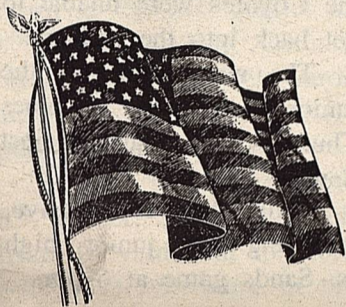


# THE BORDEN STAR

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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry



## Borden County's Own Ready to Serve

God bless America and these young men who have chosen to *"strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds--to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."*--Abraham Lincoln

by Sue Jane Mayes

King Henry V, in Shakespeare's play by that name, rallied his men before the Battle of Crispian by referring to them as "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

Centuries later, these bands of brothers still exist and are found in service to their country via the armed forces.

Last week's events are proving tangible in this small community as six local servicemen are currently in stand-by mode.

Five are enlisted. One is a reserve.

All are discovering what Mahatma Ghandi said was "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

1998 graduates John Brummett (Air Force), and Trinidad Vasquez (Marines), 1999 graduate Ryan Grant (Marine reserve), 2000 grads Joseph Hardman (Navy) and Foston Wilson (Army), and

early BHS grad Lee Pepper (Navy) have all recently checked in with their real superiors--their moms and dads.

The terrorist bombings created some anxious moments for these young men's families, but as of September 17, all had contacted the folks back home.

Brummett is stationed at Shephard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. He is the son of Debbie and Aubrey Brummett of Vealmoor.

Vasquez is on stand-by at Camp Pendleton, California. He is the son of Alice and Edward Zepeda of Gail.

Grant, residing in Jal, New Mexico, was called up as a reserve to the Lubbock office last Tuesday. He is the son of Liz and Eldon Grant of Andrews, Texas.

Hardman, the son of Debra and Randy Hardman of Gail is stationed at the Naval Base outside of

Chicago, Illinois, has reported that his base has received several bomb threats prior to the attacks last week in New York and Washington, D.C.

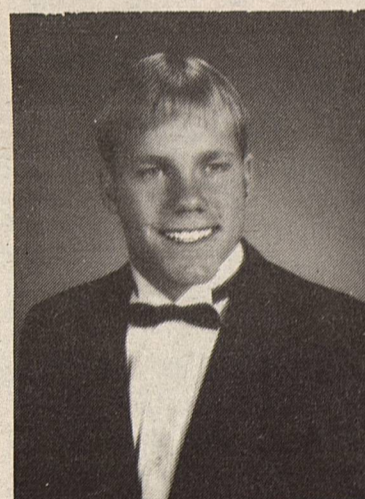
Vasquez also told his mom that they have had bomb alerts.

Wilson, in the Army now for 15 months and the

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John Brummett



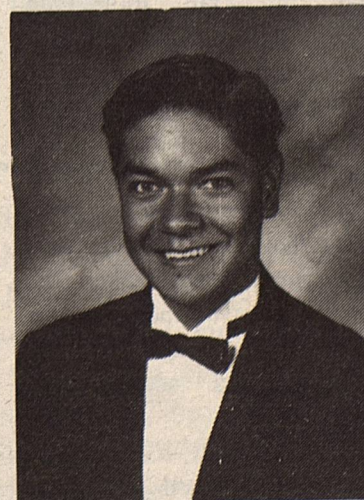
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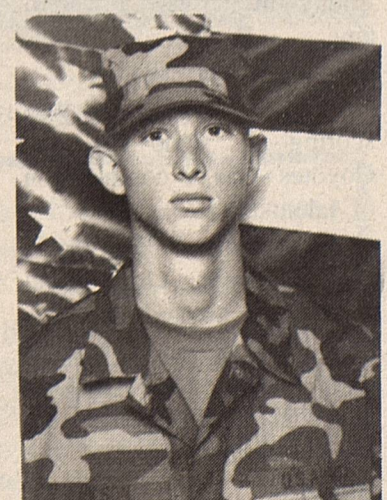
Joseph Hardman



Lee Pepper



Trinidad Vasquez



Foston Wilson

## Coyotes 'Sharp'-en Skills; Take Come-from-behind Win at Ropes

The start to Friday night's game seemed to just add to the difficult week that everyone had endured.

But when trailing by 16 points early in the game, the Coyote football team seemed to mirror the spirit of the country as it rallied back from defeat to take a convincing 48-22 win over the Ropesville Eagles.

The battle that the Coyotes fought Friday night is in no way to be compared with the significance of the battles this country may soon fight, but no one should overlook the fact that adversity in sport can help prepare us for real-life struggles.

You see, Ropesville visited Gail last year and whipped the Coyotes, 53-6. Friday night, the Coyotes proved to be the more physical team, the better-conditioned team, and the results were far different.

Ropes scored twice in the first quarter, but with only :30 remaining before switching sides, BHS let junior Raul Rodriguez show his stuff on a 33-yard touchdown run that breathed some life back into the Coyotes.

The Eagles would not score again until late in the fourth quarter. The Coyote defense complimented the potent offensive effort on this Friday night and thwarted key Ropes' drives throughout the evening.

The second quarter scoring--all done by the Coyotes--was a combination of talents.

At the 8:33 mark, seniors Dale Grant and T.C. Stipe hooked up on a beautiful 25-yard scoring strike, with Stipe making the difficult catch over his left shoulder in the endzone.

Following a 45-yard

rush from junior T.J. Sharp, the Coyotes went to the steady fullback again to score the touchdown from a yard out to give the Coyotes a lead they would not give up. Sophomore Kyle Pinkerton's PAT kick was good to make it a 20-16 Coyote lead.

Sharp was not finished yet as he got loose on another long run from scrimmage, this one a 40-yarder. He would take it in for six points with a six-yard run with only 22 seconds showing before halftime.

Even at this point, BHS continued to finesse its game as Pinkerton kicked a perfect ball into the corner of the endzone to prevent Ropes from mounting any return as the half ended.

The defense set up two more scores in the third period as senior Jacob Zant picked off two passes on the evening and broke up two more pass plays with some a solid performance in the secondary.

He then went to work offensively, hitting Pinkerton on an 11-yard scoring strike; Pinkerton added the PAT kick to give the Coyotes a 34-16 lead.

With only 1:47 remaining in the third, however, BHS decided to once again go to the air as Grant went to Zant, this time on a 44-yard scoring play as Zant took the screen and pushed the ball across the goal.

Completing the scoring was another perfect pass and catch job by Grant and Stipe--a touchdown play that netted 24 yards. This time Sharp kicked the PAT to give the Coyotes their final points of the evening and sealing the win.

Defensively, Sharp and Rodriguez paved the way along with Zant's two

interceptions.

Rodriguez had one sack, three hurries, five unassisted tackles and was in on 11 other defensive plays.

Sharp had three rushes that led to Eagle misfires and showed more mettle with eight solo tackles and eight assists. In addition, he recovered two Eagle fumbles, one with a 20-yard return.

Zant finished the evening with three solo tackles and seven assists.

Grant, whose offensive work produced five of nine completions for 118 yards in the air, helped out on defense with two solos and six assists.

Junior Talin Pepper added a sack on the evening to go with his one solo hit and six assists.

Pinkerton, effective offensively in this first Coyote win, was solid up the middle with three solo tackles, one hurry, and six assists.

Senior Cody Nowlain, back from an injury, added two solo tackles and five assists while sophomore Dan Griffin had four assists.

Collectively, the Coyotes amassed 401 yards of total offense--their best offensive production in some time.

Sharp did a lot of the damage, gaining 166 yards on 16 carries for a 10.3 average on the evening.

Rodriguez rushed for 42 yards on four carries, Griffin for 6 on two carries, and Grant with 52 yards on 8 carries.

Zant completed 2 of 7 passes for 20 yards and also handled the punting chores: four in the game for a 30.5 average.

The statistic that carries the most weight, however, is not noted on the stat sheet; but, it's the one that the coaches see first.

## Coyote JV goes to the wire again; Fall 18-13 to Ropes

Borden High School's junior varsity squad likes to make things hard.

Two weeks ago against a varsity Hermleigh team, they held the line on the last play of the game for a win; this past week it was another strong effort, but Ropes managed to score in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to take the win away.

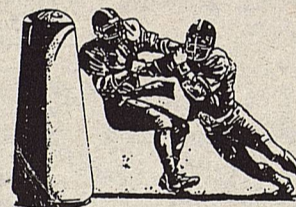
Fumbles were the culprit in the game for the Coyotes as they lost the ball five times to the Eagles.

The defense played remarkably well to prevent Ropes from capitalizing, but BHS couldn't answer back in the endzone.

The Coyotes did score first, with :13 on the clock in the first quarter.

Adam Carter took the ball in from six yards out, giving BHS a 6-0 lead.

Ropes would score twice in the second period, the last score coming with less than a minute in the half to take momentum and



It's the stat that Sir Winston Churchill urged the British to reach for in 1940 when being bombed by Nazi Germany: "We shall never, never, never give up....."

The Coyotes did not give up Friday night. Neither will America--ever.

the lead, 12-6.

The junior varsity returned in the second half of play and took a Ben Griffin interception to fuel a comeback drive that resulted in a one-yard touchdown run for Carter. Derek Gwinn's successful PAT run gave the Coyotes a 13-12 lead going into the final period.

Ropes would score on a nine-yard pass play at 4:54 left in the game, but the Coyotes were unable to get back into the endzone.

The next game for the junior varsity comes Thursday in Gail against Sands.

Game time is tentative, following the junior high vs. Sands game at 6 p.m.

### STATS

**Rushing:** Carter, 16 carries for 51 yards; Lozano, 3 carries for 10 yards

**Passing:** Cade Peterson, 1-4-13 yards; Carter, 2-10-32 yards; Shane Tarleton, 3-7-27 yards

**Catches:** John Wilson, 2-40 yards; Peterson, 1-2 yards; Tarleton, 2-18 yards; Griffin, 1-22 yards

**Tackles:** Tyler Wallace, one sack, two assists; Carter, three solos, 11 assists; Tarleton, four assists; Garrett Chapman, two assists; Lozano, three sacks, three solos, one hurry, four assists, one pass batted down; Griffin, three solos, eight assists, one fumble recovery, one interception; Dusty Gwinn, one sack, one hurry, five assists; Wilson, one sack, one hurry, two assists; Peterson, three solos, two broken up passes, four assists.

Coyotes held Ropes seven times on fourth down.

## COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

Coyote Pups vs Sands

Here - 6:00

Coyote JV vs Sands JV

Here - 7:30

Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Coyotes vs. Sands

There - 7:30 p.m.



## Jr. High Take 6-0 win Coyote Pups Jump Ropes

Rushing for over 300 yards, the Borden Jr. High Coyote Pups took a 33-7 win over the Ropesville Eagles in their opening game of the season at home September 13.

Not only did the offense have impressive numbers, but the Pups' defense held the Eagles to only 84 yards on the ground and intercepted four passes.

The Pups scored three times in the first quarter as 8<sup>th</sup> grader Chris Zamora turned runs of 49 yards and 69 yards into BJH points.

Garrett Thomas, another 8<sup>th</sup> grader, took a pitch from 10 yards out to score with 3:23 remaining in the first period. Caden Nowlain's PAT run was successful to give the

Coyotes a lead that would not relinquish.

Ropes did manage to put some points on the board in the second half on a 55-yard kickoff return at the 2:27 mark in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period to make it a 26-7 game.

Zamora added another score in the third quarter with a 21-yard run.

He closed out the scoring for the Coyotes in the final period with a 35-yard scamper with 4:48 left in the game. Andrew Lamming added the Pat run to close out the Coyote Pups for a 33-7 victory.

Zamora intercepted the ball twice, Thomas once, and 7<sup>th</sup> Grader Clint Chapman had one steal and a return of 29 yards.

Fumble recoveries were

made by Andrew Lamming and Justin Buchanan to end Ropes' drives during the game.

### Individual Stats

#### Rushing

Zamora, 6-207 yards; Thomas, 8-87 yards; Austin Tarleton, 1-1 yard; Chapman, 1-7 yards; Nowlain, 1-3 yards; Zane Williamson, 2-7 yards  
**Total:** 19-311 yards

#### Passing

Aaron Pigford attempted one pass

#### Tackles

Thomas, 4 assists and 2 solos; Chapman, 4 solos, 1 hurry, 1 assist; Jake Payne, 2 assists; Nowlain, 2 solos, 1 assist; J. Ryan Gicklhorn, 1 solo, 5 assists; Williamson, 1 assist; Lamming, 1 solo, 3 assists; Zamora, 6 assists, 3 solo; Derek Gwinn, 2 assists, 1 solo; Buchanan, 3 assists, 1 solo; Trey Soto, 1 solo, 1 hurry, 2 assists

## Borden County's Own

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only one of the six not on home turf, continues work at the army base in Frankfurt, Germany, as a light mechanic, specializing on hummers. He has indicated that they, too, are on stand-by which means relocation is a possibility. He is the son of Dorothy and Willard Wilson of Gail.

Pepper, who just finished his basic training in Illinois, is now stationed

in Pensacola, Florida. He is the son of LeRhea and Terry Pepper of the Plains Community in Borden County.

If anyone has additional information on servicemen with Borden County connections (spouses of ex-Borden County residents, other relatives), please send that information to Verna Adcock at the newspaper's office or call (806) 756-4402

## BHS Senior Goes To College

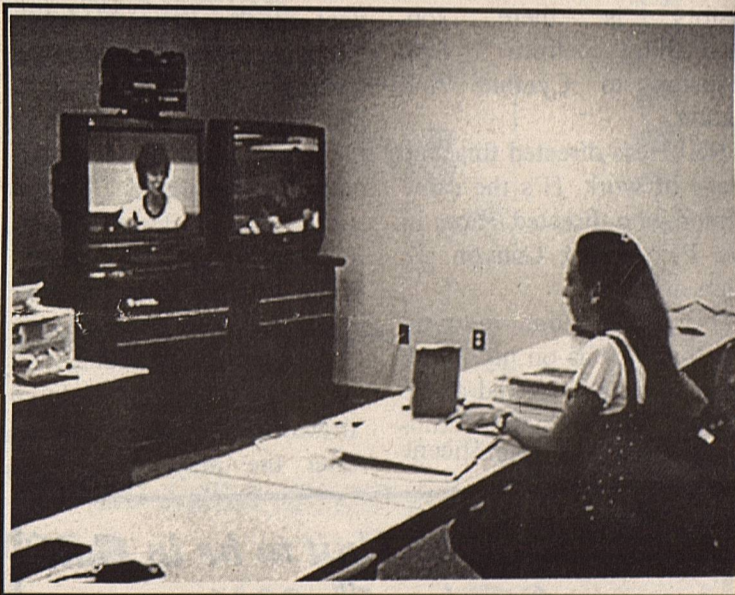
Andrea Lozano, who will graduate in May 2002 from Borden High School, is currently enrolled in speech and Algebra courses from South Plains College via the Distance Learning Center.

With the new technology in what was the Borden School's old library, Andrea can see and

speak to her teacher and fellow classmates at South Plains and Seagraves, another participating high school.

For a presentation assignment, Andrea switches the cameras from her document to herself.

At the end of the semester, Andrew will have six hours of college credit.



Andrea Lozano shown here working on her Algebra from South Plains College via the Distance Learning Center

## School Menu Week Of:

**MONDAY:** Pizza, corn, salad, pudding & milk.  
**Breakfast:** Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken, fried steak potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage, gravy, biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Fajitas, salad, pinto beans, jello & milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, fruit juice & milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken nuggets, green peas, potatoes hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Egg & Cheese English muffin, fruit juice, & milk.

**FRIDAY:** Hot dog w/chili, onion rings, beans, fruit, brownie & milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, fruit juice & milk.

## Homecoming Dance 2001

Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following the game  
until 12:30 a.m. at the County Showbarn

Music by: Guy Will Zant and  
The Texas Pipeline

Free admission Free concession

Everyone is invited to come out  
and have a good time!

Adult sponsors will be needed!

Donations accepted!

Donations can be left at Coyote Store.



Meet Your Future  
With A Straight Face  
Buckle Up

Parents Club Meeting  
Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 p.m.  
Community Building

Who exactly is a child with "special needs". We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Bill Tarleton, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD and Klondike ISD at 800/756-4313, or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806/792-4000.



**Texas Stories**  
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

**Tumbleweed Smith**  
Part owner of Texas



## Artistry on the Lake

Well done. Uplifting. Family oriented. High quality. Standing ovations every night. A totally professional show.

The comments are being made about *Lone Star Rising*, the new outdoor musical drama being staged at the amphitheater on Lake Meredith just outside the panhandle city of Fritch.

It has Broadway-quality costumes with lighting, sound, scenery and talent to match. There's everything from Indian dances to tap and ballet, along with a medicine show and cowboy poetry contest.

The play focuses on two love stories. One couple is old, the other young. Texas history is there, too. Everything from Sam Houston to Cynthia Ann Parker.

Neil Hess directed this fine piece of work. He's the same person who directed *Texas* in the Palo Duro Canyon 32 years ago.

"I woke up one morning and this lake as on my mind. I drove out and looked at the theater. It was kind of run-down but had a magnificent

view. I started making phone calls and we got this put together in 8 weeks. I'm talking from ground zero. We wrote the script, provided the costumes, created the music, orchestrated the music, built the scenery, refurbished the theater, planned our opening night's festivities and everything else in eight weeks.

"Phill Price of Lubbock wrote the play in three weeks. We were rehearsing the first act while he was writing the second act."

The amphitheater is in one of the prettiest spots in the panhandle. The audience can see both the stage and the lake.

John Benjamin, superintendent of the Lake Meredith National recreation Area, is thrilled with the play. "It's just what we were looking for," he says. The amphitheater was built in 1982 by teen-agers working on a summer project. "We hoped to have it renovated by next year," says John.

The play opened June 15<sup>th</sup>. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, there was a huge fireworks show over the lake after the play. There was

standing room only in the 1250 seat facility.

Cody Duncan, house manager, says response has been overwhelming. "When people are leaving after the show and I thank them for coming, they thank me for giving them some great entertainment."

He teaches high school drama and seven of his students are working with the show doing technical work. "They think it's real special that they are the very first crew to work the show. They're talking about when they're old and coming to see the show they can tell their kids about building the rock wall."

The Panhandle's Lone Star Ballet put up front money, but it'll be paid back after the season ends on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The play is on stage Wednesday through Sunday evenings. Starting time is 8:15 p.m.

Neil Hess says when you see the colorful dancers, the moon over the water and the stars, it's great. "this is a superior experience for me.

## Thank You

The Borden County Independent School District administration and school board would like to thank the school community for the outstanding support and positive election results during the recent tax rollback election held September 7, 2001.

It was extremely important to the school and community for Borden County ISD patrons to provide your support to protect the strength and financial well-being of the Borden County Independent School District.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Thomas

### Election Results:

	September 7, 2001							
	Plains 1	Gail 2A	Vealmoor 2B	Murphy 3A	Fairview 3B	North Gail 4A	Sneelings 4B	Early
For	21	8	1	9	12	25	12	58
Against	1	0	0	3	7	0	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	<b>161</b>							
<b>TOTAL FOR</b>	<b>146</b>							
<b>TOTAL AGAINST</b>	<b>15</b>							

## A TASTY WAY TO ENJOY THE FLAVORS OF FALL



Use a variety of decorative cookie presses with seasonal designs—jack-o'-lanterns, apples, leaves—to decorate these cookies.

Despite our busy schedules, most of us still want to enjoy the tastes and aromas that only come from turning on the oven and baking something wonderful. When the seasons change, it's no longer too hot to turn on the oven, but rather a welcomed "event" to take the chill off.

You'll enjoy the tantalizing tastes and aromas of fall when you bake pretty Harvest Shortbread Cookies. Ginger, cinnamon and cloves enhance the flavor of these buttery cookies. They are crisp and light—perfect served alone or with coffee, with fresh fruit or with bowl of vanilla ice cream.

"These shortbread cookies combine a minimum of ingredients—biscuit and baking mix, spices, butter and brown sugar—so they're quick to mix together," says Margi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. Shape spoonfuls of dough into balls, roll the balls in granulated sugar and place them on a baking sheet. Now, the fun begins! Use a decorative cookie press to press your favorite seasonal design onto each cookie. Or, simply press each ball of dough with the bottom of a drinking glass. The more decorative the bottom of the glass, the fancier your cookies will be.

### Harvest Shortbread Cookies

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
2/3 cup packed dark brown sugar  
2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves  
Granulated sugar (about 1/4 cup)

In large mixer bowl, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add biscuit and baking mix, ginger, cinnamon and cloves; beat on low speed until mixture forms a ball. Roll dough into 1/2-inch balls (about 1 tablespoon each). Roll in granulated sugar. Place on baking sheet that has been coated with cooking spray. Using a decorative cookie press, press firmly to create design\*. Bake at 325° for 12 to 15 minutes or until set and just beginning to brown. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

\*Or press each ball of dough with the bottom of a drinking glass.

**Helpful Tip:** When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top. For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site at: [www.pioneerbrand.com](http://www.pioneerbrand.com)

## Mammography Unit to be in Gail October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001

The Texas Tech Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Gail on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in having a Mammography, please call 1-800-222-8388. A minimum of 20 people are needed to be scheduled for that day. Please call early to help make this Clinic a success

Thank You,  
Kim Thomas  
Borden Co. ISD,  
School Nurse

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## Sheriff Toombs chosen for statewide post by officers' association

Colorado City Sheriff, Patrick Toombs, who previously served on the Sheriff's Association of Texas Board of Directors, was elected sergeant at arms of the organization at its recent 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Conference in Corpus Christi.

"It's a good feeling when you're elected by your peers across the state," he said.

"There were 190 sheriffs there that morning, and I had support from East Texas sheriffs and some in the central and southeast, not just West Texas or the Panhandle."

Sheriff Toombs, a Borden County native, said the conference-covered topics including a review by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice of its Internet parolee release notification program.

1,300 participants took part, and there were more than 150 exhibits.

Toombs said there are about 20 parolees living in Mitchell County, and it's useful to know who and where they are, how often they report to parole officers and if they wear electronic monitors.

He said the county has more parolees that some

small, rural counties, but Scurry and Nolan Counties have a lot more.

"As many people as go to prison and get out now, I guess it's really not that many," he said.

The sheriffs, chose among programs they could attend July 22-25 at Bayfront Plaza Convention Center.

Toombs took part in one on "Life Saving Tools," demonstrating heart monitors and defibrillators that officers may carry in their cars.

Others were on child abuse, cultural diversity, program offered by the state attorney general's office and jail ministries.

Mitchell County jail inmates are ministered to by representatives of local churches on Thursdays and Sundays.

"Some of them don't want to do it at first, but eventually they sit down and have interaction with the people who come in," the sheriff said.

"Some never do, and they don't have to if they don't want to. Others get involved and get onto the right road for awhile and then fall back into the same old ways,"

The sheriff's Association is

one of the oldest law enforcement organizations in the nation, dating to August 14, 1874, when they were called to order in the Navarro county Courthouse in Corsicana by McClennan County Sheriff Sul Ross.

They have had training conferences since 1878.

Sheriff Toombs is graduate of Borden County High School and is the son of Marge Toombs of Borden County.

**PRESS TO READ**

## Open Computer Lab

Beginning September 10th!

The computer lab at Borden County School will be open to the community on Monday nights from 6:00-8:30.

If you...



...are an experienced user and have a project you'd like some help with!

...are a new user and want to try out a computer!

...would like to surf the net with extra speed for some information!

...want to try digital photography!

...have an idea to share!

The doors on the east side of the school by the old gym will be open.

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# COYOTE OPRY

Saturday, September 22, 2001  
Borden County Show Barn

## COYOTE COUNTRY ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW!!!!

NEW!!!!

Tractors will be set up by 3 p.m. for your viewing!

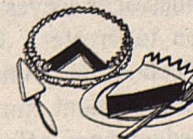
Borden County Museum will be open from 3-5 p.m.



SUPPER WILL BEGIN AT 5 P.M.

MUSIC BY LOCAL AND AREA MUSICIANS  
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

PASTRY AUCTION BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.



YOUTH ART EXHIBIT AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

COME ON DOWN FOR AN EVENING OF DOWN HOME COUNTRY ENTERTAINMENT!! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (806) 756-4336

## OPRY TALENT SEARCH

The 2001 Coyote Opry is just around the corner, Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several key entertainers have been lined up, but there is still room for more. The talent committee is still searching for that "undiscovered act" to add to their star studded cast, so tune those pipes and make the call! Anyone interested must contact the Bud & Ben Talent Agency by September 21. Due to the tight schedule, "drop in" entertainment will not be accepted on opry night unless time permits.

\*\*Backup tapes or CD's used for singing acts should include music and harmony vocals only.\*\*



Call: Ben Miller: 915/573-6004 or  
Buddy Wallace: 806/756-4478

# Courthouse News

**WHEREAS**, On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No.1; **LARRY D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.** Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **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 13, 2001 and August 22, 2001 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**

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

**JUSTICE COURT FEE**

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to create a Justice Court Technology Fund and require a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor offense in a Justice Court to pay a technology fee of \$4.00 as cost of court. Funds collected are to be paid to the County Treasurer for deposit in a fund to finance the purchase of technological enhancements for the Justice Court and to be administered under the direction of the Commissioners Court. This

new court cost applies to conviction of offenses committed on or after September 1, 2001 and before September 1, 2005. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried.

**BORDEN COUNTY INMATES**

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the Contract with Dawson County for the boarding of Borden County Inmates in Dawson County Jail. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION**

An application for Soil conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Elwood Hamilton in Precinct No.2. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Lemons to approve the application. Motion carried.

**BUDGET HEARING**

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Reyes made a motion to recess the Commissioners Court Meeting and to call the Budget Hearing to order, as advertised. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2002 BORDEN COUNTY BUDGET**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2002 County Budget as proposed. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAX RATE**

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to set the tax rate at .44 cents (\$.44) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation. This being the same rate as last year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

**TAX DISCOUNTS**

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to allow discounts 3%, 2%, and 1% for early payment of taxes in October, November and December, respectively. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAXES - SPLIT PAYMENTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lemons to NOT ALLOW split payment of taxes. Motion was

seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.


**COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to accept County Choice 100 Health Insurance Plan with Texas Association of the Counties for county

employees. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.



## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

## Landowners Free Listing Service

Leasing of land to hunters has become a big business in Texas over the last several years. The demand for hunting leases has risen over the last 3-4 years and has a direct economic impact to counties and communities across Texas whose landowners take advantage of these leasing opportunities.

website free of charge. The website boasts that the advertising is extremely effective as up to 2000 inquiries review the website on some days.


Now, landowners can list their property for lease on a website at <http://www.deerleases.net>.

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### New Rules and Regulations for the Gail Cemetery

Please do not do any new curbing without checking at the Courthouse or call 806/756-5346 or 806/759-5537

Cemetery Committee



### You're #1 Borden Coyotes

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## Say NO to Price Gouging!

In the aftermath of the tragic terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Better Business Bureau is receiving reports of isolated instances of price gouging. The calls are coming from all over the South Plains area and BBBs are reporting that calls are being received in their areas as well - not just in New York and Washington. The closure of airports and the demands for alternate means of transportation, shelter and other related services are impacting marketplaces across the country.

"The vast majority of businesses adhere to honorable, responsible business practices in good times, and bad. It is unfortunate that a few merchants would take advantage of a tragedy or crisis by charging much more than the usual price for a product or service." Said Nan Campbell, the president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains.

Not all price increases constitute price gouging, however, Prices on some products, such as gasoline, do vary throughout the year. Other prices, such as on fresh product, may vary in a

seasonal pattern.

Consumers who encounter sudden, unusual price increases, significantly out of line with the competition in their geographic area, can contact the local Better Business Bureau at (806)763-0459 or for long distance, (800)687-7890. The BBB will be able to refer you to the proper agency or advise you how to file a complaint.

You should also contact the Bureau if you believe you have experienced misrepresentation regarding the reason for an abrupt increase in the price of a product or service. While Bureaus generally do not handle complaints solely in reference to the price of goods or services, the local BBB will review concerns about misleading advertising and selling practices.

Complaints can be filed online through the [www.bbbsouthplains.org](http://www.bbbsouthplains.org) website (click on the "File A Complaint" icon). The BBB will review the concerns, and if appropriate, contact the business. In some situations the Bureau may also refer the matter to law enforcement agencies.

## FFA Begins Meat Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially kicked off it's 2001 Variety Meat Sales. The sale began on August 31<sup>st</sup> and will conclude on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter will be using the Ranch House Meats company based in Menard. This will be the same company as last year. [The spiral sliced ham and smoked turkey breasts were still favorites in the item selection.]

The Gail FFA Chapter wished to thank everyone who has supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with you in the future. Anyone interested in purchasing products listed below, can contact an FFA member or the Ag. Science teacher, Mr. Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478 (home) or 806/756-4313 (school).

### FFA Salespersons:

Garrett Chapman, Ben Griffin, LaShae Johnson, Emily Mayes, Cade Peteson, Derek Rodriguez, Cassidy Rinehart, Billy Roper, Tyler Wallace, John Wilson, Clay John Anderson, Amanda Boucher, Alexis Brooks, Shayla Gass, Dan Griffin, Andy Lozano, Kyle

Pinkerton, John Stamper, Kyla Culp, Tanner Poole, Raul Rodriques, Sunni Shipp, Heather Crawford, Brandy Shafer, Cody Nowlain, and TC Stipe.

### Prices for 2001 Sale Items

- A. Spiral Sliced Ham 7-8 lbs, - \$36.00
- B. Smoked Turkey 9-10 lbs. \$20.00
- C. Beef Jerky 1/2 lbs - \$14.00
- D. Jalapeno Cheese Summer sausage 1-1/2 lbs - \$11.00
- E. Sausage Patties 3 lbs. - \$11.00
- F. Snack Sticke 12oz. - \$7.50
- G. Smoked Bacon 2 lbs. - \$9.50
- H. Peppered Bacon 2 lbs. - \$9.50
- I. Brisket Kit 4 lbs. - \$25.00
- J. BBQ Pork Loin 3 lbs. - \$19.00
- K. Candid Nut Assort. 14 oz. \$10.50
- L. Pecan halbes 1 lb - \$10.00
- M. Peppered ham 4 lbs - \$22.00
- N. Marinated Beef Fajita

- 2 lbs - \$11.00
- O. Marinated Chicken Fajitas 2 lbs. - \$10.50
- P. Spiral Sliced Turkey Breast 4 lbs. - \$27.00

## Renewals of Registered Brands

Every ten years Texas livestock producers are required by law to renew their brands and earmarks if they intend to continue using them. This is in accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code. There is a six-month period (August 30, 2001 through February 28, 2002) in which to register these brands and marks and the location on the animals which are currently being used. All brands that have not been renewed will become "void" on March 1, 2002 and available for the general public.

The recording fee will be \$11.00 per brand per location.

The Clerks Office will begin the process of renewals of brands on Thursday, August 30, 2001 and will continue through February 28, 2002.

### First Baptist Church Fifth Sunday Dinner

Sunday, September 30th.

Pot-Luck lunch.

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### Parents Club

A major fund-raiser for the Parents Club in the 2001-2002 school year will be a Community Birthday Calendar. This calendar will include all the participants birthdays and anniversaries in each calendar. You may purchase a calendar for \$10.00 and this will allow you to include 10 listings (example: include your birthday, spouse and children's birthday, birthdays "in memory of" loved ones, your anniversary, anniversary of your children, etc.) You may also purchase a 1 3/4" x 1 1/4" ad that will be included on the cover of the ad. The cost of each ad is \$15.00 and ad may be up to six lines in text.

All calendars will be on a pay-as-you-order basis. To purchase a calendar, you may use the order blank below. To purchase an ad, please contact a member of the fund-raising committee. Those members are: Hayley Richey, Shelby Shipp, Carol Wilson, Kip Wallace, Brenna Smith, or Jana Underwood. Deadline for purchasing an ad or calendar is November 2, 2001. Mail order blank to: Parent's Club, P. O. Box 331, Gail, Texas 79738. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Calendar and 10 listings: \$10.00  
(Please Print or Type)

	Birthday Month	Day
Subscriber's Name _____	_____	_____
Wife or Husband's Name _____	_____	_____
Address _____	_____	_____
Wedding Anniversary _____	_____	_____
Children's Name _____	_____	_____

(for "in memory of" place (M) after name)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Special Election NOVEMBER 6, 2001

#### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

#### PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonias. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias."

#### PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

#### PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

#### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

#### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

#### PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

#### PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

#### PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

#### PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

#### PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

#### PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

#### PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

#### PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

#### PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

#### PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

#### PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

#### PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

#### PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas al la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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