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The Weather has Changed, but the Threat of Wildfire has not

While the weather has changed, the threat of wildfire has not. Texas is still locked into a drought that has resulted in over 29,000 fires that have burned over half-a-million acres, but according to Connie Jordan of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, "We have been lucky we haven't had more fires considering how long we have gone without significant rain. Everything is so dry."

This combination of luck, the cooler temperatures, and extremely dry conditions has created a condition ripe for disaster. "People tend to let their guard down due to the lower temperatures and with more people out of doors during the fall the chances of even more wildfires exist," said Mary Kay Hicks, TFS fire prevention coordinator.

Unlike forested parts of the country the fuels found in the South Plains are considered "light," however, they are extremely flammable and can dry out quickly even after a significant rain. For every one-tenth of an inch of rain vegetation such as CRP grass, only takes one day to dry out and become highly flammable again. Wind speeds up the process considerably, said Hicks.

Just ask Sheriff C.D. Fitzgerald in Castro County about the potential for

wildfire on the Plains. Last week a 1500-acre fire burned, and according to the sheriff they were all too lucky. "By all rights that fire should have gone 20 miles until playing out." When a fire gets that big it seriously threatens the capability of the local fire departments to protect homes and other structures, noted Hicks.

Wildfires are everyone's concern. They threaten property, public lands, livestock and lives. It costs Texas taxpayers millions of dollars to suppress fires in a year such as this one, and that does not count the loss in property. A little prevention can go along way.

*Postpone all outdoor burning until significant rainfall is received.

*Avoid parking and driving in tall grass. Catalytic converters can start fires.

*When camping use a propane stove instead of a campfire.

*Smoke only in safe areas. Use your ashtrays.

*If welding, wet down the work area. Have a fire extinguisher handy.

"Everything is so dry that it wouldn't take very much for a fire to get started," stated Levelland Fire Chief Thurman Davis. "People really need to be careful."

BHS Homecoming 2000 Activities

During the Homecoming half-time activities in Friday night football game, Borden County High announced the Homecoming Queen, Football Sweetheart, Football Beau and Band Sweetheart for 2000.

The nominees receiving these honors were as follows: **Candidates for Football Sweetheart and Football Beau were:**

Abby Flanigan, daughter of Bill Max and Nancy Gordon and the late Mike Flanigan. Escorted by Football Beau Candidate, **Rowdy Dunlap**, son of Melissa Dunlap.

Micah Hensley, daughter of Randy and Donelle Hensley. Escorted by Football Beau candidate **Tom Griffin**, son of Lane and Dian Griffin.

Holly Thomas, daughter of Jimmy and Kim Thomas. Escorted by Football Beau candidate **Jacob Zant**, son of Joe Don Zant.

Football Sweetheart and Football Beau for 2000 is Micah Hensley and Tom Griffin.

Candidates for the 2000 Band Sweetheart were:

Shayla Gass, daughter of Stanley and Sherry Gass.

Kandace Kimmel, daughter of Chuck & Paula Kimmel.

Krystle Lee, daughter of Jeanette Kohler.

Band Sweetheart for 2000 is Krystle Lee

Candidates for Homecoming Queen were:

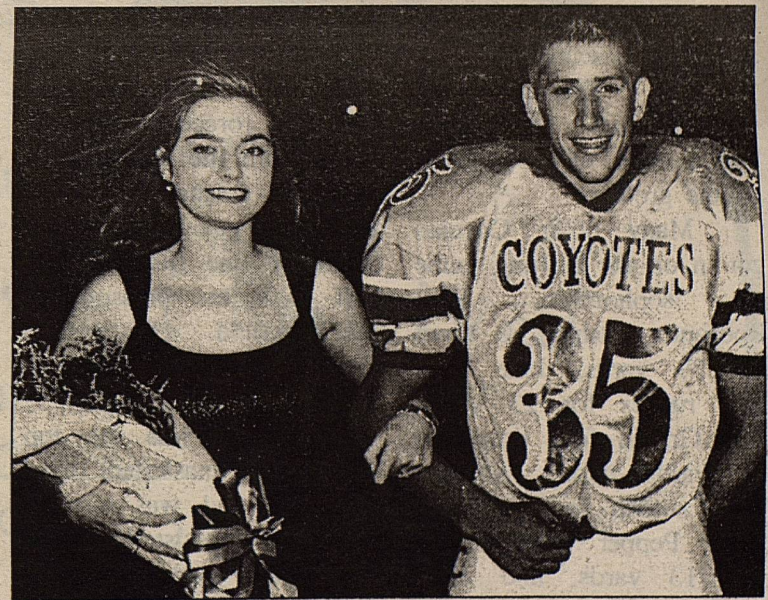
Abby Flanigan, daughter of Billy Max and Nancy Gordon and the late Mike Flanigan.

Shawna Kempf, daughter of Bob and Mary Kempf.

Holly Thomas, daughter of Jimmy and Kim Thomas.

Holly Thomas was chosen as the 2000 Homecoming Queen

Pictures of these activities will be in next week's issue of the Borden Star.



Coyote Royalty

Senior, Holly Thomas was crowned as the Coyotes' Homecoming Queen Friday at Gail. Jacob Zant was her escort.

Photo by Lamesa Press-Reporter

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 19th
JH vs. Ira - Here - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20th
Coyotes vs Ira - There- 7:30

COYOTE FOOTBALL

T.J. Scores Seven Touchdowns Coyotes look 'Sharp' in Friday the Thirteenth District Opener; Knock off Loraine, 56-18.

Ex's came home at just the right time because the Borden Coyotes decided to put on their first big offensive display of the season—and in so doing defeated the Loraine Bulldogs 56-18 to take a 1-0 record in district play.

It was a bust out night—team statistics on the evening indicated the Coyotes had 349 total yards of offense. And sophomore T.J. Sharp was the biggest "ghostbuster" of them all.

T.J. finished with seven touchdowns, six rushing and one kickoff return for a score.

He finished the evening with 16 carries and a total of 163 yards on the ground.

Many other Coyotes got in on the rushing game as sophomore Raul Rodriguez rushed 10 times for 39 yards, Jake Zant four rushes for 23 yards, Dan Griffin four times for 21 yards, Cody Nowlain three rushes for 16 yards, Talin Pepper three carries and 13 yards, and Andy Lozano with one carry and eight yards.

All totaled up gave the Coyotes 282 yards on the ground with 14 first downs.

Consequently, the Coyotes did not have to go to the air as much, but when they did, Coyote passers connected on five of 12 passes for 67 yards.

Senior Tom Griffin pulled in a 15-yard pass from Jake Zant for the lone touchdown reception on the evening.

Rowdy Dunlap caught a Tom Griffin pass for a six-yard gain, T.J. Sharp caught two passes from Griffin for a total of 28 yards, and Cody Nowlain pulled in a Griffin pass for an 18-yard pickup.

On defense, the Coyotes intercepted two passes. Cody Nowlain picked off one at midfield while Jake Zant grabbed another and returned it 15 yards.

Rowdy Dunlap recovered two fumbles and caused another while Raul Rodriguez had one recovery.

It was also Rodriguez's defensive pass rush that forced Loraine to move from the spread to a tight formation as Rodriguez gave the Loraine offensive line fits the first half with his pressure in the backfield. He finished the evening with three quarterback hurries.

Dunlap was the top tackler on unassisted plays with six and was also in on seven unassisted tackles.

Zant made his mark defensively with nine assisted tackles and four unassisted.

Sharp, making his comeback from an injury complete, roamed the field to help with 10 assisted tackles and had three unassisted.

Nowlain, also in on some hounding himself, finished with two sacks and was in on three assisted tackles.

Pepper finished with a sack, six assisted tackles, and had two unassisted

ones.

Tom Griffin, playing his usual strong secondary, had four solo tackles and helped with nine others.

Junior T.C. Stipe added two more assisted tackles while freshman Andy Lozano had one assist.

Freshmen Kyle Pinkerton handled the PAT's on the evening, converting three of those while freshmen John Stamper and Dusty Gwinn saw action in the second half for the Coyotes.

The grinding non-district schedule showed some payoff Friday night. The Coyotes reminded themselves that they are a football team—this group of young men and their coaches now face Ira in a key district battle Friday, October 20, in Ira.

Game time is set for 7:30 in Bulldog Stadium.

Junior High Back on Track - Take win number four against Loraine 28-21

They are now 4-1 on the season and if they had it their way, they would keep playing football until July.

They are the Borden Jr. High Coyotes who just keep playing hard, recovering from their young mistakes, and looking forward to each and every opportunity to get out on the field.

The Coyote Pups traveled to Loraine last Thursday and displayed their skills again as they won 28-12.

Adam Carter scored first on a 60-yard run to give BJH the lead, 6-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Bulldogs fumbled the ball and the Coyotes recovered to set up their next scoring drive.

Derek Rodriguez took the ball and went five yards for a score. Carter drilled the PAT to give the Pups a 14-0 lead.

Loraine came back

with a score to make it 14-6, but it didn't take long for Rodriguez and blockers Tyler Wallace, Billy Roper, and Casey Divin to pave the way for another 15-yard gain and a touchdown to boost the lead to 15-6.

Loraine made it 20-12 on a 60-yard run of their own.

To close out the scoring, John Wilson took the ball four yards on a touchdown run and Carter made his second PAT of the evening for a final score of 28-12.

Both Wallace and Rodriguez recovered fumbles on the evening for the Coyotes while Garrett Chapman handled the quarterbacking duties for the Pups throughout the game.

Thursday, October 19, BJH will host the Ira Bulldogs in a key district game in Coyote Stadium. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

Coyote Cross-Country Runners Place Three in Top Ten

In perfect weather Saturday morning, the Borden High School and junior high cross-country teams fared well in their sixth meet of the season.

Senior Trent Pepper won the high school boys' division while junior high runners Casey Divin placed second in his race and Cassidy Rinehart did the same in the girls' junior high division. Bobbie Kempf placed 8th in the high school girls' division.

Others running in the meet were high school participants Bekah Hensley, Micah Hensley, Kyliia Culp, Talin Pepper, Cody Nowlain, T. C. Stipe, Evan Winegarner, Ashley Ellison, Emily Mayes, and John Wilson.

Accompanied by Coach Bobby Avery and Coach Mike Floyd, the teams ran the two mile (girls) and three mile (boys) course in good time in cool, cloudy conditions.

Coach Gailan Winegarner, who since August has been working with his teams to prepare them for next week's district meet in Big Spring, was out of town for a state director's meeting in Austin.

Both high school and junior high teams are favored to place in next week's district meet. The top two teams in the high school division will

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FFA News

Gail FFA Begins Fruit Variety Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially begun its second item sale. The students will be selling fruit, cheese, smoked hams, and turkeys.

The sale will run through November 9th and the products will be in during the first or second week of December. No payment is necessary until delivery.

The Gail FFA Chapter and Mr. Wallace wishes to express their sincere thanks to all of those who support their organization through the purchase of these products.

Anyone wishing to place an order or see a sales brochure

can contact an FFA member listed below or contact Mr. Wallace at 756-4478 (home); 756-4313 (school).

Gail FFA Members:

Clay John Anderson; Amanda Boucher; Shayla Gass; Dan Griffin; Dusty Gwinn; Kyle Pinkerton; Kyla Culp; Bobbie Kempf; Dalene Kempf; Raul Rodriquez; Jessica Ellison; Cody Nowlain; T.C. Stipe; Jacob Zant; James Bond; Shawna Kempf and Kandance Kimmel.

Below is a list of products and their prices:

Sale Item Price List

1) Variety Gift Fruit Pack	\$12.00
2) Country Gift Fruit Basket	\$16.00
3) Naval Mixed Gift Fruit Pack	\$14.00
4) Fancy Sweet Naval Oranges	\$12.00
5) Washington Red Delicious Apples	\$16.00
6) Texas Sweet Grapefruit	\$11.00
7) Assorted Nut Basket	\$15.00
8) Hickory-Smoked Turkey	\$17.00
9) Cheddar Cheese Wheel	\$14.00
10) Home-Style Pit Ham	\$21.00

School Menu Local student named to

Week of: **October 23rd - 27th**

MONDAY: Chicken Strips, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Toast, fruit & milk

TUESDAY: Enchiladas, salad, beans, tortilla chips, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & Ham, toast, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fish, black-eye peas, French fries, hushpuppies, ice cream & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, fruit, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Beef Stroganoff, green peas, salad, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, ham, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Hot dog w/chili, onion rings, beans, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot pocket, hash brown, juice & milk

ACU Dean's List

Lane Pepper son of Kelly and Lesa Pepper of the Plains Community in Borden County has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University every semester for the past two years.

Currently a junior, Lane is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness. He graduated from Sabinal High School in 1998.

About 150 miles west of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, ACU is affiliated with the Churches of Christ and has an enrollment of more than 4,600 students.

From the Counselor: By Mary Airhart

There are many valuable resources available to students (and parents) via the Internet. Just a few are listed below.

For students of all ages, Western Texas College counseling office has given us a career search opportunity through www.Bridtes.com. Enter Career Explore/CX Online, then American, then Student. Username is the number 00407576 and the password is wtcc. Seniors have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship through this website.

For high school students who are preparing to take the PSAT, SAT, or AP tests, or

are seeking scholarship opportunities, the College Board is online at www.collegeboard.com.

Education and career planning information can also be found at the ACT website, www.act.org

For students with high tech skills who are able to design educational web sites, www.thinkquest.org/rules will outline rules and opportunities.

For tips on college success and scholarships, visit www.fastweb.com; www.ed.gov; bankofamerica.com; www.finaid.org; www.srnexpress.com; freescholarships.com and /or www.salliemae.com.

The invaluable booklet, COMPENDIUM OF TEXAS COLLEGES AND FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR, which contains a list of colleges and universities in the state of Texas, admission requirements, total expenses for an academic year, financial aid data and related information, helpful hints to the college bound student together with a calendar of various scholarship deadlines is available at www.window.state.texas/scholars/mpsmain.html.

Private loan comparisons can be found at www.estudentloan.com.

For students seeking financial help to enter specific health-related fields, Covenant System offers employment and assistance at www.healthtraxx.com.

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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.



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Hoe Cakes

Eddie McMillan of Cisco makes hoe cakes.

"They're really a hot water cornbread, a mixture of corn meal, salt, cooking oil and boiling water.

They're called hoe cakes because they're cooked on the blade of a hoe, a practice that dates back prior to the civil war.

"The old slave masters would give the slaves stone ground corn meal and send them to the fields. They had to figure out some way to eat the stuff. They tried mixing water with the meal and not much happened. But when they added boiling water, they could make a mush. They started making it a little thicker and putting some animal fat in it, a little salt, and then they'd fry it on the hoe they'd been hoeing cotton with all day."

Later, during the civil war, soldiers made it thicker and put it on the end of a bayonet and cooked it that way. They called these "Johnny cakes."

Eddie substitutes Crisco for animal fat and cooks his hoe cakes over a charcoal fire. He jokingly says he cooks them for twenty minutes at 350 degrees.

"The hoe cakes will really glisten when you first put them on. It depends on how hot the fire is, of course. Once they start getting a dull color then you know it's time to turn them over. Then you cook the other side and they're done."

Eddie has a special recipe for his hoe cakes.

"I pour the corn meal into a big bowl, put as much salt as I think it needs, and add the oil. Then I start pouring in the hot water. And it's just amazing how much boiling

water it'll take. You just won't believe that little amount of corn meal will take that much water, but it does."

He says he doesn't need to use any spray like Pam on his cooking hoe.

He can whip up a batch of hoe cakes in a hurry.

"It makes the consistency of pancake dough, really, and we pour it on the hoe with a spoon. The thinner it is, the faster it'll cook and we can turn out more that way."

Eddie cooks hoe cakes as festivals all over the country. He gives people his recipe: 2 cups of corn meal, 2 teaspoons of salt, 4 cups of boiling water, one table spoon of lard.

He says cornbread originated with the Indians. It was originally called "Appone" and baked in hot ashes. When the settlers started making the cornbread cakes, they called them pones or corn pones. They were mover appealing when baked on a skillet or a board propped in front of a fire.

News from BCJLA Directors

The following rule changes were implemented on Sept. 26, 2000

Section C of the Showmanship rules was amended to state "An exhibitor may win only 1 showmanship buckle, excluding the Top Overall Showman Buckle". The rule was further amended to state that "To be eligible for the Top Overall Showman buckle, the exhibitor must own and exhibit an animal in at least two of the three specie divisions of livestock". The rules were amended to state that "At the discretion of the showmanship judge he/she may select the Top Overall Showman from the entire group of exhibitors who own and exhibit at least two of three specie divisions of livestock."

Another rule change was: **Rule B** of the Swine Rules was amended by striking out the sentence "Only swine, that weigh 200 pounds or more, will be allowed to sell at floor price."

Sale Rule 7 was amended to state "Swine sold at auction must weigh 190 to 270 pounds, gross weight".

Sale Rule 8 was stricken from the rules.


Officers for the Borden County Junior Livestock Association for 2000-2001 were elected as follows:
Sid Hart - President

Monte Smith - V. President
Doyce Taylor - Secretary
Philena Farmer - Treasurer

Lamb Validation was set for October 24th at 3:00 p.m. at the School Ag Barn.

The next Board of Directors Meeting was set for October 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Each family exhibiting animals in the 2001 BCJLA Stock Show will be receiving a copy of the new rule book as soon as it is published. If you have any questions pertaining to the upcoming 2001 BCJLA Stock Show, please contact one of the directors or call the Extension office at (806)756-4336.



LAMB VALIDATION
Tuesday, October 24, 2000
3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
School Ag Farm

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will be selling the following surplus equipment at auction. The auction will be held at the Towle Park Barn in Snyder, Texas on October 21, 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 dumb body
- One 1974 gasoline International Truck
- One 1962 gasoline International Truck
- One 1972 diesel 290 Cummins International Truck Tractor

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; Hurston Lemons, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 915/573-1459 or Van York, county Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York, County Judge
Borden County

Thank You!

The Borden County Parents Club would like to thank the following business and individuals that sponsored the 2000 Homecoming dance:
Rafter I Paint Horses - Vealmoor; C-1 Farms - Vealmoor; Dr. Orbon - Big Spring; Shroyer Motors - Big Spring; Walker Chiropractic - Big Spring.

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to our homecoming committee for making the dance possible:
Joe Zant, Kelly Dear, Bill & Denise Jackson, Jeanette Koehler, Brandi Brooks and girls and for all the parents that chaperoned and for all of those that stayed and help clean up.

Once again. Thanks to everyone!!!

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4-H News

South Plains Fair Results

Borden County 4-H and FFA members participated at the South Plains Fair September 28th - 30th in Lubbock

Exhibiting lambs were:

Kate Wallace - 9th & 15th
LaShae Johnson - 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 8th place
Miller Valentine - 12th place

Exhibiting steers were:

Kalli Poole - 9th place
Tanner Poole - 12th & 13th place

Congratulations to each of you and thanks to all the parents and supporters who assisted each of these 4-H and FFA members.

Fall Festival 4-H Cake Walk Pastries needed!

Borden County 4-H will again sponsor the *Cake Walk* at the 2000 Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 28th beginning at 6:30 p.m. This activity serves as the sole fund-raiser to assist with 4-H awards and the annual achievement awards supper.

Each 4-H family is requested to bring two (2) pastry items of your choice (cake, pie, cookies, brownies, etc.) to assist with the success of the *Cake Walk*. If at all possible, please bring your baked items to the booth by

6:15 p.m. Thanks in advance for assisting with this activity in support of Borden County 4-H.

A work schedule has been mailed; however, if your name was not included on the work schedule and you would like to work in the 4-H booth, just go by the booth that evening and offer your assistance!

See you at the *Cake Walk!* and thanks once again for your time and assistance in helping with the success of this annual fund-raiser.

Big Spring Arts & Crafts

Festival to be held

Oct. 21st - 22nd

The 24th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts festival will be held October 21st - 22nd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main arena, concourse, foyer and east room with original art and hand crafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Cross-Country Results

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advance to regional cross-country in Arlington, November 4.

The district meet will be held in Big Spring Saturday, October 28.

Thank You!

The Borden County Parents Club would like to thank the following merchants and individuals for their support by donating toward the Scholarship fund, Bingo Fund Raiser and the student class fund.

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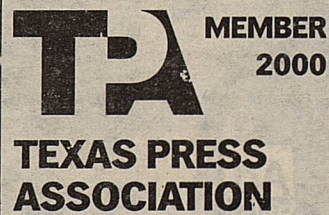
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brown
Fluvanna
Steve & Becky Beaver

From the Counselor

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Most colleges and universities now have their own Webs sites, which enable students to obtain admission and financial aid information, and students should contact their choice/s directly for the most up-to-date resources.



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

Thank You!

We, the Brown family, would like to thank a few people that helped us during the time we spent in Gail.

First, Payton wanted to thank Ms. Mayes for everything that she has done for him in the past and the present. She was always there for him, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I would like to thank the Beal Family for being there and for all the fun we had. We are fortunate to have friends like ya'll. Thank you Birdie and Brenda Copeland, who was and are still very nice to Payton and I. Thanks for being you. I also want to thank my dad for being there for Payton and I. Last, but not least, thank you Fiddler and Joyce for everything.

My job is great and going well. Payton is doing great too. He had a chance to graduate this year, but chose not to. He's going to take some college classes next year, and hopes to be able to receive a college scholarship in football.

Once again, we would like to thank all of these people for everything they have done for us. We love ya'll a lot.

Thank You!
Jetta & Payton Brown

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**HEALTH INFORMATION
YOU SHOULD KNOW**

From the American Association of Neurological Surgeons

**Surgical options provide better life
for some Parkinson's patients**

It is boxing legend Muhammad Ali's toughest opponent. For actor Michael J. Fox, it's meant a new starring role as a spokesperson and advocate. Both suffer from Parkinson's disease, a progressive degeneration of the nervous system that affects one million Americans.

The symptoms of the illness, whose cause is unknown, include tremors and muscle rigidity. Occurring most commonly in the middle-aged and elderly, the disease causes difficulty with balance and walking. It can ultimately leave people unable to walk or care for themselves.

The disease occurs when certain brain cells, or neurons, located deep within the brain die or become impaired. These neurons no longer produce enough dopamine, a chemical messenger responsible for transmitting signals within the "message centers" of the brain, to help coordinate the millions of nerve and muscle cells involved in movement. Most Parkinson's patients are treated with medications that relieve the disease's symptoms by restoring the brain's neurochemical balance. Anti-Parkinson medications are usually quite effective. But the medications have significant side effects and lose their efficacy over time. The tremors can then become more pronounced. When this occurs, some patients may benefit from surgery.

"Parkinson's disease is one of the most urgent degenerative neurological disorders because it is common and its cause remains unknown," said Roy A.E. Bakay, MD, a leading researcher on movement disorders and member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), who has extensively researched the disease. "Current research, however, is unlocking some of the mysteries of the disease and uncovering new and inno-

vative medical and surgical therapies to help patients lead full and active lives."

Parkinson's is widely misunderstood as an affliction solely of the elderly or those who have suffered head injuries. While the average age of onset is 60, Parkinson's can strike children and teenagers. An estimated 5 to 10 percent of Americans with Parkinson's were under age 40 when diagnosed. The disease strikes men and women in equal numbers and pays no heed to social, economic or geographic boundaries. Pope John Paul II, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and the Rev. Billy Graham each suffer from the disease.

When Surgery is the Answer

"For years neurosurgeons have relieved the involuntary movements of conditions like Parkinson's disease by operating on the deep brain structures involved in motion control," said A. John Popp, MD, an Albany, New York, neurosurgeon and AANS board member. Pallidotomy is the most common surgical treatment of Parkinson's for patients under 65. In this delicate procedure, the surgeon uses a hair-thin electrode to transmit radio waves that burn misfiring brain cells. This procedure works by either stimulating or destroying certain targeted cells in the deeper portions of the brain.

Another surgical procedure commonly performed, thalamotomy, works by using a radiofrequency current to destroy a small, but specific, portion of the thalamus. Surgery is not for everyone with Parkinson's disease. Most patients are treated successfully with medication. However, for the right patients, surgery can improve the quality of their daily lives.

For more information about Parkinson's disease, visit the Web site of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons at www.aans.org

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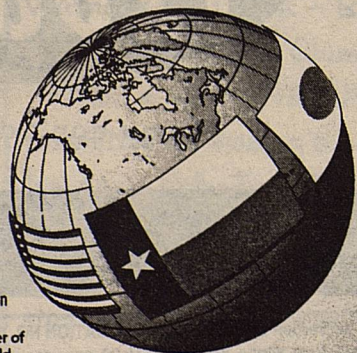
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

If Texas were a nation...

Gross National Product, 1998 (in billions)	
United States*	\$7,902
Japan	\$4,089
Germany	\$2,180
France	\$1,465
United Kingdom	\$1,264
Italy	\$1,157
China	\$923
Brazil	\$767
TEXAS**	\$592
Canada	\$580
Spain	\$555
India	\$427
Korea	\$398
The Netherlands	\$389
Australia	\$387
Mexico	\$368
Russia	\$331
Argentina	\$290
Switzerland	\$284

The total value of goods and services produced in Texas in 1998 was \$592 billion, which ranks the state 9th when compared with the Gross National Product of countries around the world.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), The World Bank Atlas and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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Auto thefts down, Pickup still tops list . . .

Even though there's been a slight decrease in the total number of vehicle thefts in Texas last year, the GM pickup truck remains the favorite pick of thieves.

In 1999, there were 91,992 auto thefts in Texas, down from 96,614 in 1998, according to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), a section of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Three of the top ten most stolen vehicles were pickup trucks. GM, Ford and Dodge trucks were the first, second and seventh choices of thieves, respectively. The Honda Accord edged out the Olds Cutlass as the third most stolen vehicle in Texas.

Once again, Houston had the most vehicle thefts in 1999 with 24,705, followed closely by Dallas with 23,193.

October is "Watch Your Car" Month and the ATPA warns Texans that even if they drive an old car instead of a shiny new car, they need to actively protect themselves against vehicle theft.

"Auto thieves often steal cars to commit other offenses," said Susan Sampson,

ATPA's director of public education, "so any car can be a target."

Once again, Texas Statistics show that most thieves are teenagers. Law enforcement agents arrested 9,320 people aged 15 to 19 on vehicle theft charges in 1999.

The ATPA encourages residents to protect their vehicles by registering them free of charge with the Watch Your Car H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) program. Call 1-800-CAR-WATCH for information.

During October, law enforcement officers will ticket motorists who leave an engine running on an unattended vehicle, a violation that carries a fine of up to \$200.

Automobile theft rates have fallen 54 percent since ATPA's inception in 1991, but a car or truck is still stolen every five and a half minutes in Texas.

Experts recommend some common-sense steps to help protect your car. The simplest of these recommendations is also one that is often forgotten: Take your keys when you leave your car.

Facts About Auto Theft in Texas

THE 10 MOST STOLEN CARS:

1. GM Pickup
2. Ford Pickup
3. Honda Accord
4. GM Suburban
5. Toyota Camry
6. Olds Cutlass
7. Dodge Pickup
8. Olds '98
9. GM Van
10. Ford Mustang

Facts About Auto Theft in Texas

THE 10 Top Counties For Car Theft:

1. Harris
2. Dallas
3. Tarrant
4. Bexar
5. Travis
6. Hidalgo
7. El Paso
8. Nueces
9. Jefferson
10. McLennan

These five counties — Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis — account for 70 percent of auto thefts in Texas.

Facts About Auto Theft in Texas

THE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR CAR FROM BEING

STOLEN:

1. Take your keys.
2. Lock your car
3. Never hide a second set of keys in your car.
4. Park in well-lighted areas.
5. Park in attended lots.
6. Leave only your ignition/door key with a parking lot attendant or valet.
7. Never leave your car running, even if you'll only be gone for a minute.
8. Completely close car windows when you park.
9. Don't leave valuables in plain view.
10. Park with your wheels turned toward the curb, making your car difficult to tow.



A dog's sense of smell is a hundred times greater than a human.

PET TALK

The discomfort of allergies is common - rashes, itching, watery eyes, even vomiting and feeling listless.

And that's just among animals. People get them too.

Your pet can suffer from allergies as much or more than you do, although it's usually in a different form, says Dr. Robert Kennis, a researcher and clinical dermatologist in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, who has been studying animal allergies, what causes them and the best treatments involved.

Dogs and cats are the most frequent victims of allergies among companion animals, Kennis says, but almost any animal is capable of some type of allergic reaction. The most common cause of pet allergies: fleas.

When fleas bite a dog or cat, the saliva from the flea very often results in an allergic reaction in the animal, Kennis explains. Even one or two fleas can cause a dog to scratch constantly, with the back half of the dog usually the most affected. However, not all pets with fleas will develop an allergy to flea saliva and experience the severe consequences.

In cats with flea allergies, Kennis says, the back half of the body and the head and neck areas are usually affected because that's where cats groom themselves.

"We see cases where the animal has scratched itself literally raw, which is its natural response of trying to cope with the discomfort," Kennis adds. "And it doesn't take dozens of fleas to start the itching - only a few can make a dog or cat miserable."

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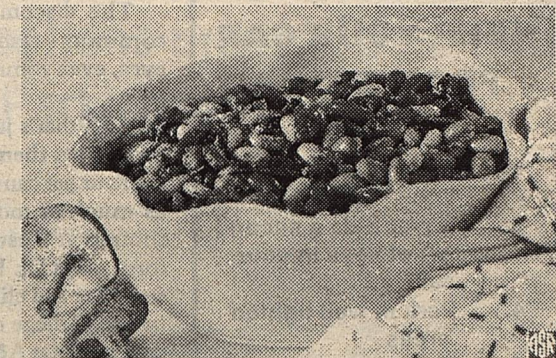


Baked Beans: A Tradition Takes On A New Taste Twist

Baked beans rank right up there with apple pie in the American lexicon. Everyone loves them, and everyone eats them. With a new century comes a new taste to this centuries-old favorite.

When you stretch your culinary imagination with a wide variety of beans and other surprising ingredients, the traditional baked bean dish takes on a whole new appeal. While white beans are the tasty foundation for the traditional recipe, beans of other varieties are bound to delight baked bean enthusiasts just as much.

The chefs at the Bean Education & Awareness Network (B.E.A.N.) have created a delicious variation on the traditional baked bean theme, and it's just in time for Labor Day picnics and football tailgates. *Wild Mushroom Baked Beans* engage the palate in a dynamic array of flavors. Simple to prepare, this dish combines Pinto, Great Northern and Kidney beans with wild mushrooms, seasoned with parsley and thyme.



Wild Mushroom Baked Beans

Makes 6 main-dish servings (about 1 cup each)*
or 12 side-dish servings (about 1/2 cup each)

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| 1 package (3.5 ounces) shiitake mushrooms, sliced | 1 can (15 ounces) Great Northern beans or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Great Northern beans, rinsed, drained |
| 1 package (8 ounces) baby bella mushrooms, sliced | 1 can (15 ounces) Red Kidney beans or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Red Kidney beans, rinsed, drained |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 1 1/2 cups dry white wine or vegetable broth |
| 2 teaspoons minced garlic | 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | Finely chopped parsley |
| 2 tablespoons flour | |
| 1 can (15 ounces) Pinto beans or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Pinto beans, rinsed, drained | |

Sauté mushrooms, onion, and garlic in olive oil in large skillet until tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in flour; cook 1 to 2 minutes longer. Combine mushroom mixture and remaining ingredients, except parsley, in 2-quart casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 350°F. for 45 minutes; sprinkle with parsley before serving.

TIP: Any desired wild or domestic mushroom can be used in this recipe.
NOTE: Although B.E.A.N. recipes usually call for a specific variety, any canned or dry-packaged bean variety can be easily substituted for another.
***Nutrient Information Per Serving:** Calories 321, Fat 6g, % Calories from Fat 14, Calcium 108 mg, Carbohydrate 50g, Folate 170 mcg, Sodium 520 mg, Protein 14g, Dietary Fiber 14g, Cholesterol 0 mg.

A Delicious History

Baked beans are almost as old as the nation. This American original dates back to eighteenth century New England when Puritans combined staples of colonial food cupboards - beans and pork - to create a dish for Saturday supper. Baked beans became so associated with Boston that by 1850 the city's name was attached to the dish.

For more ways to prepare beans, visit the B.E.A.N. Web site at www.americanbean.org.

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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. (Notifíquese, por las presentes que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abran 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. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) Vealmoor Election Building
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 (Ackerly-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 día 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
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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 día 8 de October, 2000)

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