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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Every Vote Counts

In 1649, a margin of one vote cost King Charles I of England his head. In 1800, one vote made Thomas Jefferson our third president. In 1845, one vote annexed the Republic of Texas to the United States. And in 1941, the Selective Service Act. Otherwise known as "The Draft," was passed by a margin of one vote just weeks prior to the attack at Pearl Harbor.

History is rife with examples of the importance of a single vote, and the Presidential election of 2000 reminded us once more the importance of a functioning, democratic election system.

Voting is a right and privilege of all citizens in a free society, and Americans expect that their votes will be counted fairly, accurately and in a timely fashion. Congress recently made important strides toward that end by passing much-needed election reform legislation.

Our election procedures are woefully behind in keeping pace with modern-day technology. The bill Congress passed will help

modernize our election system by providing nearly \$4 billion in funding over the next three years to help states replace and renovate outdated voting equipment, reduce voter fraud, train poll workers and upgrade voter lists.

The bill ensures greater accessibility for voters, while reducing opportunities for voter fraud. New voters who choose to register by mail must now provide proof of identity at some point in the process. And voters will be required to include either their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number on their voter registration form. The bill permits voters to review their selections and make corrections before casting a final ballot. It also

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BHS CX-Debate Team Wins Top Honors at Caprock TFA Tourney

By Sue Jane Mayes

Let's hear it for the small schools.

After a Friday night football game, a long road trip to Amarillo, and an early wake-up call, Borden High School's debate teams still had enough energy to win the 2002 Caprock Invitational Speech Tournament.

Sophomore Billy Roper and John Wilson went 2-1 in the preliminary rounds to advance to the quarterfinals Saturday.

They defeated a team from Amarillo Tascosa in the quarterfinal round to advance to the semi-final round against Pampa High School.

By virtue of a 3-0 majority vote, Roper and Wilson then advanced to the championship round against Amarillo High School.

Debating the negative position, Roper and Wilson won, thus qualifying for a berth in the Texas Forensics Association State Tournament to be held at Highland



CX-Debate Champs: Sophomores John Wilson and Billy Roper, shown with their trophies they received in Saturday's competition.

Park High School in Dallas February 27.

Also debating Saturday--in their first-ever tournament together--were Tyler Wallace and Kyle Pinkerton.

The novice team lost two rounds, but each did receive number one and number two speaker positions in the two debates.

Roper and Wilson have already participated in the Lubbock High and Coronado Invitationals this year, sporting a record of 3 wins and 3 losses in those two tournaments combined.

All four cross-ex debaters will compete in this Saturday's TFA tournament at Frenship High School in Wolforth. Debates start at 7:45 a.m.

Beckham to visit Borden Co.

Borden County Republican Chairman Brice Key announced today that the Republican US Congressional candidate Rob Beckham will be at the Borden County Courthouse on Wednesday, October 30th at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Beckham is running against incumbent Congressman Charles Stenholm for the 17th Congressional District Seat.

Come meet and visit with Rob Beckham.

IMPORTANT GENERAL ELECTION DATES

Nov. 1, 2002 Last Day to Vote Early in Person
Nov. 5, 2002 ELECTION DAY

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County Clerk Office, during regular office hours, between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 21, 2002 and ending on November 1, 2002

Junior Varsity Falls to Ten Ira

By Sue Jane Mayes

Thursday night action found the JV Coyotes on the road in Ira for a district contest.

Ira prevailed, 27-12, to bump the Coyotes' record to 4-3 on the season.

Scoring began for BHS in the first period when quarterback Aaron Pigford hit John Wilson for two passes in a drive that ended with a touchdown pass with 1:11 left in the period.

The score made it a 13-6 lead for the Bulldogs at the end of one quarter.

Things looked good for BHS as the Coyotes recovered a fumble to start off play in the second quarter.

Pigford again went downfield and found Andrew Lamming for a first down with 5:06 to play before

halftime.

The Bulldogs held on the drive, and even had some luck recovering their own fumbles en route to another score before the half to make it a 21-6 game after a successful PAT kick.

Ira scored again in the third quarter to go up 27-6.

For the Coyotes, the one highlight came defensively when Tyler Wallace recovered a fumble to give the ball back to the Coyotes as the quarter wound down.

The BHS drive stalled, and Ira took over. However, another Bulldog fumble gave the ball back, and this time the Coyotes made the most of the opportunity.

Garrett Thomas scored with 5:05 left in the game, making it a 27-12 contest.

The Coyotes had a couple more chances when Ira

Secrets to Kid's Self-Esteem

1. **Always** think of how to bring out the best in your child
2. **Praise** your child's achievements & efforts
3. **Create** an aura of compassion in your home.
4. **Listen** more than you talk with your child.
5. **Give** your kids hugs and love every day.

fumbled again, but the Bulldogs fell on the ball first to retain possession.

With less than three minutes to play in the game, Wilson grabbed another pass to make it 1st and 15 with 2:07 left in the game.

An interception, though, with 1:12 remaining ended the Coyote comeback.

The junior varsity will face New Home at Loop this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

School Menu Week Of:

November 4th – 8th

MONDAY: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, chips, carrots & celery sticks, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Beef soup, grilled cheese, pickles, jello & milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Stir Fry crackers, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, fruit juice & milk

THURSDAY: Sausage wrap, ranch style beans, potato salad, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Muffins, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Rib on a Bun, French fries, salad, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake Pup, fruit juice & milk

6. **Create** warm memories around learning experiences to motivate your child
7. **Make** your child knows that you will be there for them when they need you.
8. **Don't** worry that offering too much affection to your child is "over-protective."
9. **Read** to your child every day and let them read to

- you.
10. **Don't** be afraid to teach family and moral values so that your child can become role models for tomorrow.



Borden County PIP Program



Don't miss out on the best way to start kids in Sports! PIP is more than just basketball!!

***Skills *Discipline *Confidence *Fun**

Plans are underway for a PIPs program to be started at Borden County for kindergarten through 6th grade students. The workouts will begin the first Wednesday in November from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The first PIP performance for the public will be presented during the Borden County Basketball tournament, and four other times during Friday night home games throughout the basketball season.

What is PIP? Performance groups specializing in basketball skills, drills, and tricks

Who Are PIPs? Kindergarten through sixth graders.

Where are PIP Groups? PIP is a national organization with groups formed through schools, churches, recreation centers, city-wide or any other designated group.

Where do PIPs Perform? At local basketball games and local events, such as parades and carnivals. We will perform at Borden County basketball games throughout the season. Approx. 5 times.

Why PIPs?

- To create an early interest in basketball and sports.
- To encourage the development of ball handling skills
- To improve agility, physical skills and general fitness.
- To stimulate individual work and self-discipline
- TO BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE

****PIP is a program of Practice, Performances and Character Development.****

In addition, PIP allows each child the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd and overcome that nervousness (fear) that keeps so many from trying new things.

PIP allows each child to "mess up" and keep going – a valuable lesson!

PIP allows each child to work at his/her own level and be successful.

Everyone leaves the PIP Floor a Winner!

Program Cost: **\$5.00** Registration Deadline: **Noon, Nov. 4th**
***Start-Up Camp: Each PIP season begins with a camp directed by coaches from the National PIP Organization. Every child will receive a PIP Basketball, a PIP T-shirt and PIP Shorts.**

The \$5.00 will cover the cost of the basketball. The coaches will keep the shorts and shirts and will be handed out on performance day.

Camp Date: **Thursday, Nov. 7th** Time: **4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
 Location: **Borden Co. Gym** Parents Meeting: **7:15 p.m.**
 Weekly Practice: **Wednesday, 5:00 – 6:00 Starting second week of November**
 Turn in forms to: **Coach Richey or Coach James**

For further information about our local group contact: Trey or Hayley Richey @ (806)75604417 hm, or 756-4313 work

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Vs. Dawson

October 24

Dawson 24, Borden Jr. High 7

Scoring: Michael Bullinger rush with extra-point conversion run by Dore Rodriguez



BHS 2-1 in District Coyotes Roll Over the Dragons, 68-19

By Sue Jane Mayes

A strong performance Friday night moved these Borden High School Coyotes a step closer to earning a playoff berth as T.J. Sharp and company took care of Dawson.

Sharp did some damage to the Dragons on both sides of the ball and on special teams: rushing for 176 yards and scoring three touchdowns, kicking seven PAT's, and intercepting a pass and returning it 52 yards for another score.

His supporting cast didn't do too badly either. Sophomore Derek Rodriguez added 90 yards on the ground in 13 carries, caught a pass for 10 yards, and returned a punt 77 yards for six points. His fumble recovery on an "onside kick" also gave BHS another scoring opportunity.

As if that weren't enough, Rodriguez tacked on a 75-yard kickoff return as third-quarter play ended.

The only negatives on the night were a knee injury to senior quarterback Brionne Jackson who left the game before halftime with a sprained knee and the seven penalties--a rare occurrence for the Coyotes this year.

Jackson should be ready for action this week against Loop.

Junior Shane Tarleton stepped up and finished with a 2-3-28 yards passing performance, including an 18-yard touchdown pass to Sharp that ended the game with 3:56 remaining in the final period.

As a team, the Coyotes made 13 first downs with a total of 304 yards from scrimmage. Special teams accounted for over 225 yards on the evening (kickoff and punt returns).

Defensively, the Coyotes had two take-aways: Sharp's interception which was set up by Raul Rodriguez's big hit and pass deflection, and Derek's quick reaction on a

planned (?) onside kick that boomeranged back to an alert Rodriguez who recovered the fumble.

(if that sentence sounds confusing, you should have seen it happen--it was even more confusing.

Four Coyotes were in double figures in the tackle department. Rodriguez had 11, Sharp given credit for 10, Talin Pepper coming in with 11, and junior Andy Lozano leading the way with 14--half of which were solo tackles.

Game summary of scoring drives and additional stats provided below:

7:35, 1st qtr: 7-yard TD run by Sharp, PAT good (Sharp)

:01, 1st qtr: 77-yard punt return by D. Rodriguez, PAT good (Sharp)

6:44 2nd qtr: 32-yard run by D. Rodriguez, PAT good (Sharp)

1:18 2nd qtr: 29-yard TD run Sharp, PAT good (Sharp)

:21 2nd qtr: 35-yard TD rush Sharp, PAT good (Sharp)

**HALFTIME SCORE:
40-12**

4:10 3rd qtr: 5-yard TD run by D. Rodriguez, PAT good (Sharp)

3:23 3rd qtr: 52-yard interception return by Sharp, PAT good (Sharp)



"I Got Him": Junior, Kyle Pinkerton #5, stands ready for the defensive play.

:46 3rd qtr: 75-yard TD on kickoff return by D. Rodriguez, PAT failed

3:56 4th qtr: 18-yard TD pass from Tarleton to Sharp--no PAT needed, game called

Other defensive stats: D. Rodriguez, 3 tackles; Tarleton, 4 tackles; Ben Griffin, 7 tackles (total reflects assists and solos)

Other offensive stats: Lozano, 1-2 rushing; Lozano, 1 catch for 13 yards; R. Rodriguez, 2 kickoff returns for a 26-yard average



Ready for action: Coyote Senior, Talin Pepper #30 is ready for action during Friday night's Victory over the Dragons.



Taking down a Dragon: Coyote defense show there is strength in number, as a pack of Coyotes take care of a Dragon in Friday's night game against Dawson Dragons.

- Photo's by LaNita -



UP! UP! And Away!: Sophomore Derek Rodriguez takes to the air as he jumps over a downed Dawson player.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thurs, Oct. 31st

Pups vs Loop There - 5:30 p.m.

Coyote JV vs. New Home - @Loop - 7:00

Friday, Nov. 1st.

Coyotes vs Loop Here - 7:30 p.m.

Texas Launches Unprecedented, Hard-Hitting Anti-DWI Campaign

Guidance Available to Parents About Graphic TV Spots

Starting October 7th, 23-year-old Jacqueline Saburido is appearing in the hardest-hitting anti-DWI television PSA ever aired in Texas.

Formerly a self-described "average college kid" who enjoyed swimming, flamenco dancing and spending time with family and friends, Jacqueline survived a fiery drunk driving crash in Austin three years ago which left her badly burned and disfigured. Because she passionately wants to make a contribution

to reducing drunk driving crashes, she agreed to appear in new television commercials sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) that began airing statewide on Monday, October 7th.

"Texas still leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities," explained TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Steve Simmons. "And that's why, even though some may find these images disturbing,

we are grateful to Jacqui for her willingness to help grab the attention of Texas drivers, especially teens and younger adults, and get them to focus on the frightening consequences of drinking and driving."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 1,800 people were killed on Texas streets and highways in 2000 in crashes involving alcohol. The DPS reports

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system is not compromised. This legislation will further solidify that confidence.

The bill requires states and the Secretary of Defense to implement a series of voting improvements for military and overseas voters. For instance, the Defense Department will ensure that a postmark or other official proof of the mailing date is provided on each absentee ballot collected at an overseas location or vessel at sea under its jurisdiction. This creates a standard by which all states can receive and tally the ballots of our men and women in uniform.

Another provision is the establishment of the Election Assistance Commission. The Commission will serve as a central clearing house for new technologies, procedures and policies regarding the administration of Federal elections. In addition, the Commission will conduct studies dealing with key election issues such as ballot designs for federal elections.

One element this bill does not legislate is a uniform poll closing time. News organizations have projected winners often before polls have closed, possibly affecting potential voters. Closing the polls at a uniform time would help avoid the kind of

preliminary projections that can sometimes depress turnout and inappropriately sway voters. The new provided funding to help ensure the voting system is fully accessible to those with disabilities. And voters who get to the polls and find out their names do not appear on a registration list, will now be permitted to cast provisional ballots. However, in order to guard against voter fraud, no provisional ballot will be counted until it is properly verified as a legal vote under state law.

American citizens living overseas, and especially members of our Armed Forces stationed abroad, must be certain their votes will be counted. Military members and their families should have utmost confidence that while they put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms, their ability to participate in our democratic process will not be compromised. The Commissioner will conduct studies to address some of those concerns.

When Americans go to the polls, we cast our ballots with the knowledge we live in the greatest democracy on Earth. Passing an election reform bill was an important step toward strengthening our national election system and ensuring it is worthy of the help democracy it helps to shape.

Christmas Decorating Contest

Make your plans now to enter your home and /or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lights for Gail. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact, and will be judged by an impartial judge. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners and will be announced in the Borden Star and at the Lighting of the Star.

Join in the fun, complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

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Christmas Decorating Contest

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Directions to home: _____

Mail your entry to "Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 25, 2002, and the location of the entry must be within a two-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Friday, November 29, 2002, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on outside decorating of your home and/or yard.

Don't forget
to **Vote**
Tuesday,
November 5th

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As a result of a conversion of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc. to a public stock company you could own stock in Cap Rock Energy if you have not already received monetary consideration for your capital credits (equity) interest in one of the above electric cooperatives.

If you believe you have a net equity balance in one or more of the above cooperatives, and you did not receive a copy of the prospectus and an election form for payment on your net equity balance, please contact Peg Geer at Cap Rock Energy at (915)684-0302.

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Cabbage - Kale - Fall Mums

Time to apply
Fertilome Winterizer
with weed preventer. Stops winter weeds.

Gerry's Greenhouse
905 N. Lynn 872-8660

Kids *STILL* Say the Darndest Things



English IV Student Reporters: Sunni Shipp, April Bouressa, Brandy Shafer, Pati Rodriguez and Kyliia Culp

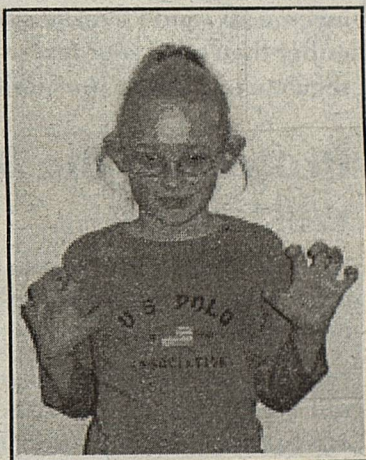


Question:
What's the Scariest Halloween Costume, and Why?



Eva Banaman
Kindergarten

"A witch and a ghost, because they are scary!"



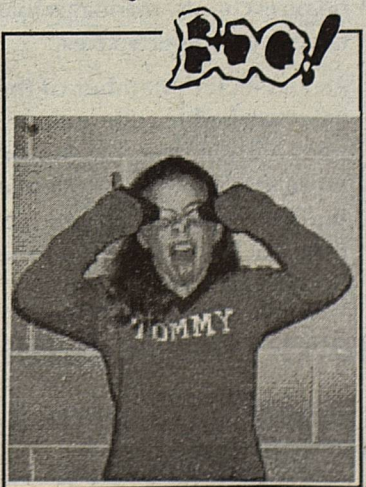
Annie Elias
2nd grade

"A bear, because it has claws!"



Seleste Herridge
3rd grade

"A skeleton, because all I can see if BONES!"



Taylor Richey
4th grade

"Probably a dead person, with blood dripping down and their face all torn up, because that's disgusting!"

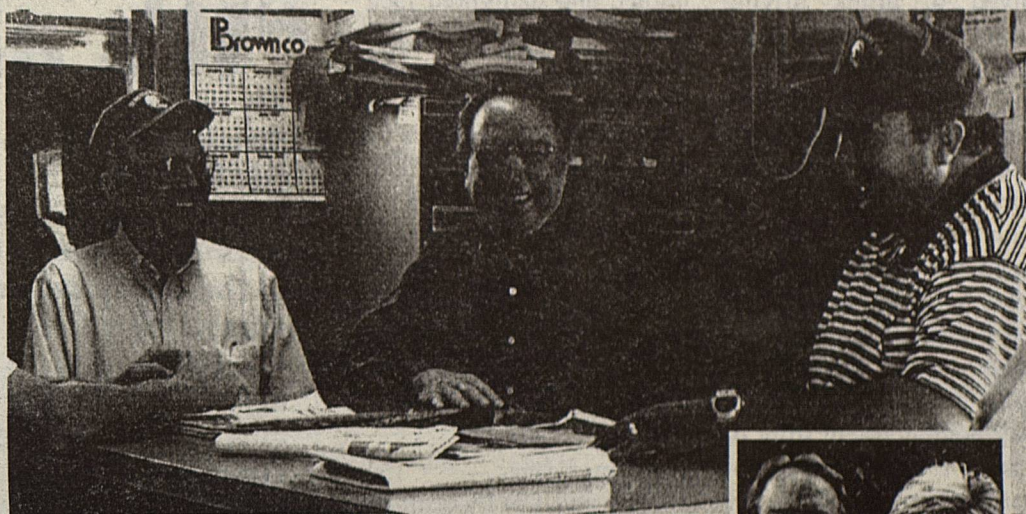
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Pete Laney

A Voice for Us,
a Speaker
for Texas

In the Texas House of Representatives, members have unanimously elected Pete Laney to be their presiding officer.

As Speaker of the House, Pete Laney puts partisan politics aside in order to move Texas forward. For him, it's about doing what's best for Texas. He's created an atmosphere of cooperation in the State Capitol that has inspired trust and confidence in state government.

When he became Speaker, the values that Pete Laney learned growing up on a farm near Hale Center - hard work, fairness and integrity - were his guiding principles. That's why for Pete Laney, representing the people of Texas means being the voice of the people.

Having our State Representative as Speaker of the House gives our area a strong voice in Austin. Pete Laney is the right man at the right time doing his job the right way. Let's re-elect Pete Laney as State Representative. He's a leader we can be proud of.

A Leader
we can be
Proud of

Pete Laney
State Representative

Early Voting is Oct. 21-Nov. 1; Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Paid Pol. Adv. James E. "Pete" Laney Campaign, Route 2, Box 115, Hale Center, TX 79041

Hard-Hitting Ant-DWI Campaign

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that on average, one person is hurt every 21 minutes in an alcohol-related crash, resulting in more than 25,000 injuries every year. Arrests in Texas for driving while intoxicated top 90,000 annually.

"Teens and young adults are the most likely to be involved in drunk driving crashes," said John Posey, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Heart of Texas Chapter. "Underage drinking is also a serious problem, and that's why we support this new campaign and applaud the courage and conviction of Ms. Saburido."

The new TV PSA is chilling in its power and simplicity. Jacqui is sitting in a chair holding up, in front of her face, a framed photo of herself prior to the crash. By any standard, this is the picture of a beautiful young woman. Continuing to hold the photo in front of her face, she says: "My name is Jacqueline Saburido. This is a

picture of me before I was hit by a drunk driver, before the car caught fire, before two of my friends died, before I needed more than forty operations. This was me when my life was just like anyone else in college." Then she lowers the photo, revealing her now badly burned and disfigured face - nose and ears missing. She then says, "This is me after being hit by a drunk driver." The commercial finishes with the announcer saying, "Don't drink and drive... ever."

TxDOT also has set up a special Webb site for parents who want pointers on how to talk to their kids about drunk driving or about the new television commercials. The web address is www.texasdwi.org.

The anti-DWI campaign will also include radio and billboard messages as well as posters distributed to schools and workplaces across Texas. The campaign is CO-sponsored by Mothers

Against Drunk Driving, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texans standing Tall, the Partnership for a Drug free Texas and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

**DON'T DRINK
and DRIVE!**

HAVE A
SAFE
& HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!



Moore-Rains Insurance

Frances Rains Stephens

O'Donnell, TX - Phone 806/428-3335

"It's about listening."

My name is Judy Strickland and I'm the Republican candidate for State Representative here in the newly drawn House District 85. I've traveled all across this district and listened to the concerns of the hardworking folks who live, work, and raise their families here. You've told me what you want from your next State Representative and I've listened, and when I get to Austin I'll continue to listen, because I'll work for you - not the special interests.

Judy Strickland



JUDY STRICKLAND
REPUBLICAN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

No State Income Tax

You told me you are sick and tired of talk from liberals about the need for a State Income Tax in order to solve the "so-called" budget shortfall.

We won't have a budget shortfall unless the legislature convenes and passes a budget that spends more than the state takes in. When elected, I'll never vote for an income tax, and I'll make sure we cut state spending rather than raise your taxes. We can't spend, tax, or regulate our way to prosperity.

Protecting the Backbone of West Texas

You told me that you want a Legislator who will fight to bring jobs and opportunities to West Texas, and who will protect our precious private property and water rights.

Farming, ranching, and oil and gas are the backbone of our West Texas economy. We must protect our agriculture economy, strengthen the oil and gas industry, protect our private property rights, and defend our water. Water is the lifeblood of West Texas and we must protect it from the big cities selfish developers who would deplete it.

Strengthening Public Education

You told me you are sick and tired of unfunded mandates on our schools, mandates that force local school districts to raise your property taxes.

As an elected Member of the State Board of Education, I have worked hard to ensure a quality education for all of our children, but that doesn't mean simply spending more state money or mandating local districts to do so. It does mean cutting red tape, restoring discipline and parental involvement, and letting teachers do what they do best, and that is teach.

*A proven conservative leader for West Texas.
A new Representative for our new District.*

Campaign Hotline (806) 293-0726

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email judy@judystrickland.com

Pd pol. ad by the Judy Strickland for State Representative Campaign, Dwain Fox, Treas. 1012 Jefferson, Plainview, TX 79072

END OF GAME NOTICE

Hurry In For These Six!

MOUNTAINS OF GOLD
Game #254 (\$2)
Mountains of Gold
*Overall Odds are 1 in 3.66

3 TIMES LUCKY
Game #289 (\$3)
3 Times Lucky
*Overall Odds are 1 in 4.01

CROSSWORD
Game #351 (\$3)
Crossword
*Overall Odds are 1 in 3.13

These games will close on November 30, 2002.

You have until May 29, 2003 to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

REEL IN THE MONEY
Game #310 (\$1)
Reel in the Money
*Overall Odds are 1 in 4.71

PRIDE OF TEXAS
Game #709 (\$5)
Pride of Texas
*Overall Odds are 1 in 3.57

Snake Eyes
Game #352 (\$1)
Snake Eyes
*Overall Odds are 1 in 4.88

You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 22 Texas Lottery Claim Centers or by mail. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).

NOTICE: A Scratch Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. *The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in these games, including break-even prizes. Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. © 2002 Texas Lottery.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 4th day of October, 2002, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding;
DOUG ISAACS, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1;
LARRY 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.

Also in attendance was **Joe Belew**.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of September 23, 2002 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTY 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.

ELECTION JUDGES

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to appoint Connie Stipe as Presiding Judge in Precinct No. 4B and Sarah Sharp as Alternate Judge in Precinct No. 4B. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Lemons made a motion for the County to make a donation to the Borden County Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of motor for Jaws-of-Life.

Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Bill Phinzy in Precinct No. 2 and from Vernon Wolf in Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMEND BUDGET

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve 2002 Budget Amendments as set out. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

YEAR 2002

THIRD QUARTE

GENERAL FUND
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
COURTHOUSE & BUILDINGS

\$4000 To Parts & Repairs from Utilities
 \$ 750 To Tools & Supplies from Equipment
COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

\$ 300 to travel - FCS from fuel

\$ 100 to travel - FCS from travel - Ag

MISCELLANOUS

\$4000 To Indigent Help from Trapper Salary

\$ 200 To district Judge travel from Trapper Salary

\$ 600 to Juvenile Probation Board from Trapper

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

\$ 600 to Travel from Lab Fees

\$3000 to Tools & Supplies from Trapper Salary (Misc.)

OFFICER SALARY FUND

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK

\$ 300 to Travel from Record Books

COUNTY JUDGE

\$ 50 To Postage from Telephone

COUNTY TREASURER

\$ 100 to Supplies from Equipment

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

\$2000 to parts & repair from ending balance

\$ 100 to tools & supplies from ending balance

\$25100 to equipment from ending balance

\$ 100 to fuel from ending balance

\$ 58000 to road materials from ending balance

PRECINCT #1

\$ 2500 to equipment from employees insurance

\$10000 to road materials from Prt. 1 ending balance

\$ 300 to parts & repairs from fuel & oil

PRECINCT #2

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

\$ 250 to tires & tubes from Prt. 2 ending balance

\$ 800 to road material from Prt. 2 ending balance

\$ 1000 to equipment from prt. 2 ending balance

PRECINCT #3

LINE ITEMS TRANSFER

\$75000 to equipment from Prt. 3 ending balance

\$ 3100 to tools & supplies from Prt. 3 ending balance

\$ 600 to tires & tubes from Prt. 3 ending balance.

PRECINCT #4

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

\$20000 to road materials from Prt. 4 ending balance

\$44000 to equipment from Prt. 4 ending balance.

RECORD MANAGEMENT

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

\$ 5600 to microfilming from records man. Ending balance

LINE ITEM INCREASE

(BUDGET INCREASE0

GENERAL FUND

EXTRENSION

ADD \$ 3500 to Pick up Repair from General Fund ending balance

Add \$ 2400 to House Repair from General Fund ending balance

OFFICER SALARY FUND

SHERIFF

Add \$3500 to Auto Repair form ending balance General Fund

Add \$1000 to Software Lease

DISCUSSION - ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Estimate of Paving Mileage for 2003
2. Reappoint Appraisal Directors.
3. Move Commissioners Court Meeting from November 11, 2002 to November 12, 2002.

ADJOURN

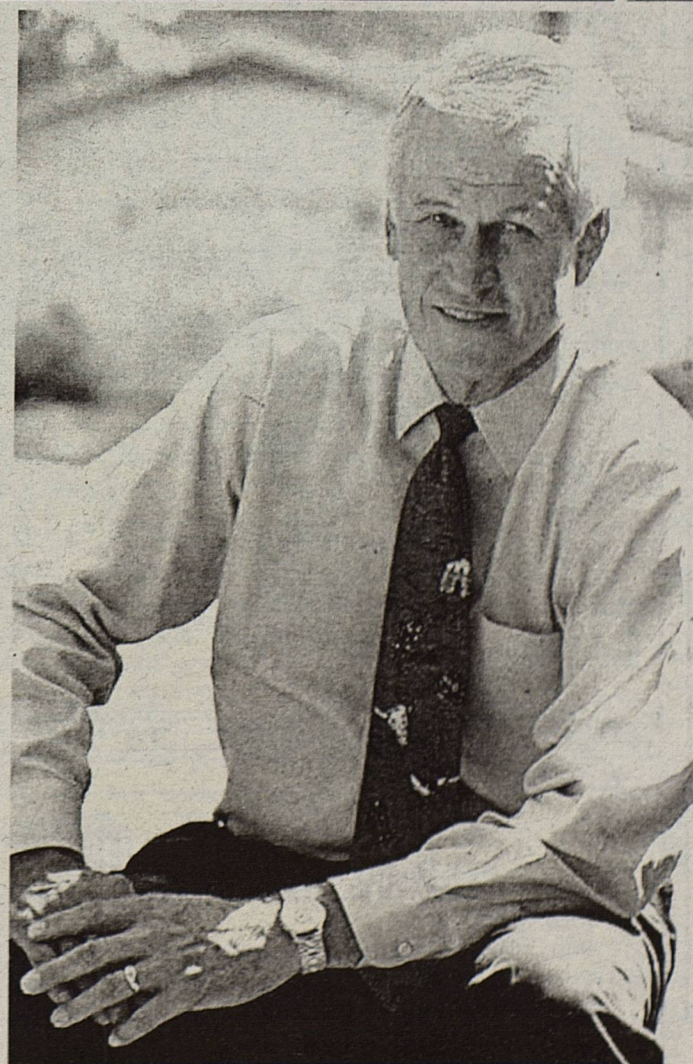
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Precinct #4
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17th Dist. US Congress
Charles Stenholm (D)

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James "Pete" Laney (D)

**November 5, 2002
General Election**

Drive Carefully and Watch out for the Children

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To all persons, parties and unknown heirs, and each of the persons and parties and unknown heirs, interested in the Estate of Earnest G. Miller, deceased, and the heirs of deceased whose names and residences are unknown.

You and each of you are hereby cited required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Borden County, Texas to be held in the County Court Room in the Courthouse of said county in the town of Gail, Borden County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before two o'clock p.m. on November 6, 2002, and which appearance shall be at such time by filing written answer to the application for Letters of Administration and Declaration of Heirship hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application for Letters of Administration and Declaration of Heirship will, at such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Maxine Miller in said court on the day of October 16, 2002.


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