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Field Day for Sheep and Goat Producers at Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora

October 21, 2000, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holistic Resource Management of Texas, Inc. and Texas A&M Extension Service are hosting a free field day October 21 to educate sheep and goat producers and the general public on current principals and practices of holistic management and the ongoing research findings at the Sonora Experiment station.

The field day will cover:
 *the grazing history of the Edwards Plateau and role of the TAMU Research Station,
 * a tour of burn pastures and discussion of fire ecology,
 *the economics and been fits

of multi-species grazing, *techniques of determining Carrying Capacity for Edwards Plateau Range lands using *The Grazing Manager* (matching sheep, goat, cattle and deer forage demand with forage supply), * a visit to the pastures to view long-term effects of different grazing management treatments and fire, * how to determine trend and range condition, *wrap-up and discussion. The tour involves some walking, so dress appropriately.

Please register by Oct. 16 by calling HRM executive secretary Peggy Jones at 512/858-2761 or email

delphic@earthlink.net. State your name and how many in your party. Tour is free. A BBQ Boer goat lunch will be served at \$5/plate.

The Research Station is located between Sonora and Rocksprings. From Rocksprings, take Hwy. 55 and drive 28 miles-look for a large rock sign on the right. From Sonora, take Hwy. 277 south toward Del Rio. Approx. 22 miles down 277, turn left on Hwy. 55 go approx. 6 miles. Large rock sign will be on the left. Headquarters is .3 mile from Hwy. 55.

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Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison speaks out against marketing violence to children

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison made the following statement regarding the Federal Trade Commission's report, made public earlier this month, on the sale of violent entertainment products to children:

"On September 11th, the Federal Trade Commission issued a report entitled Marketing Violent Entertainment to children. It is a

stinging indictment of the entertainment industry's marketing efforts on behalf of its film video games and music.

"The report, which focused solely on violence (but not other potentially offensive content), was designed to answer two questions: Do the music, video game and film industries promote admittedly violent products in places

where children are the likely target, and, are these advertisements intended to attract children and teenagers?"

"The answer to both of these questions, according to the report, was a resounding 'Yes.'

"I'm sure this came as no surprise to the millions of parents who are deeply troubled by the amount of

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Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Supper:

Sponsored by Sr. Class
 Immediately following Bonfire
 in school cafeteria

Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Borden Co. vs Loraine

School Reception: Cafeteria

Immediately following game

Class of 1990 Reception:

Conference Room following game

Homecoming Dance: Co. Show Barn

Immediately following game.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thurs., Oct. 12th

JH vs. Loraine - There - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13th HOMECOMING

HS vs. Loraine - Here - 7:30 p.m.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

**#2 Ranked Whitharral Takes 54-6 win
Coyotes finish tough non-district
schedule; Friday's Homecoming
provides fresh start as district play
begins**

By Sue Jane Mayes

Those moral victories. Not exactly what pleases everyone. But it only took a short visit to the field after Friday's loss to Whitharral to realize that the BHS Coyotes knew they had made a statement:

District opponents better be ready because the Coyotes will be.

Heading in to district play with a 0-5 record is not by any means something to shout about.

But some are--shouting at the coaches, the players, the band, anyone they can find to yell at, they're doing it.

They may be missing out on the facts, that in Friday's game, there were key areas of improvement.

1) Coyote passers (Jake Zant, Tom Griffin, and T.J. Sharp) hit on 50% of their passes.

2) Sharp returned to action and fought his way to 46 yards on 8 carries, all while continuing to nurse a groin injury.

3) Junior Cody Nowlain is becoming more and more comfortable at receiver, pulling in two passes for first downs and 43 yards.

4) Zant took over punting chores and hit two for 32 and 45 yards, having one other one blocked.

5) Sophomore Raul Rodriguez continued to hound the opponent's quarterback with his

quickness.

6) Junior Rowdy Dunlap hit hard and on offense caught two passes for 34 yards.

7) Freshman Dan Griffin returned from hernia surgery to play on key downs and on special teams with all the heart he could muster.

Now, if that isn't enough, then maybe a gentle reminder is needed that these young men are just that: young men learning to play a game. This is not their life; this is probably not going to be their career choice either.

Coach Avery continues to spend his weekends driving to get film of opponents, watching that film, preparing his players as if they were

professionals and expecting every bit as much of them as do their parents.

And all of this he and Coach Powers and Coach Floyd do because they enjoy working with young people.

Sounds mushy and optimistic, doesn't it? That's what it is supposed to sound like--so it can drown out the boos and yelling and negative comments that seem to come out of nowhere when a team is losing. Just what the children don't need.

Homecoming game and district-opening game this Friday against Loraine can be a new beginning for the community. Encourage these players and coaches. Be there ready to yell for them, not at them.

**Coyote Pups drop a close one to Highland;
Record now at 3-1**

In their toughest and closest game of the season, Borden Jr. High's Coyote Pups fell just short of their fourth straight victory.

The host Highland Hornets scored first and held off a determined Coyote Pup team to take the 14-6 win at Highland's new field.

First quarter action indicated that the Hornets were going to be a tough match. In size and execution, Highland seemed to have the early advantage, scoring first to go up 8-0.

The Pups made the necessary adjustments and found themselves on the scoreboard to close the score to 8-6.

BJH scored on a pass play from Garrett Chapman to Ben Griffin to narrow the margin.

Highland then marched to another score and led 14-6 at halftime. This would be all the scoring in the game, which proved to be a defensive battle in the second half.

The Coyote Pups defensive play was highlighted by key plays by Billy Roper, Adam Carter, Tyler Wallace, Casey Divin, Derek Rodriguez, John Wilson, and Ben Griffin.

Next action for the Pups will be Thursday in Loraine. They will return home for a district game with Ira October 19.

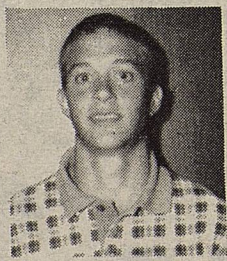
mile course in 15:16, placing thirtieth, Dalene Kempf finished forty-third with a time of 15:44, and Micah Hensley placed forty-fifth in 15:57. Bekah Hensley finished fifty-sixth in 16:24 and Shayla Gass placed eighty-third in 17:53.

Casey Divin and Cassidy Rinehart once again led their respective junior high teams with top-ten performances. Casey finished sixth in the junior

high boys division with a time of 14:27; Billy Roper placed twenty-fifth in 18:53. Cassidy Rinehart finished ninth with a time of 15:42 in the junior high girls division while Emily Mayes placed twentieth in 16:18 and Thelma Balaque finished seventieth in 18:48.

The Borden County cross country teams will compete in Floydada on Saturday.

**OFF AND
RUNNING**
Cross Country News
By Trent Pepper



**Sundown Results
Boys Finish Fourth**

Despite the cold and windy weather, the Borden County cross country teams exhibited fine performances at the annual Sundown Oil Patch Invitational on Saturday.

Trent Pepper and T.C. Stipe led the high school boys team to a fourth place finish with their 2nd and 5th place performances. Trent and T.C. covered the 3.3 mile

course in times of 17:41 and 19:04, respectively. Evan Winegarner placed forty-first and Cody Nowlain finished fifty-fifth. Jacob Zant and Talin Pepper comprised the rest of the boys team.

As one of the only 1A teams in the high school girls division, the Lady Coyotes ran well to garner their 8th place team finish. Bobbie Kempf completed the 2.2

Cross Country Schedule

October 14 th	Floydada
October 21 st	Open
October 28 th	District TBA
November 4 th	Regional - Arlington
November 11 th	State - Roundrock

Drive Safely



Watch out for the Children . . .

Chickenpox vaccine or history of chickenpox disease is required

Parents,

Chickenpox vaccine or a history of previous chickenpox disease is required for two groups of children. All children born on or after September 2, 1994, (children approximately one through 6-years old in 2000) and children born on or after September 2, 1988, but before September 2, 1994 (children approximately 7 through 12-years of age in 2000) are required to show proof of vaccination or history of chickenpox disease.

If your child has had chickenpox disease, write

the month, day and year, with a parent signature on a piece of paper and send it to the nurse's office.

If your child has had the chickenpox vaccine, the date will be documented on his/her permanent immunization record. A copy of this record can be obtained from your physician's office. An updated copy of your child's immunizations should be sent to the nurse's office. Your immediate cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please call Kim Thomas at 756-4313.

School Menu

Week of:

October 16th - 20th

MONDAY: Corn Dog, salad, cheese potatoes, fruit crisp & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage

gravy, biscuit, juice & milk
TUESDAY: Fish, green peas, French fries, hush puppies, ice cream, & milk.

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, hash browns, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Strips, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Pop tarts, fruit, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Tacos, beans, salad, cobbler & milk.

Breakfast: Egg & Cheese English muffin, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: BBQ on a Bun, French fries, cole slaw, cookies & milk. **Breakfast:**

Muffin, fruit, juice & milk

Homecoming Dance 2000



Friday - October 13th

Following football game until 12:30 a.m.

Music, Light Show and Fog Bank Machine provided by:

Entertainment Inc. of Lubbock

\$1.00 for Special request or

\$2.00 to request a song NOT to be played.

(Have a battle with your friends)

Free Admission

Free Concession

Adult sponsors will be needed!

Everyone is invited!

Come have a good time!

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Homecoming Dance

We are looking forward to the Homecoming dance this year. We will need chaperones for the dance. So all parents are urged to come and sit and visit. Also, we need to decorate the showbarn the Thursday before the dance. Please come out and help support our youth and football team.

Recipe Book

We are shooting for October 17th for the cookbook to be ready for publication. All members of the parents club are asked to meet at the school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. to assemble the cookbooks.

Fall Festival

Each grade needs to contact Jana and let her know how much space is required for your booths as well as the number of tables you will need. Anyone that has a card table is asked to please contact Jana.

Everyone is encouraged to get bingo prizes. Anyone willing to help work the bingo please call LaJean

Shaw at 756-4356. We need all the volunteers we can get. This is a very weak point in our organization.

Decorating can begin October 23rd, call Jana for available hours.

Teachers Luncheon

This is set for December 13th, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. Carol Wilson is the chairman of this function. Please contact her at 756-4425 for information and food selections.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on November 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.



Friday
October 13th



Come and Enjoy the FUN!

Prizes are needed for the Parent's Club Bingo. Everyone is asked to please donate one prize. You can bring it to the festival or give it to Jana Underwood or any Parent's Club member. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Money from the Bingo will be used to support the Parent's Club Scholarship Fund.



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



The Torah Walk: A Dry Exodus

The shofar sounded for the last time at the old Temple Beth-El synagogue on Broadway Street just south of downtown Fort Worth.

About 100 members of the congregation, some wearing caps with the words "Torah Toter" printed on them, gathered outside for a few words of instruction before walking five torahs to their new synagogue on Briarhaven Road, just north of Hulen Mall.

The crowd included people of all ages. Some came from as far as 250 miles away to be a part of the historic event. Most of those who started the walk finished it. There were three water and bathroom stops long the seven-mile route.

"Instead of just packing up our Torahs and moving them in a van, we chose to prepare ourselves emotionally and spiritually for the journey to the new temple," says Judie Greenman, president of Temple Beth-El.

The Torahs had special terry cloth covers with stars of David on them.

"The walk evokes the children of Israel wandering across the desert, carrying their religious keepsakes," says Hollace Weiner, Temple Beth-El's historian. "It's a tradition that goes all the way back to Moses and the exodus from Egypt."

Half a dozen news crews were on hand to report the event. Policemen and paramedics were in cars and on bicycles to accompany the walkers and help them through busy intersections.

The walk started at 7 AM on a warm Sunday morning

and ended some four hours later at the new synagogue. As they walked along, members talked about how fortunate they were to be a part of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Descendants of the temple's founders talked about significant events in their families; lives that had taken place in the old building.

It was built in 1920, when the congregation was eighteen years old. A fire in 1946 did heavy damage. In the midst of the blaze, a custodian walked out carrying the temple's two Torahs. Some members wanted to put up a new structure back then, but they remained there 54 more years.

Citizens of Fort Worth have a warm feeling toward Jews. Whenever a Rabbi is on a program, large crowds turn out. During the walk, Temple Beth-El's Rabbi, Ralph Mecklenburger, was referred to by police as "Rabbi Ralph."

When they reached the new synagogue, the crowd

swelled to some 200 people. A color guard of Jewish war veterans led them into the new facility.

Usually when a religious group decides to erect a new structure and starts a building fund, about twenty-percent of the congregation makes donations. In this case, 73 percent of members donated money. Enough money that the 8 million-dollar building was totally paid for before the first spade of dirt was turned. Some donations came from non-Jewish sources.

As the congregation stood reverently, the shofar sounded for the first time in the new place.

Flu Shots for Veterans

Flu shots will be available to eligible veterans at the West Texas VA Health Care system, 300 Veterans Blvd., Big Spring, on Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Veterans residing in the Big Spring area may report to the VA Outpatient Clinic Lobby during the period of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Veterans currently registered for VA Health Care will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots. Unregistered veterans will be asked to simply present proof of eligibility of VA benefits (DD Form 214) in order to

obtain their flu shots. If interested, they will be able to apply to receive their VA Primary health Care at the medical center. Pneumonia vaccine shots will also be available for veterans who are medically determined to need them.

**Borden
Co. EMS**

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806/759-5111
Alternate No.
806/756-4311

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FAIR**

An opportunity to shop in Gail!

- Hardbacks as well as paperbacks
- Gift items
- Credit cards accepted
- Open all week October 9-13
- Extended hours by appointment
- Open all day Friday until game time

Distance Learning Center, Room 73

Classified

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3-2 Home on 2 Lots
in Gail
Fenced Yard,
Storage Building
806/756-4430
nights & weekends
915/573-1705 week days

The Children's Art Project puts stars in the eyes of young M. D. Anderson patients

Pediatric patients at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center have stars in their eyes. Even as these children face a monumental battle with a terrible disease, they still are able to laugh, play and enjoy the wonder of being a child.

See Viena Gonzalez and Jove White twinkle. Catch the gleam in the eyes of Robert Hanson and Deserare Hubbell. And Louis Rivera and Quynh-Tam Nguyen now have the glow of good health. All of these children are, or have been, pediatric patients at M. D. Anderson. All have received the stellar treatment, for which the institution is noted. And all have had access to programs that enrich, enliven and enhance their lives provided by funds from the Children's Art Project.

Pediatric patients at M. D. Anderson enjoy art classes funded by the proceeds from sales of products from the Children's Art Project at M. D. Anderson. In fact, the art these children create in their classes is the springboard behind all the cards and gifts sold by the project. For 27 years, the proceeds from these sales have funded programs such as two fully-staffed in-hospital classrooms — one for children and another for teens, summer camp, college scholarships, and extensive child life program, writing and music therapy classes, educational field trips and ski trips for young patients facing physical challenges such as amputations.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 8,000 new cases of cancer in children under age 15 are expected to be diagnosed in 2000. But, with the progress in research and treatment of pediatric cancer, almost 80 percent of these pediatric patients survive and grow up to lead long full lives.

A purchase from the Children's Art Project adds to the sparkle in the eyes of these children, and gifts from the project are the kind that keep on giving, too. Proceeds from the sales of all art project products provide the support it takes to help make life better for children with cancer.

Products are available at retail outlets throughout the country, online and through direct mail. For a free catalogue or to place an order, call 1-800-231-1580 or visit www.childrensart.org.

The 2000 Holiday Collection from the Children's Art Project offers not only holiday cards, stationery, ornaments and gift bags, but also a wide range of gift items based on the children's designs. New this year, are a 2001 calendar and a series of board books for the youngest readers. Because these products

incorporate a large amount of art, a record 48 young designers are part of this holiday collection. Other products in the collection include seasonal paper place mats and napkins, a tote bag, T-shirts, silk scarves and neck ties and sterling silver jewelry.

"At the Children's Art Project, we are proud to focus on making lives better for children with cancer," says Shannan Murray, director of the project.

"Our goal is to enable these young patients to grow up as normally as possible despite the battle they face with this disease. Programs like those funded by the Children's Art Project become essential tools not only for coping with cancer, but also for developing skills to last a lifetime — and they're also a good reason why the children at M. D. Anderson have bright futures."

Children's Art Project

Holiday cards & gifts

Order a FREE catalog at 1-800-231-1580 or shop online at www.childrensart.org

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MD ANDERSON
CANCER CENTER

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EMS Memorials and Donations

Donations have been made to the Borden County EMS In Memory Of:

Dottie Adcock

by:
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis
Mr. & Mrs. Rube Smith
Ms. Dorothy Browne
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kincheloe

Karan Key

by:
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Josey

Edward Smith

by:
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Josey

Fran Bennett

by:
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Josey

DONATIONS:

by:
Mr. & Mrs. Buster Taylor
Ms. Doris Steadman

Holiday Quilts Needed

It's beginning to look like the Holiday Season, and the Scurry County Museum is starting to develop its Holiday theme. For 2000, the theme is Holiday Quilts. If you have a Holiday quilt which means ANY holiday in the year, the Museum would like to display the quilt or any other quilted items, such as a pillow or will hanging, from November 1 through December 8, 2000. The items are needed by October 23, 2000.

Please contact the Museum at 915/573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend. The Museum is located on the southwest corner of Western Texas College's campus, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder. The winter hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES General Election November 7th

September 8 th	First Day to apply for a ballot By mail
October 10 th	Last Day to register in person to vote in the Nov. General Election
October 23 rd	First Day to vote early in person
October 31 st	Last Day for early voting clerk to Receive an application to vote by mail
November 3 rd	Last Day to vote early in person
November 7 th	ELECTION DAY

For voting registration info, see www.y2vote.org

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If you don't do it, who will?

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Federal Voting Assistance Program

Field Day for Sheep & Goat Producers

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The Research Station at Sonora

Charles "Butch" Taylor, Superintendent

Throughout the 150-year history of ranching on the Edwards Plateau, technology and science have been vital tools for an industry based on strong lifestyle choices and a love of the land. Ranchers often didn't have the information they needed to understand why herds were dying and the landscape becoming less desirable. This need for information resulted in the 1915 establishment of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station deep in the heart of the greatest sheep and Angora goat producing section of the country to study management of these animals under range conditions.

Research Record

Research on the Sonora station has established an international reputation among scientists and educators, as well as ranchers for making useful information available. Research on this station produced a soremouth vaccine, discovered causes of sheep and goat diseases, initiated ram and billy performance testing, and developed methods to control parasites and poisonous plant problems.

Grazing management research has studied the foraging habits of livestock, nutritive value of range plants, and the effects of stocking rate, multi-species grazing, and grazing systems on livestock and vegetation production.

More recent range research includes range land hydrology, white-tailed deer and domestic livestock interactions, woody plant ecology and biology (focusing on juniper), heritability of juniper consumption by goats, use of summer and

winter prescribed fire to manipulate vegetation, and the use of prickly pear as forage.

Continuing Education Programs

In addition to actively extending research information to producers throughout its history, the research station has provided strong support for graduate student research and a place for professors to bring classes to re-enforce classroom theory with hands-on experience. Dr. Taylor provided the leadership for formation of the Edwards Plateau Burning Cooperative, a rancher-based organization to empower landowners with greater knowledge, skills, equipment, and organization to manage their range land resources more effectively and economically.

The Academy for Ranch Management (ARM) is a new program of workshops designed to meet the educational needs of today's ranchers. The Texas A&M University Research Station at Sonora is committed to providing the products and services desired by the citizens of Texas through the development of quality research and educational programs.

Why HRM?

Information from research stations is a big part of the toolbox needed for understanding and managing ecosystems, herds of livestock and ranching finances. Holistic Resource Management provides a process for making the right management decisions.

Holistic management considers the wisdom of recognizing all systems are part of a whole and all wholes are part of an even larger system.

The holistic management process begins by defining the whole under management, drawing a mental membrane around the management team's sphere of influence, while keeping in mind that whole's role in large communities and it's hosting of smaller communities. The idea is that every move you make affects everything around you, whether or not you notice that effect.

The management team identifies its common values, defines a goal for the desired quality of life, the forms of production that will produce the needed resources for that quality of life, and the desired landscape for which to aim. Management choices are run through a decision making model that weighs the usefulness of each of the

management tools in relation to its effectiveness in moving toward each of the aspects in the goal.

A plan is created based on knowledge of what the desired ecosystem needs. Monitoring the results of each action to see if it has the desired short and long term effects is a vital part of the process, followed by replanning to correct or fine tune the course.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2000, for voting in a general election to elect Presidential Electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers. (Notifiquese, por las presentes que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7, 2000 Noviembre de 2000 para votar en la eleccion, para elegir presidencial election, miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislature, y oficiales del estado, distriot, condado y del precincto.)

LOCATIONS(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- No. 1 (Plains) at Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Community Room
- No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
- No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
- No. 4A (North Gail) at County Show Barn
- No. 4B (Snellings) at Hurston Lemons, Jr. Residence
- Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

- No. 1 (Plains) en Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) en community room de Gail
- No. 2B (Ackerty-Vealmoor) en la sitio de votacion Vealmoor
- No. 3A (Murphy) en la sitio de votacion Murphy
- No. 3B (Fairview) en la sitio de votacion Fairview
- No. 4A (North Gail) en La Galera de Excibicion de Animales del Condado de Borden
- No. 4B (Snellings) en la residencia Hurston Lemons, Jr.
- Para los que se encuentran ausente, para el dia propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2000 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el October 23, 2000) and ending on November 3, 2000 (y terminando el November 3, 2000)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Joyce Herridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 31, 2000. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: October 31, 2000)

Issued this the 8th of October, 2000. (Emitada este dia 8 de October, 2000)

Van L. York
Van L. York, County Judge (Firma del Juez Condado)

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of September, 2000, 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, Prec. No. 1; LARRY D. SMITH, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; VERNON WOLF, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; HURSTON LEMONS, Jr. Commissioner, Prec. No. 4 and JOYCE HERRIDGE, County Clerk and ex-officio of the Commissioners Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of August 28, 2000 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

ELECTION JUDGES

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to appoint Jacquie Whalen as Presiding Judge of Elections in Precinct No. 4B. The original appointee declined the appointment. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Mr. Lance Wells, Sales Representative with West Texas Caterpillar, visited with the Court.

SHERIFF'S FEES

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to set the Sheriff's fees for 2001 as set out below. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF FEES CHARGED BY THE SHERIFF OF BORDEN COUNTY

Section 118.131, Local Government Code, authorized the Commissioners' Court of each County to set reasonable fees to be charged for services by the office of Sheriff and Constable. The Borden County Commissioners' Court has determined the fees below are needed to recoup the Costs of Borden County for these services and is of the opinion that the following fees are reasonable and should be established for these services in Borden County effective the 1st day of January, A.D. 2000 and remain in effect until further orders of the Court, to-wit:

County and District Courts

Citation	\$50.00
Citation by Publication	\$50.00
Citation by Posting	\$50.00
All Writs	\$50.00
Orders of Sale	\$50.00
Restraining Order	\$50.00
Show Cause	\$50.00
Subpoena	\$50.00

Justice of the Peace Courts

Citation	\$30.00
Distress Warrant	\$30.00
Subpoena Civil	\$30.00
All Writs	\$30.00

Executing a Deed to Real Estate Under Execution or Order of Sale	\$ 6.00
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Small Claims Court

Citation	\$30.00
Notice	\$30.00
Small Claim	\$30.00
Subpoena Civil	\$30.00
All Writs	\$30.00

Posted Public Notice	\$10.00
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Taking/Approving Bonds	\$10.00
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Sheriff's Jury Fee	\$10.00
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A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to set Sheriff's Fees for year 2000 as listed above. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried unanimously.

It is requested that all such citations, precepts, writs or other process of service be mailed or delivered to:

Sheriff of Borden County
P.O. Box 115
Gail, Texas 79738

Passed and approved

Van. L. York, Judge for the Borden County Commissioners' Court

MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to accept Oller Engineering, Inc.' Miscellaneous Professional Services Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to adopt the Drought Contingency Plan for the Borden County Water System as required by The Texas Water Code, Section 11.1272. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried unanimously.

Copies of the Drought Contingency Plan can be seen in the County Courthouse for more information.

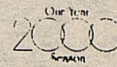
ALLEY IN TOWN OF GAIL

At the request of the property owners, Commissioner Wolf made a motion that since the road has not been used for more than 20 years and with the consent of the abutting property owners, Search Avenue between Ash and Pine and the Alley in the West Half of Block 20 be considered abandoned. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried

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Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will be selling the following equipment at auction. The auction will be held at the Towle Park Barn in Snyder, Texas on October 13, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

Equipment can be inspected the day before the auction at the Towle Park Barn, Snyder, Texas
Equipment is as follows:

- One 1979 gasoline Ford Truck with dump body
- One 1974 gasoline International Truck
- One 1962 gasoline International Truck
- One 1972 diesel 2900 cc International Truck

For further information contact Doug Isaacs, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6619; Larry Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4346; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 915/965-3393; Huston Lemons, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 915/573-39 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4346

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Senator Kay Bailey Hutshison speaks out

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violence to which their children are exposed. My office has received thousands of letters from Texas parents who are profoundly disturbed at what is being peddled to their offspring. One parent wrote recently, 'Companies have no right to sell tainted food or adulterated medicine. Why should a huge industry be able to sell movies that poison my son's and daughters' minds?'

"My answer to that is: They shouldn't.

"For a long time, many of us in Congress have been urging that the entertainment industry police itself when it comes to violent content in its products geared toward children. We pushed protections such as V-chips for television programming, and ratings systems for movies and video games. We were repeatedly assured that the entertainment industry was acting responsibly to keep explicit material away from children.

"The Federal Trade Commission report raises grave doubts that those repeated assurances were made in good faith. The report makes it transparently clear that many in the film industry, video games producers and the recording industry have been actively seeking out youngsters and selling their products to an underage audience with graphic depiction's of violence.

"The ratings systems in place for films, games and music contain loopholes large enough to drive a school bus through. The 'parental advisory' on recorded music consists of nothing more than a tiny warning label without any specifics as to why the product might be considered offensive. Some record companies refuse to abide by even this modest restriction.

"These ratings systems are only as good as their weakest point. Frequently, that is the point of sale. The Federal

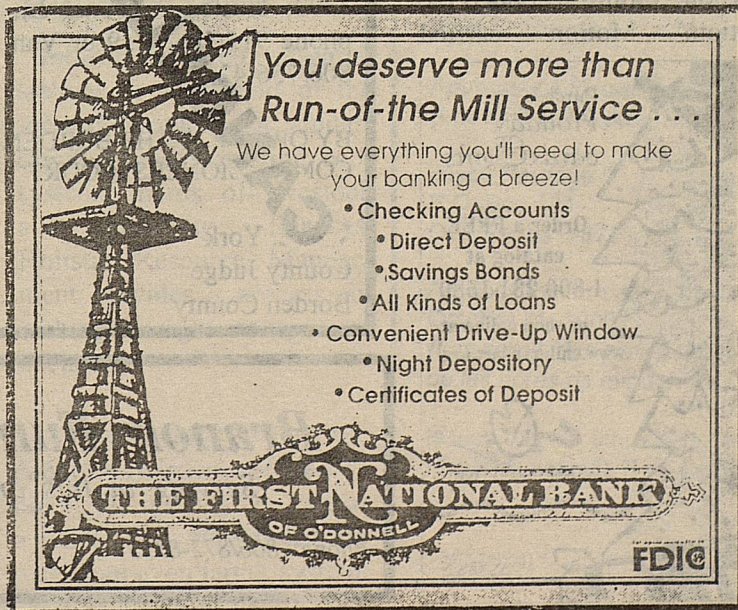
Trade Commission report makes it clear that children have little trouble purchasing violent products that are supposedly intended for a mature audience.

"The entertainment industry's failure to obey even the mildest self-imposed marketing restrictions indicates that it may be time for tighter laws. Retailers who fail to enforce age restrictions should be penalized; so should film, music and video game studios who market violent material to children.

"We are not trying to censor speech or infringe on the First Amendment. No one is advocating blanket restrictions on what appears on movie screens and in other media. But we are trying to give parents a fighting chance to protect their children. They have that right.

"But it is merely common sense that, if the entertainment industry refuses to police itself when it comes to selling violent material to kids, legislation may be the next logical step. Empty promises will no longer suffice. We will be watching."

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Treatment help soothe arthritic knees

Arthritic knees are a constant concern for millions of Americans, causing discomfort or, in many cases, limiting movement.

According to Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, several lubricating solutions are now available and have been successfully used to treat osteoarthritis, or arthritis of the knee.

"The normal joint is surrounded by a fluid that acts as a lubricant and shock absorber," Cianca said. "Manufactured forms of this substance can be injected into the knee as a substitute. They don't cure osteoarthritis, but they have been shown to reduce pain in the knee." Currently, two treatments are available - Synvisc and Hylagan.

Osteoarthritis is a chronic, progressive disease of the joint that involves the breakdown of cartilage. As the smooth cartilage becomes pitted and frayed, it becomes less elastic and is susceptible to overuse and injury. In addition, the fluid surrounding the joint also may lose its ability to cushion and lubricate.

In more severe cases, large areas of the cartilage wear away completely and bones scrape against each other. Cartilage breakdown may cause the joint to lose its shape, with the bone thickening and forming spurs.

Pieces of bone or cartilage also may float in the joint, leading to further damage and pain.

When first diagnosed with osteoarthritis, patients might try physical therapy and exercise, weight control if necessary or non-prescription pain relievers. A second option might be prescription pain relievers and injections into the joint to stop inflammation or to provide pain relief. The final option would be knee replacement or arthroscopic surgery.

The Synvisc treatment consists of three injections, given one week apart over a three-week period. It reportedly has a high success rate, with many patients see positive results within 6-8 weeks. In most cases, side effects are minimal, although some patients experience temporary discomfort and swelling. Synvisc is not recommended for people who are allergic to chicken or egg products.

The Hylagan treatment, meanwhile, involves a series of 3-5 injections over a five-week period. It appears to

have few side effects, Cianca said.

"Both treatments can be effective in reducing pain from osteoarthritis by acting as a cushion and lubricant for the knee," Cianca said. "When injected, the liquid covers the inside of the knee and literally bathes it."

Lubricating solutions represent another option for osteoarthritis sufferers, offering several months of relief. However, they are not substitute for arthroscopic surgery or a knee replacement in more severe cases.

Osteoarthritis affects nearly everyone by age 70, but can be caused by other factors such as overuse of occupational injuries, obesity, poor joint alignment, sports injuries or family history. About 17 million people in the United States experience pain from osteoarthritis, with nearly 9.5 million directly in the knee.

"These lubricants aren't effective for everyone, but they've had the greatest impact on patients with mild to moderate knee pain due to degenerative changes," Cianca said.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) show below and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene

Contract 6064-25-001 for LITTER PICKUP AND DISPOSAL in BORDEN County will be opened on October 31, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$15,337.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, as the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1504

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Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601
Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.