.W. Berryman Sr. of Borden County.

Trophy Hunting and African Artifacts on display in Scurry Co. Museum

Have you wanted to go on an African Safari? Now is the time to try it! Visit the Scurry County Museum. On display is a collection of hairy beast trophies from The United Republic of Tanzania, formerly Zanzibar and Tanganyika. The late Nolan Von Roeder tracked down these animals, such as javelins, wart hogs, kudus, impalas, baboons, cape buffalos, gazelles, and others from the United States and Canada.

Also, on display are African tapestries, elephant tusks, ebony mask, a skin rug, artwork, and other decorative items from Africa.

For more details, call 915/573-6107, 915/573-8511 ext. 210, or come by the Museum. The summer hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is located on the southwest corner of Western Texas College's campus, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder



The saguaro cactus doesn't grow its first "arm" until it's at least 75 years old.

Auto theft prevention emphasized as movie's released

This month's release of the motion picture film "Gone in Sixty Seconds" gives state officials an opportunity to emphasize the importance of auto theft prevention. The film, starring Nicolas Cage and Angelina Jolie, highlights some of the techniques used by auto thieves.

Auto thefts in Texas has decreased 50 percent since 1991, but these crimes continue to peak during summer months. Last summer more than 15,000 auto thefts occurred in Texas. Summer weather usually brings an increase in recreational trips for many motorists - causing many vehicles to be parked in areas unfamiliar to owners.

"The opening of this motion picture couldn't come at a better time," said Gus De La Rosa, director of the Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA). "We hope moviegoers who see it will realize the importance of auto theft prevention and

Ranch Estate Seminar

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key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, banker, and lawyer.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, snacks on Sunday evening and lunch on Monday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon Wehring-Forster or Dr. Wayne Hayenga at (979)845-2226, Fax: (979)847-9374 or email: w-Hayenga@tamu.edu, or s-wehring@tamu.edu.

take measures to prevent these crimes."

ATPS offers vehicle owners a few tips that can help prevent vehicles from being stolen:

*Secure vehicles - Always close and lock all windows and doors after parking. Approximately 50 percent of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked.

*Park in safe areas - Lighted areas and attended parking lots provide increased security for vehicles. More than half of all vehicle thefts occur at night.

*Carry vehicle's registration in your purse or wallet and file titles away at home.

*Utilize all security devices, including locks and kill switches, which prevent vehicles from starting, disable gas and brake pedals, when possible.

*Make use of panic buttons, back-up batteries, flashing lights and auto-

matic engine disablers, when necessary.

*Never leave a regular or spare set of keys in a vehicle. Nearly 20 percent of all vehicles stolen have the keys in them when taken.

Statistics show pick-up trucks, SUVs and family sedans are prime targets to be stolen. According to Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority/Texas Department of Transportation, A.T.P.A., pick-up trucks made by General Motors were the most stolen vehicles in Texas, followed closely by Ford pick-ups. Other makes and models rounding out the top ten were the Olds Cutlass, GM Suburban, GM Vans, Dodge Pick-up, Jeep Cherokee, Toyota Camry and Oldsmobile 88.

Nationwide, vehicle theft is the most costly property crime in America with \$7.5 billion in annual losses.

Caprock Photographers Announce Dates and Juror for Annual Exhibit

Post, Texas - The Caprock Photographers have announced the dates and juror for their Sixteenth Annual Fall Exhibit. Entries will be taken in Lubbock on Saturday, October 21 and in Post on October 23 and 24. The exhibit will remain on display at the Algerita Art Center in Post until November 12th. William Johnson, Executive Editor of *photo Resource Magazine*, a highly respected and award winning internet magazine, will juror the exhibit. Mr. Johnson has taught photography at the university level and has been a professional photographer for nineteen years.

The Caprock Photographers' Fall Exhibit is one of the largest, juried all photography exhibits in the Southwest and is open to all photographers. Awards will be given in numerous color and black and white categories. In addition, William Johnson, will conduct a workshop at the Lubbock Garden and Art Center on Saturday, October 28th.

Those desiring more information about the exhibit or workshop are invited to visit the exhibit web site at www.fineart-photography.com/cpfe.html or the Exhibit Chairman at (806)996-5435.



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit



Tumbleweed Smith
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The Jim Hogg State Historical Park

Jim Hogg was the first native-born Governor of Texas.

"This park is his birthplace," says John Garbutt, Superintendent of the Jim Hogg State Park northeast of Rusk. "One can come here and enjoy the serenity and beauty of East Texas in a micro-cosm, walking our beautiful trail system, especially in the spring and fall. We have the Hogg family cemetery here and we also have a replica of the home where Governor James Stephen Hogg was born on March 24th, 1851."

Mr. Garbutt has great respect for Governor Hogg. "At the age of 16 he began working at our local newspaper here. It was known then as the Texas Observer. Today it's known as the Cherokeean Herald, which is the oldest continually owned and operated weekly newspaper in the state."

"Jim Hogg started working as a go-for, doing this, that and other things, then learned how to be a printer. By the age of twenty he owned his own newspaper in Longview and urged people to be active and responsible citizens of their communities. He stayed basically in the newspaper business until 1875 when he passed the bar. He wanted to practice law as his father had done. His years as newspaper person and lawyer propelled him into the limelight and the public grabbed hold of him and never let go."

Hogg was Governor from 1891 to 1895. He was Attorney General four years before becoming Governor. Hogg had a major impact on Texas.

"I call him the father of education in our state because he was the one who established our free public education system. He told people that education means liberty and success."

Governor Hogg died in 1906 at the age of 55. A few years prior to his death he was involved in Spindletop, the first oil field in Texas. "He was the largest producer down there and was very successful. He later merged his oil business with another one and created a new company called The Texas Company, which sold gas under the name Texaco."

In 1941, Jim Hogg's children, Ima Hogg, Thomas Hogg and Mike Hogg presented the Hogg homeplace to the city of Rusk, which turned over the deed to the Texas Parks Board. The area was originally settled in 1893 by Hogg's parents, Lucanda and Joseph Hogg. Part of the family estate had to be sold to pay taxes and buy food, clothing and books while Jim and his brother Thomas were studying law and earning an income as farmers.

Jim Hogg was heavily in debt when he stepped down as Governor, but built a sizable fortune by the time of his death. He

BBB News

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Giving a New Twist to an Old Scam

Do you have a friend or family member who wants to "let you in on the ground floor" of a fantastic business opportunity? Think twice if the opportunity involves making an initial "gift".

Pyramid schemes are resurfacing with a new twist. The latest versions are called "gifting" or "giving" clubs. To join the club, consumers are asked to make a contribution to the highest-ranking members, with titles such as captain or chairperson. Participants are then encouraged to bring in friends and relatives to help them assume a higher position in the ranks. Gifting club promoters usually target closely-knit social and religious organizations. In reality the clubs are nothing more than illegal pyramid schemes.

The problem is that like most pyramid schemes,

insisted that his children take a worthy interest in individual and public welfare as evidenced by the number of gifts to universities, cities and cultural entities around the state.

Hogg brought railroad shops and headquarters to Texas, established the Railroad commission and brought about the alien land law which prevented foreign corporations from owning land in Texas. He also established the state archives to preserve historic materials.

While governor he traveled the country explaining the benefits of doing business in Texas.

illegal-gifting clubs must continually recruit ever-increasing members to survive. When the supply of willing participants runs out, the pyramid collapses and most people at the bottom of the pyramid lose their money.

If you are approached about joining a club, avoid being misled into thinking a gifting club is legitimate because the ads say that members consider their payments a gift and expect nothing in return. This is an attempt to make an illegal transaction look legal and your Better Business Bureau advises caution.

For more information about pyramid schemes, check out the following

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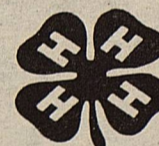
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FTC Consumer Alert

Up in Smoke The Truth About Tar and Nicotine Ratings

Why do some smokers choose "low tar" and "light" cigarettes? Because they think these cigarettes may be less harmful to their health than regular cigarettes.

The Federal Trade Commission wants you to know that cigarette tar and nicotine ratings can't predict the amount of tar and nicotine you get from any particular cigarette. That's because how you smoke a cigarette can significantly affect the amount of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide you get from your cigarette. Research indicates that many smokers of "low tar" or "light" cigarettes compensate by taking deeper, longer, or more frequent puffs from their cigarettes. The amount of tar and nicotine a smoker actually gets also can increase if the smoker unintentionally blocks tiny ventilation holes in cigarette filters that are designed to dilute smoke with air.

When it comes to "low tar" and "light" cigarettes, the FTC wants you to know:

1. The tar and nicotine numbers used in advertising and on packaging are determined using a smoking machine - a smoking "robot" so to speak - that smokes every brand of cigarette exactly the same way.

2. The numbers do not represent the amount of tar and nicotine a particular smoker may get: First, people don't smoke cigarettes the same way the machine does; second, no two people smoke the same way.

3. Many lower tar cigarettes have filters with very small vent holes in the

sides that allow air to dilute the smoke in each puff. It's easy for smokers to cover the holes unknowingly; that results in them getting more tar and nicotine.

4. It's impossible to tell from the ratings the amount of tar and nicotine a smoker will get from any cigarette. Smokers of lower nicotine cigarettes tend to compensate for the lower nicotine by taking deeper and more frequent puffs than they would from a regular cigarette.

5. The amount of tar and nicotine smokers actually get depends on how deep and how often they puff on the cigarette and whether they block the vent holes.

6. Smoking "low tar" or "light" cigarettes does not eliminate the health risks of smoking. If you're concerned about the health risks of smoking, stop smoking.

The amount of tar and nicotine you get from your cigarette depend on how you smoke your cigarette. Don't count on the numbers. There's no such thing as a safe smoke. For more information, call the FTC toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or visit www.ftc.gov for the Commission's 1997 Annual Report on Cigarette Advertising.

Summer Paper

Since school is out, the Borden Star staff will be publishing the normal summer 4-page paper periodically throughout the summer months.

We still want your news to keep the Star the same quality paper, so if you have any news about summer activities, births, weddings, death, college students or any other bits of community information, please contact the Borden Star at 806/756-4402 or mail it to P.O. Box 137, Gail, TX 79738



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Summer Time Get-A-Way's



Randy, Verna and Hailey Adcock spent the past weekend at Lake Brownwood with family members fishing, swimming, boating and visiting. Family members making the trip were: Kristi, Jon and Thomas Harrison of Greenwood and Verna's sister and brother-in-law

Linda and Donnie Dove of Midland and their three children and their families. Hailey also brought along a friend, Holly Thomas to join in on the fun.

Please send me your Summer Get-a-Way stories. Mail it to Box 137, Gail, TX. or call 756-4402.

Girls Basketball Camp

Date: June 27th, 28th & 29th
Held By: Julie Mayes and Lindsey Smith
Place: Borden Co. New Gymnasium
Cost: \$30.00 (includes camp T-shirt)
Sessions:
1st grade - 5th grade 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
6th grade - 9th grade 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.


For Pre-registration and to order Camp T-shirt contact:

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