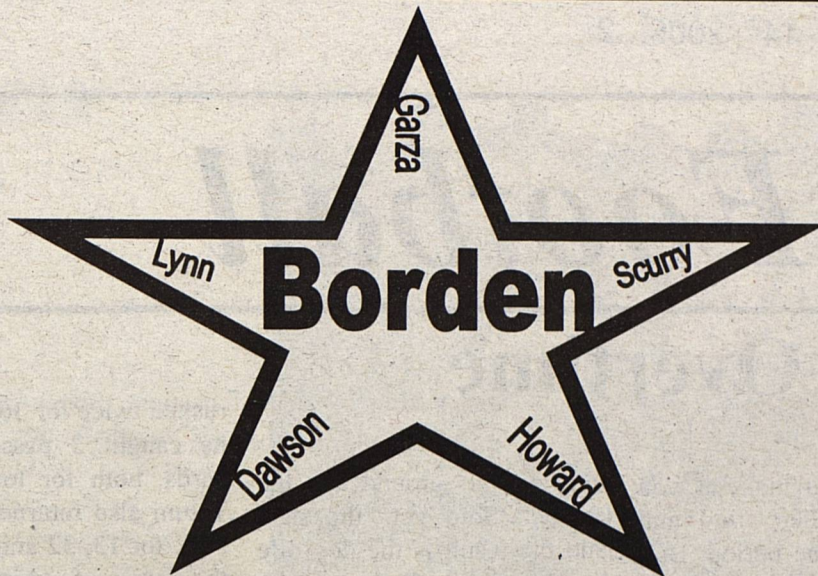


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## Hurricane Katrina taking toll on energy costs

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will be felt by those in the Gulf Coast for years. While our Texas cities are opening their doors, and Texans are opening their hearts, there is no way to fully prepare for the long-term devastation of Katrina. Yet, in the near term, people across the country are feeling the brunt of this storm in different ways, especially at the gas station.

Before we ever heard the name Katrina, our gas prices were on the rise. The strong economic growth we have experienced over the past two years, coupled with growth in other countries such as China and India, has driven high demand for oil.

The destruction of Katrina dramatically complicated the issue by affecting supplies of gasoline. The first day Katrina brutally slammed the Gulf Coast, a total of 615 manned platforms in the Gulf of Mexico and 90 drilling rigs were evacuated. These evacuations by week's end were equivalent to 52 percent of the 819 manned platforms in the Gulf of Mexico and 48 percent of the 137 drilling rigs which operate in the Gulf of Mexico.

Five refineries along the coast were forced to reduce operations. In all, 90 percent of the oil production and 80 percent of the gas production in the Gulf Coast was temporarily impacted. In addition, the widespread damage of Katrina impacted major pipelines, with three either totally or partially out of service. There is progress being made to bring these major pipelines back on line. The Colonial Pipeline — which carries 100 million gallons of gasoline and diesel to the south and eastern U.S. — was brought back to full capacity this weekend. This will help significantly with the oil and gas demand.

All said, Katrina brought with her a dramatic increase in gasoline prices around the country. The average price of regular grade in Texas rose to \$2.63 last Friday, with many consumers paying more than \$3 per gallon.

A supply shock such as this is potentially much more harmful to the economy and consumers than the previous demand-driven spikes and must be addressed aggressively. The Bush Administration took several steps

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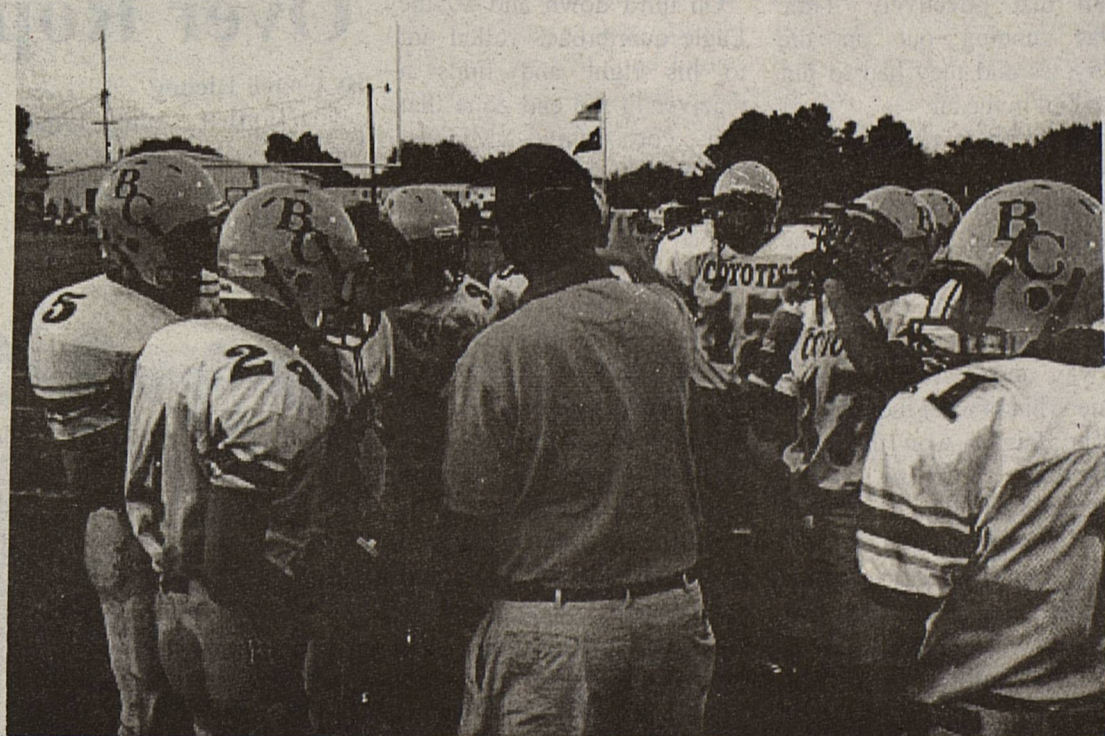
*Welcome Exes!*  
*Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.**  
East side of school

**Homecoming Meal: 5:30 p.m.**  
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**Game Time: 7:30 p.m.**  
**BORDEN CO. vs GRADY**

**Homecoming Dance: County Show Barn**  
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## Coyotes win in Overtime

We went to a football game; a track meet broke out with a basketball score. The Coyotes won last Friday in

Ropesville with an overtime score of 72-66. With 3:28 left in regulation the Coyotes scored and the decision was

made to attempt the 2 point kick for the PAT. Who knew that would be the last

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# Coyote Football



## Coyotes win in Overtime

By Coach Avery  
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touchdown in regulation when both teams seemed to be scoring at will, the Eagles through the air and the Coyotes mostly on the ground. With the score all tied up and with plenty of time for the Eagles to go retake the lead we got good pressure on their QB from Brad Tatum and he was forced to make one of his few mistakes of the game. This time the QB threw an off balanced pass that floated up and the Coyote safety Garrett Thomas picked it off. Now the Coyote offense, which has not had any trouble moving the ball all night, all they had to do was to take some time off the clock and get the ball in the end zone. But guess what, their defense tightened and the Coyotes were not able to move the ball that effectively. Time was running out on the Coyotes and they had to put the ball in the air.

On fourth down the Coyote QB, Chase Pinkerton was sacked and the ball went over to the Eagles. They had time for one more play which they chose to keep it on the ground and not throw the ball a way and just go to over time. That is what they did.

The Eagles won the coin toss and chose to go to defense first, which is what the Coyotes wanted to do. The Coyotes had to take the ball first and they chose the end of the field to play where the wind would be at their back for the extra point kick. The Coyotes scored in about 5 plays rushing the ball using Thomas and Tatum in the back field. Thomas was the one that took the go ahead score over from the 5 yard line. The extra point kick was even more important now

because if you make it you insured another tie and second overtime period. But, the kick was not made and it opened up the door for the Eagles to score and kick the PAT or run or pass for one point PAT, either one beats us. So let's not rely on the extra point to seal our fate, let's just not let them score. KEEP THEM OUT OF THE END ZONE, PERIOD. The Eagles took over on the 25, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15 Trey Soto and Tatum sacked the Eagle quarterback for a 5 yard loss. On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20 from the 30 yard line the Eagle quarterback threw the ball across the field to about the 5 yard line but Clint Chapman made a diving attempt to get to the ball and that he did, a near interception that went to the ground and thwarted what looked like another completed pass near the end zone.

On third down and 20 the Eagle quarterback rolled out to his right and finds a receiver in the end zone that had got behind Michael Bullinger, but Michael reacted well, backed up and leaped as the receiver did and knocked the ball incomplete.

On 4<sup>th</sup> down the Eagle quarterback rolled hard to his right as Soto is chasing him all the way, this time the QB has a blocker with him. He is looking and does not find a receiver all the time Soto is closing the distance between him and side line. As the quarterback feels himself hemmed up on the side lines he tries to make a move toward the center of the field to buy more time to throw. As the quarterback moves so does Soto, running through the blocker Soto gets to the quarterback, who then tries to get lose of Soto's grip on his ankle but he could not as the quarterback's knee briefly

touches the ground on the contact. Soto gets the sack and the result is the dog pile by the entire Coyote team, managers and some Coaches. What a game, what an ending, and what excitement. This was the first time for the Coyotes to ever go into an overtime game and they were victorious.

The Coyotes had 389 yards of offense, 317 of it on the ground. Ropes had 480 total yards of offense, most of it in the air. Thomas led the Coyotes offense rushing the ball 19 times for 151 yards and 5 touchdowns. Thomas also ran a kick off back 72 yards for a touchdown. Tatum rushed the ball 14 times for 119 yards and a touchdown. J.Ryan Gicklhorn

rushed twice for 36 yards and he caught 2 passes for 57 yards, both for touchdowns. Tatum also returned kickoffs back for 13, 32 and 54 yards, the latter of which he was tackled on the 2 yard line. Bullinger carried the ball one time for 11 yards and he caught one pass for 15 yards and a touchdown. Chase Pinkerton completed 3 of 6 passes for 72 yards and each completion was for a touchdown.

Clint Chapman led the defense in tackles with 14, and one big break up of an Eagle pass. Andrew Lamming had 12 tackles, and Thomas had 12 tackles, broke up two passes and had a huge interception. Tatum had 10 tackles 5 hurries of the QB and one big sack. Bullinger

had 6 tackles 2 hurries and one huge break up of a pass. Pinkerton had 5 tackles and one hurry, Gicklhorn had 5 tackles, one of which was a very terrifying hit of an Eagle running back. Soto had 5 tackles including 2 quarterback sacks, one of which ended the game.

"We only suit up 8 players on the varsity and they all play very hard. The blocking this week was very good and that opened up our runners to have a good game. I am proud of each and every one of these Coyotes and we will continue to improve," said Coach Avery.

The Coyotes next play Grady at home for Homecoming, on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Everyone come and watch your Coyotes in action.

## Coyote JV Gets Big Win Over Ropes Eagles

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior Varsity football team overcame a very slow start to come away with their first

victory in front of the hometown crowd.

After fumbling away the opening kick of the game, the visitors from Ropes wasted

little time in taking advantage of the hospitality by cashing in and taking a quick 6-0 lead early in the opening quarter

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JV Coyotes: (L. to R.) Clay Harding, Jake Cooley, Cory Teel, Dore Rodriguez, Asa Rutherford, Zane Williamson, Quentin Shafer, Miller Valentine Pascual Espinoza, Logan Howard and Kegun Clement.

# Coyote J V Gets Big Win Over Ropes Eagles

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of play. This quick score seemed to wake up the Coyotes as they promptly reeled off 40 unanswered points. The first of these points came on the first offensive play of the game for the Coyotes as freshman Jake Cooley took a hand-off from junior Asa Rutherford on a reverse play and raced 50 yards to pay dirt. Sophomore, Quentin Shafer gave the Coyotes a lead that would never be relinquished as he rounded the edge for a 1-pt conversion and a 7 to 6 Coyote lead. After a very impressive defensive stand, the Coyotes set out to build on their lead. Quentin put together back to back big gains, with the last one covering 32 yards to the 5 yard line. On the next play, Juniors Asa to Dore Rodriguez connected on a 5 yard touchdown play. The Coyotes now lead 13 to 6, still in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

After a Miller Valentine interception, classmate Quentin Shafer took a pitch and raced 23 yards to the end zone behind the blocking of Sophomore Logan Howard, Dore, Junior Zane Williamson, Jake, Asa, and freshman Clay Harding. Jake Cooley took a quick pitch from Asa to give the Coyotes a 20 to 6 lead at the end of one quarter.

The Coyotes did not slow down much in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, as they finally stopped the visitors on a semi-threat, the Coyotes quickly hit on a Rutherford to Cooley 40 yard touchdown pass. The Coyotes then tried to add to their lead on the extra point, but had to overcome back to back penalties. Now trying to add the point from 13 yards out instead of 3, Jake Cooley ran a halfback pass play, and found teammate Pasqual Espinoza for the point and his first ever points

in a Junior varsity contest. This gave the Coyotes an insurmountable 27 to 6 lead. The Coyotes were not finished in the quarter, as they put together a very time consuming drive after yet another impressive defensive effort by the Coyotes to score with only :17 left in the half, as Shafer added to his totals with a 5 yard run. Cooley added the extra point run and a 34 to 6 halftime lead.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was much of the same, as the Coyotes changed roles a little as Quentin threw a pass to quarterback Asa on a screen play. Asa turned this short pass play into a 39 yard touchdown as he received some very good blocks down field from Dore, Logan, and Miller. The score now stood at 40 to 6.

After the visitors managed to get back on the board, the Coyotes quickly wiped out any thoughts of a comeback, as Quentin scored his 3<sup>rd</sup> touchdown of the game on a 15 yard touch down run. Cooley added the point after and a 47 to 14 lead after three quarters. The visitors had another successful drive against the reserve defenders for the Coyotes and were able to add to their score to reach 22 points. Again, the Coyotes did not allow the visitors to gain any momentum as the Coyotes got a tremendous run from freshman Jake Cooley as he squirted threw some Ropes tacklers on his way to a 59 yard touchdown run. Quentin added the extra point and a final total of 54 to 22.

The Coyote defensive stiffened as freshman Clay Harding and Kegan Clement combined on a sack and then Quentin added a super defensive play with an interception. The Coyote offense actually drove the ball inside the Ropes 10 yard



**Junior High Coyote Pups:** Standing (L. to R.) Brendan Tarleton, Shane Howell, Karl Lamming, Chris Teel, Flynn Chapman, Miles Valentine, Derek Tatum, David Rodriguez and Eric Espinoza. Kneeling (L. to R.) John Hensley, Skyler Williamson, Dalton Thuett, Austin Tyler, Chance Taylor, Michael Cooley, Austin Fields and Blake Turner.

## Coyote Pups Pluck Eagles 36-21

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote Junior High team defeated the Ropes Eagles here in Gail last Thursday. The Pups began their scoring early in the game as John Hensley ran the opening kick off back 50 yards for a touchdown. The Pups allowed the Eagles a

line, but chose to kneel on the ball instead of adding points and came away with a very impressive 54 to 22 initial victory of the season.

The Coyotes got outstanding play from its junior leaders, Zane, Asa, and Dore. They also had very solid play from the junior class of Quentin, Miller, and Pasqual. The freshman class of Cory Teel who blocked extremely well, Jake, Clay and Kegan continue to improve week after week. All in all, this was a very impressive total team effort. Asa threw for two touchdowns and had another pass to Miller that set up another touchdown. Jake and Quentin each had 3 touchdowns and both rushed for over 100 yards. Defensively, Coach B got the guys flying around to the ball and came away with two interceptions. Good job guys. Good luck in Grady Thursday.

score and an extra point which gave them the lead 6-7.

On the Pups first play from scrimmage Michael Cooley carried the ball 50 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was no good and the score was 12-7. The Pup defense allowed the Eagles to score again and the extra point was good making the score read 12-14.

On the next possession Cooley scored again from 30 yards out. The PAT failed and the score was 18-14. Right before half time Flynn Chapman intercepted an Eagle pass and returned it 40 yards for a TD. The PAT failed and the score was 24-14 at the half.

In the second period Cooley scored twice more for the Pups to move the final

score to 36-21. The Eagles scored their last touchdown as the Pups were being substituted by the mighty 6<sup>th</sup> grade group of boys and some of the other 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

Every body was able to play in the contest and they all did a great job. Others not mentioned are Miles Valentine, Skyler Williamson, Tony Soto, Brendan Tarleton, David Rodriguez, Derek Tatum, Karl Lamming, Chris Teel, Shane Howell, Chance Taylor, Austin Fields, Austin Tyler and Dalton Thuett. The Pups next game is Thursday, September 15 at Grady at 6:00 PM. Every one come on out and see these guys in action.

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Immediately following Bon Fire  
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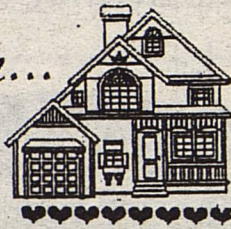


- Obey speed limits
- Watch for students walking and riding bicycles
- Be prepared to slow down and stop when school buses flash yellow and red lights.

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## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences



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### Panhandle-South Plains Fair Items Needed

Anyone that needs assistance in entering handmade items or goods in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, please contact the

Extension office at (806)756-4336. Entries must be submitted on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, September 21. For more information, visit the fair web site at <http://www.southplainsfair.com> or contact the Extension Office.

### 4-H News

#### 4-H Penny Drive for Hurricane Relief Fund

Borden County 4-H will be sponsoring a penny drive at school and at local businesses to help support the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund with the American Red Cross.

There will be jars placed in each home room from PreK-12 and one placed at the store, courthouse and Extension Office from Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope that this will allow everyone an opportunity to contribute to the relief fund, whether in a small or big way. For more information, contact any 4-H member or the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

### School Lunch Menu

September 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Monday - Breakfast:** Omelet, fruit juice & milk **Lunch:** Coyote taco, refried beans, salad, peaches, and milk.

**Tuesday - Breakfast:** Waffles, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Cheeseburger Mac, green beans, carrots, corn bread, Jell-o w/fruit and milk.

**Wednesday - Breakfast:** Ham & egg patty, fruit juice and milk **Lunch:** Chicken, potatoes, corn, hot roll, fresh fruit and milk

**Thursday - Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Polish Sausage, bake potato w/ham & cheese, steamed broccoli, crackers, ice cream and milk.

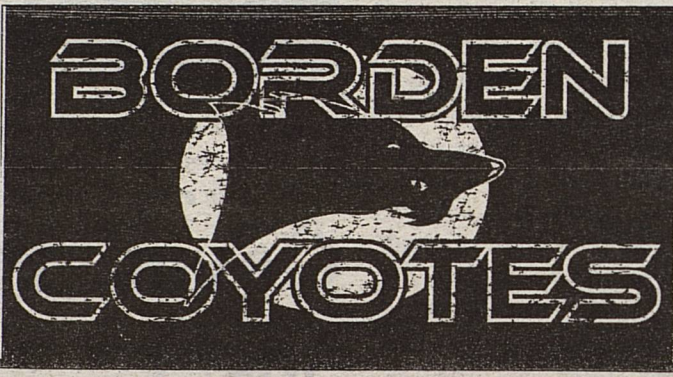
**Friday - Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, fruit juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken on a bun, French fries, salad cup, brownies, and milk.

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Any red short-sleeved t-shirts ordered may be in by Friday if placed by Wednesday morning



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## Learning and Living

by Becky Dobyms

*When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!*

- Psalm 119:7

# Germany Journal

## Part five

This morning we ate the same German breakfast as yesterday. Actually I was informed it is not actually German, but Turkish. At least the bread is. Anyway, then we had worship, quiet time and a really good lunch. During our lesson Jeff Simmons (the head missionary) talked about how to bring conversations around the Christ. I met a girl from a small town in South Germany named Elizabeth this morning in the bathroom. She's pretty shy, but very sweet. . . I think she's probably a little intimidated by how outgoing American girls are.

We then went out to Chorweiler-West and had house church and prayer walked for a while. Junior, Jordan, and I all went to the mall and got ice cream (eis). Jessica and Kara bought two scarves in the mall. They really want to talk to Muslim women and relate to them, so they're going to use the scarves as conversation starters by asking how they put them on and some different ways to wear them. We went back to the park and began picking up trash. Nearly my entire trek picked up trash, although a couple of the guys began playing soccer with two ten-year-old German boys. People's responses to us doing something as simple as picking up trash were amazing. See, Germans rarely smile at people they don't know. They just consider it weird, I guess. But today so many people smiled at us . . . it was encouraging because we hadn't gotten many since we've been here. Lara, our intern who's been here about six months now, said it was the first time she's ever seen Germans just smile at us as they walk by. A police officer came up to some of us and said she was so grateful we were picking up trash, because "the kids never do that around here." She asked us why Americans would want to pick up trash in a German park, and we told her we thought it was a shame to have

so much trash in such a beautiful park, and that we believed in service. She said she was going to tell the people in her station about it. Various others - an old man, a Russian girl, a young couple, all came up to members of the team to ask why we were picking up trash. It *stood out*. It was different. People could tell Jesus was different just by watching him, and they were drawn to it. We must be visible different if we want people to notice that we are ambassadors for Christ.

Then some of the guys got to talk to some people at the ping pong table as well. While they were doing that, Sherry (my trek mom) was picking up trash and felt the Holy Spirit telling her to go in a certain direction. At the time she couldn't see what lay in her path, but she went just the same, and came upon a Muslim woman and her two kids, a girl and a boy. Sherry had been making necklaces from flowers that day just to pass the time. Of course the little girl saw the necklaces and was fascinated, so she came closer and closer to Sherry. At that moment she realized why she had been making them. She was supposed to give the little girl one. So she asked the mother if she could, and she ended up making "jewelry" for all three of them. She started conversation with the little boy because he knew some English, and he translated for his mother and sister. The Muslim woman then brought Sherry a piece of watermelon and they all just sat talking as best they could for a while. Sherry told them that she was with a group that was here to learn about the culture and share theirs, and beckoned us to come over to the bench and introduce ourselves. The mother, smiling and friendly, then gave us all pieces of watermelon and we all talked.

We went and ate supper at this potato place called Farmers in the mall. It was funny because the potato was the main course

and the piece of chicken was the side dish, not the other way around. Every form of potato imaginable is sold there. They actually hand bake their own chips. Anyway we were sitting there and this girl sitting next to me kept staring. At first Lara and I thought she was making fun of me to her friend because of the way she talked and whispered. But then Lara listened harder and realized she was saying to her friend that the way I spoke English was cool, and that she wanted to learn to speak it like me. Lara started talking to her and realized that she lives near the hostel we're staying at. Jordan taught them how to say "baked potato" and they were so happy to learn an English word they didn't know. It turns out they work there, so the whole time they were taking orders they kept saying "baked potato!" over and over.

Colby then decided to go into the grocery store and practice starting conversations. He started off by asking, "What time is it?" and then decided to make it a little more random. He picked up this huge vegetable none of us recognized. It looked like a three-foot long white carrot. Curiosity got the better of him so he just walked up to some German guy and said, "What is this?" We were laughing so hard. It turned out to be a variety of radish. Then Sherry, Kara, Jessica, and I all went to the train station and just sat reading our Bibles. A bunch of people passed by and looked at us curiously. An old man came and sat right next to us and blatantly stared at what we were reading. He had this look in his eyes that I'll never forget. Jessica and Kara started singing "Sanctuary" all of a sudden. It was really pretty, and the old man started shaking. He looked overcome. Christ's music has a powerful effect on people, even those who may not even understand it. We tried talking to him a few times, but we think he was deaf because he didn't respond or give any signal that he had heard us. All he did was look at us, with this mournful look in his eyes. When it was time to go back to the hostel, we left him staring after us with those same eyes, a longing and almost restless expression in them. We still feel like there's something else we should have done, but we don't know what.

We all fell a bit unsettled about that.

The ministry we did today was living ministry - it wasn't deliberate. Of course we were still trying to minister, but not to the point where we forgot that God loves to use regular acts of living as ministry. Lara said that all the other groups that have been here have been so deliberate that it's been awkward. If you're too deliberate, you lose sight of relying on God to show you what to do and who to talk to and where to go. It becomes your decisions, and not His. You can't create your own divine appointments.

Well, events then took a more lighthearted turn. As we were walking though the station to catch our train, we talked to this lady and two guys who were all German. They were hilarious! When we said we were from Texas, we braced ourselves for the typical "Oooh, Bush!" that usually follows. Instead, one of the guys said, "Oooh, Chuck Norris!" It was priceless. Lara was eager to continue the conversation, and asked if he knew any basketball (she knows of a lot of German basketball players). He said, "Ohhh ja! Basketball!" Then he pretended he was shooting a ball and that he was dribbling, although it wasn't a very good impression because he kept tripping and weaving around. Definitely a little intoxicated. After a little more conversation, the drunk man pointed to the other guy, who happened to look Middle Eastern. He said, "Be careful around him, Americans. He's the son of Bin Laden." We all laughed. He was trying to say something else, but he apparently didn't know the English words for what he was trying to say. So he asked if we knew Spanish. All of us know a little, and Junior is fluent in it, so we said yes. He said "Son of

bin Laden es muy peligroso!" It was very funny because here was this German guy talking to Americans in Spanish. Great stuff.

When we got back to the hostel, people from another groups shared some great stories. There was a funny one where this girl got up there and told about how she had started a conversation with a lady by complimenting her dog. (People are HUGE animal lovers around here. You see dogs everywhere.) She told us, "I asked the lady if she ever put her dog in a kennel, and she replied, 'No!! That is evil!!' So I said, 'Yeah, we only put our dog in a kennel when we go to church' . . . which was a lie, but I was trying to bring the conversation around to God!" We all laughed, even though we knew how bad it was but Jeff Simmons wasn't happy at all. He gave us a really severe speech about doing stuff like that.

As I was leaving worship, I saw Elizabeth, the girl from South Germany, on the elevator. We talked some more. She's very sweet and I pray for more opportunities to talk to her. I missed some opportunities to talk to people that the Holy Spirit provided today and I feel really bad and discouraged. I will try again tomorrow. Sherry and I had a great talk about it just now so I feel a little better. Oh gosh! Just now, Jordan, Kara, and I were looking out the window and saw a drunk German guy doing the funniest stuff. He was trying to get our attention . . . European guys are so flirtatious! I mean American guys are too, but European guys are far more blatant about it, I guess. He was doing all these stupid dances, singing to us, blowing kisses, and yelling things. We just laughed and shut the blinds. Anyway, maybe today was a learning experience and tomorrow God will use me in more ways.

## Thank you,

*We would like to thank our many friends for the phone calls, food, flowers, prayers and other acts of kindness, during the loss of our mother and grandmother.*

*May God Bless You,  
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and Family*





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## Why are we so busy?

Just about everybody I talk to says, "I've been busy," when I ask what they've been doing lately. I mean it's rare when I get any other answer. Everybody's busy.

That worried me.

When someone asks me what I've been doing, my standard reply is, "just goofing off, taking it easy, relaxing, having a ball."

The looks I get after my utterance are varied.

Some people just sort of smile, others just not their head, as if to say, you're not busy enough." Some people look at me like I'm crazy. Rarely does someone say, "boy I wish I could say that."

I think it's boring to tell people you're busy. Who cares? It that something rare? To be busy? Are we supposed to be busy all the time? Can't we ever have a day off?

I admire the European attitude toward life and work. Generally, to the European, work is just a part of life, not the whole thing.

A man from Spain told me he could do twelve months' work in eleven months, but not in twelve. When I asked

him what he meant, he said he has to have a month off to have new experiences, go to new places, meet new people, spend time with the family and forget about work for a month. He said it gives him a whole new perspective on life. He enjoys the month off to relax, read and rejuvenate.

Being busy is very American, I know. Time is money. Europeans say time is life. To their way of thinking, life comes before money. Only the wealthiest Americans say that money is secondary to enjoyment.

All 9 members of our

family had a get-together on South Padre this summer. Our two sons, their wives and children joined us in a corner condo on one of the high rises on the beach. We read, laughed, played on the sand and in the warm gulf water, laughed, tested our skill at table games, enjoyed delicious food prepared in the condo, laughed, sat on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor balcony and surveyed the scene, laughed and took naps. The beach was clean and the temperature was just right for enjoying summer by the sea. The previous week a hurricane came ashore, but missed South Padre.

We spent a day of fun at Schlitterbahn, one of the most innovative water parks in the country. One reason we enjoyed it so much was the fact that our sons had visited Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels when they were youngsters. One of our 2 two-year-old grandsons loved the water. The other thought he had enough after a few

minutes.

We started our annual get-together last year when we went to Lake Tahoe. We decided that we were all busy, but needed to take some time off once a year to

be together when there wasn't a wedding or funeral or illness or holiday. At South Padre, we were relaxed and rejuvenated. It was a valuable and rewarding use of time.

## Coyote Varsity Football Schedule for Fall 2005

### Scrimmage:

Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Aspermont & Motley Co.

@ Aspermont 6:00

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup>	New Home	There	7:30
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meadow	Here	7:30
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ropes	There	7:30
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> **	Grady	Here	7:30
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellman	There	7:30
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN		
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	* Westbrook	There	7:30
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	* Loraine	Here	7:30
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	* Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	* Highland	Here	7:30
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	* Trent	There	7:30

\*District Games \*\* Homecoming

## Junior Varsity and Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Team	Time
Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	New Home	Here	JV	6:00
Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Meadow	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ropes	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grady	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wellman	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Trent	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Westbrook	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Loraine	There	JH	6:00
	Highland	Here	JV	TBA
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> t	Ira	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Highland	There	JH & JV	6:00

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recently to relieve supply pressures while efforts are being made to bring the oil rigs, refineries and pipelines back into full service.

Within hours of the hurricane passing, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a nationwide waiver on certain standards to allow for the use of "winter blend" reformulated gasoline in place of "summer blend" that is otherwise required to be used through September 15. This action makes available considerable stocks of reformulated gasoline that are in storage to fulfill consumer demand and immediately ease supply problems.

President Bush also ordered oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to be released. The initial amount will add 30 million barrels to the market. Within 48 hours of receiving requests from oil companies, oil was on its way from the SPR to refineries. The SPR contains 700 million barrels, so we have plenty to work with during this crisis. At the same time, other countries of the International Energy Agency announced they will release an additional 30

million barrels of petroleum, and 20 tankers are making their way to the U.S. to deliver this energy.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has also waived Jones Act restrictions which limit the use of ships under foreign flags in order to allow additional tankers and barges to transport oil and gasoline into ports around the country. These specific ports may have seen supply disruptions as a result of pipelines running below capacity.

These bold moves immediately relieved pressures in the market. The price of a barrel of oil dropped to \$65 just over a week after Katrina first touched ground. While some of the supply problems will be resolved relatively soon, it may take some time to get all refining and drilling facilities online again. In the meantime, I will continue to work with President Bush to seek both short-term and long-term solutions to ensure consumers have sufficient supplies of gasoline.

Energy costs are a part of Katrina's aftermath that affects jobs and budgets of all Americans.

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2005 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas on Proposed Traffic Regulation, (closing road to thru truck traffic) on certain county road, as required by Subchapter E., Section 251.151 of Texas Transportation Code. Road to be considered is Cemetery Road.

Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

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## Congressional Response to Hurricane Katrina

After spending several weeks back in West Texas meeting with constituents across the 19<sup>th</sup> district, I'm back in Washington this week as Congress reconvenes for the fall. The original plan was to get right to work on finalizing next year's federal budget. However, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Congress has made responding to this tragedy its top priority.

Congress initially approved \$10.5 billion to assist the early response efforts. And then last Thursday, Congress passed a second, more substantial disaster aid package that totaled \$51.8 billion. This dollar amount covers a large number of relief efforts, ranging from providing food, water, and temporary housing for hurricane victims to supporting search and rescue teams.

The response to Katrina will be on the congressional agenda for the foreseeable future. Most likely, it will be necessary for Congress to put together additional packages to meet the needs of the ongoing recovery efforts. Furthermore, Congress must take a long, hard look at the response to this disaster.

While many people should be commended for their efforts and while there are many good stories to be told, there are many things that did not go well. As President Bush himself stated in the days following the storm, the overall response was "unacceptable." Governments at all levels - local, state, and federal - will need to review how they prepare for, and respond to, disasters. Congress, too, will need to look at itself to see where we may have fallen short.

More hurricanes may hit the United States in the coming weeks, and next year will bring another hurricane season with its share of storms that will threaten American cities. And many parts of the country remain

possible targets of a terrorist attack. Our nation will be called on again to respond to a tragedy, and we must be better prepared for that day.

## Effect on Gas Prices

Not only has Katrina directly affected the lives of thousands of Americans living along the Gulf Coast, but this catastrophic storm has had other indirect effects on our country as well. Already climbing gas prices have jumped even higher in the days since the storm hit. The price at the pump has risen to three dollars a gallon in much of the country.

Three dollar a gallon gas has been decades in the making. Demand for gasoline has steadily risen in recent years. However, we have neither discovered an adequate amount of domestic supply of oil to meet that demand, nor have we increased our refinery capacity. In addition, we have not been successful in finding new methods of conservation that don't cripple the eco-

nomny.

The Energy Bill that Congress passed in July was a step in the right direction. It includes conservation measures, such as increasing the amount of ethanol used in gasoline, and developing other renewable fuels in order to lessen our dependence on oil. The bill also takes steps to increase our refining capacity by removing unnecessary regulations that hamper the development and renovation of refineries.

Recent government action regarding gas prices includes opening up the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in response to Katrina. And hearings in the House began last week to investigate the issue of price gouging at the pump. It should be noted that price gouging is illegal. If you believe a certain gas station or gas company is artificially inflating its prices, be sure to report any such cases to Texas' Attorney General by calling 800-252-8011.

--Randy

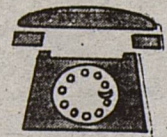
## MEETING PLANNED

A Lights for Gail meeting to plan for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting of the Star will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse. Anyone interested in helping with this year's Celebration is encouraged to attend and help with the planning process. Help is Needed!

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## Children's Health

### After-School Snacks Add Nutrition to Kids' Diets

(NAPS)—Because children's lunches may go uneaten or may be traded away, many parents use delicious, high-energy afternoon snacks to supplement their children's diets.

The key is to keep it simple and plan ahead for those inevitable afternoon lows.

Finger foods are always a hit with kids and snacks lend themselves to casual eating. A snack mix the kids help stir up the night before and pour in paper bags they decorate themselves is a fun way to get them involved in smart snacking.

Make-ahead foods that are ready when the kids arrive home are easy on parents, too. Try spreading a tortilla with cream cheese, cinnamon and raisins, roll up and cut into bite-sized rolls. Present the spirals in paper cupcake holders to add the element of fun.

To make an edible "wizard's wand" spread the top half of a large pretzel rod or bread stick with peanut butter, then roll in zante currants or raisins. Fill graham crackers with peanut butter

and dried apples for a cracker sandwich, or thread fruit and cheese onto kabob skewers.

Here are two simple snacks that can be made ahead and are real kid pleasers. For more ideas check out [www.sunmaid.com](http://www.sunmaid.com).

#### Honey Bee Treats

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup honey
- 1 cup non-fat dry milk
- 1 cup Sun-Maid Natural Raisins

Blend all ingredients, mix well. Shape into a log and slice treats.

Store in airtight container.

#### Everything But The Kitchen Sink Mix

- ½ cup candy coated chocolate pieces
- 1 cup Sun-Maid Natural Raisins, or Golden Raisins
- 1 cup dry roasted peanuts
- 1 cup oat cereal rounds or



Kids can easily help create a nutritious after-school snack that's fun to eat.

- low-fat popcorn
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

In large self-sealing plastic bag, place first three ingredients. Seal bag and gently rotate mix together. Pour in cereal or popcorn and marshmallows. Makes 5 cups, 8 to 10 servings.

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Patience is the companion of wisdom.

—St. Augustine

## Opry Talent Search

The 2005 Coyote Opry is just around the corner. In fact it's just 10 days away. 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 Opry Talent Agency by Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 if possible.\*\*

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