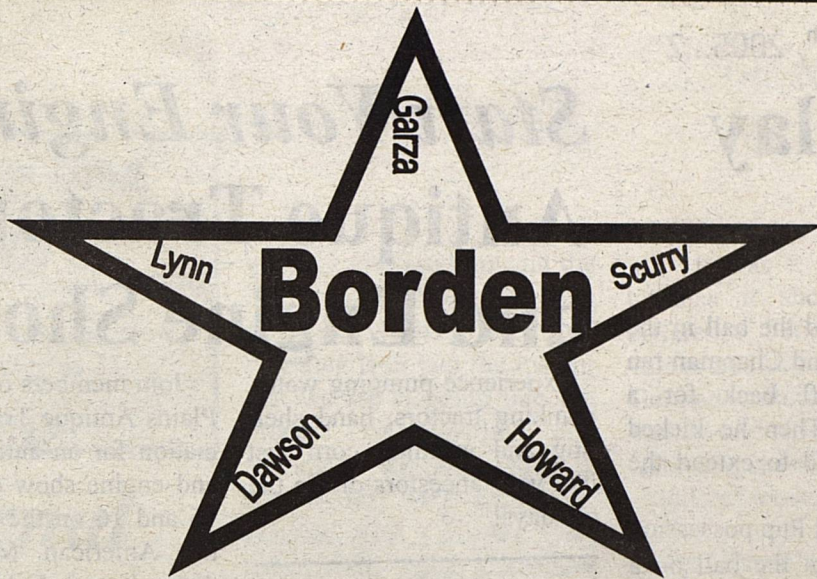


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A Weekly Newsletter from
Congressman Randy Neugebauer

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Bringing Environmental Policy Up to Date

Since the early 1970's, I imagine most people have made changes and improvements to their homes, their automobiles, and, hopefully, their wardrobes. Oftentimes, things that serve a good purpose need upgrades from time to time. This rule of thumb applies to legislation as well. Laws that were passed years ago need to be revisited every now and then in order to fix parts that aren't working well or to bring them up to speed with current technology. With that in mind, the House took a look at an important environmental law last week.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was signed into law in 1973. After more than three decades of implementing this regulation, the ESA has failed to achieve its goal of bringing species back from the brink of extinction. Since the law was passed, roughly 1300 species have been listed as endangered. In the 32 years this law has been on the books, less than 1 percent of the species listed (a grand total of 10) have recovered. In addition, the status of 39 percent of all listed species is listed as "unknown" and 21 percent are classified as

"declining". Clearly, this law is broken and needs to be fixed.

The House passed legislation last week to do just that. The House reform package focuses on species recovery by creating recovery teams and requiring recovery plans with timelines. It increases openness and accountability, strengthens scientific standards, and creates bigger roles for state and local governments which have a better handle on local concerns. Another important reform is that the bill provides more incentives for private property owners to work in support of, rather than against, the policy. And, finally, the bill eliminates dysfunctional critical habitat designations that cause conflict without benefit. It is my hope that the Senate follows through on these reforms for the benefit of endangered species as well as local communities and private property owners.

Reminder About Ag Listening Session

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns and I will be in Lubbock on Wednesday, October 5th to hear what West Texans have to say about

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American businesses are competing with countries from all over the world. We believe firmly in free trade, and we know Americans can compete successfully with all nations. Free trade brings us low-priced goods from foreign markets at the same time it opens those markets for our goods and services.

We recognize that this means that we compete with foreign businesses that pay their workers much less. While this seems to put us between a briar patch and a boar hog, we will continue to be successful for many of the reasons we became a world superpower: ingenuity, hard work, and flexibility. We are unparalleled when it comes to making new discoveries and utilizing those discoveries in new products. To ensure our success, we need to increase our commitment to research in the hard sciences.

Science and invention have always been among America's great strengths. Inventor, scientist and statesman Benjamin Franklin has been described as "the first American." Thomas Edison's light bulb and Alexander Graham Bell's telephone are products of American ingenuity that have revolutionized the entire world. Americans also created the personal computer, the

artificial heart and the sewing machine. Numerous Americans have won Nobel prizes in the sciences.

From 1998 to 2003 Congress doubled the budget for the National Institutes of Health. We recognize the benefits of medical research are two-fold. It leads to new advances in the struggle against disease, improving and extending people's lives. Their research also provides our economy with valuable new products and services that our businesses can export all over the world.

Congress's increased investment in NIH has born substantial fruit. Consider just a small portion of our harvest from doubling its budget. In 2003, NIH announced the successful completion of the human genome project. NIH-funded teams sequenced the three billion DNA letters of the human genome—one of the most

remarkable feats in medical history. This accomplishment will help scientists turn the tide against cancer, diabetes and other diseases. The knowledge gained from the project assists doctors in predicting individuals' predisposition to specific illnesses by examining their genetic makeup.

Congress's increased funding has also advanced our defense against a serious terrorist weapon—anthrax. NIH has funded scientists who have determined the three-dimensional structure of anthrax toxins, helping with the development of antitoxins. As a result, doctors may eventually be able to neutralize anthrax in the later stages of the disease, something previously impossible because antibiotics are not effective against it at that point.

If you avoid the doctor

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Coyote Football

Thursday – October 6th

Coyote Pups vs Westbrook – Here – 6p.m.

Coyote JV vs Westbrook – Here

Friday – October 7th – District Play Begins

Coyotes vs Westbrook – There – 7:30 p.m.

Come out and Support the Coyotes!

Coyote Pups Slay Gorillas

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Junior High football team hosted the Trent Gorillas last Thursday and slew those Gorillas with a score of 41-8.

The game began with Flynn Chapman carrying the ball 30 yards for a TD on the first play of the game. Then Chapman intercepted a Gorilla pass and set up a 14 yard run by Austin Fields for pay dirt.

The next Gorilla possession was spoiled as Miles Valentine sacked the QB twice in a row. Then just before the first half was over Chapman completed a pass to Karl Lamming for a 50 yard touchdown play. Chapman kicked the PAT good and the Coyotes led 20-0 at the half.

We received the ball in the second half and Chapman ran that kick off back for a touchdown. Then he kicked the PAT good to extend the lead 28 to 0.

On the next Pup possession Chapman took the ball on a busted play and found his way around the corner to run 39 yards for another touchdown. This made the score 34-8.

David Rodriguez and Derek Tatum sacked the QB on the next Gorilla possession. When the Pups took the ball again Chapman hit Brendan Tarleton on a 22 yard pass reception. Then John Hensley ran the ball 45 yards for a touchdown. Austin Fields ran the ball over on the extra

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point to make the score 41 to 8.

This was a fun game where everyone on the team was able to play a lot. Those that played and not already mentioned were; Dalton Thuett, Tony Soto, Austin Tyler, Chance Taylor, Shane Howell, and Chris Teel.

The Pups next play Westbrook here on October 6; ya'll come out and enjoy some more fun.

Join members of the South Plains Antique Tractor Association for an antique tractor and engine show on October 15 and 16 on the grounds of the American Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock.

The fun-filled weekend begins at 9:00 Saturday morning. Interactive displays will be available all weekend. Tractor games will begin at 10:30, followed by the Parade of Power at 1:30. Another round of games will conclude the afternoon's activities at 2:30.

A Sunday morning worship service will kick off the day's events at 9:00 a.m. The tractor parade will begin at

1:30, with awards being presented at 2:00 p.m. Concessions will be available both days.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children, and those under 10 years old are free. Proceeds will benefit the American Museum of Agriculture. The museum is located at 1501 Canyon Lake Drive - one mile east of I-27, between Broadway and 19th Street.

For more information or to register for the show, call Chester Harth at (505) 273-4396, Jim Johnson at (806) 757-2247, or Angela Beesley at (806) 239-5796.

The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.

—Mark Twain

Coyote JV Continue their winning ways in convincing victory over the Gorillas

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior Varsity football team continued their hot streak as they hosted the Trent Gorillas, and the Coyotes were not real nice hosts. The Coyotes wasted little time in setting the tone for this contest, as a quick reverse by Jake Cooley for 40 yards set up a quick Quentin Shafer 6 yard touchdown run. Jake followed that with a run for the point after and a quick 7 to 0 lead for the hometown coyotes with 6:57 left in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kick-off, kicker Zane Williamson recovered a fumble for the Coyotes on the return at the 5 yard line. On the very next play, Junior Asa Rutherford hit classmate and teammate Dore Rodriguez for the touchdown pass play. On the extra-point, Asa hit his other classmate and teammate Zane for the extra point and a

quick 14 to 0 lead with 6:23 remaining in the opening quarter. After Coach Benavidez defense finally took the field, they wasted little time in establishing their dominance on this side of the ball, as they forced the visiting Gorillas to punt after 3 plays. The Coyotes continued their offensive showing as Asa hit Jake for a quick 20 yard pass play and then Quentin followed that with a very nifty 15 yard run followed by a 2 yard touchdown and a 20 to 0 lead with 2:57 left in the quarter.

On the Coyotes next defensive possession, Asa recovered a fumble at the 33 yard line to set up another quick 3 play drive to start the 2nd quarter. Jake did most of the work on the ground as he rushed 23 yards on first down and followed that with a very strong 8 yard run for the touchdown and a very

commanding 26 to 0 lead with 7:42 left in the quarter. After stopping a very methodical drive by the Gorillas, the offense took over again with only a few minutes left in the opening half of play. The Coyotes used a very time consuming drive that was capped off by a very well executed fake reverse pass play to Miller Valentine from Asa for another Coyote touchdown and Miller's first touchdown of his high school career. The score just 4 seconds before halftime gave the hometown fans and the Coyotes a very comfortable 32 to 0 lead.

In the second half, the Gorillas played with a lot of heart and determination. Playing a very conservative offensive half by the Coyotes, the home team did not muster much offense, but after a touchdown by Trent,

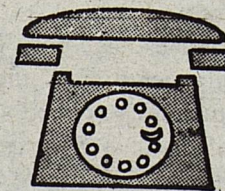
the Coyotes put together a very impressive drive to let the Gorillas know who the better team was in this contest. The Coyotes were able to convert a nice pass and catch play from Asa to Dore on 4th down to keep the drive alive. This play covered 25 yards, which set up another 5 yard touchdown run by Quentin Shafer who used a very strong and determined effort to score behind the blocks of Logan Howard, Cory Teel, Zane, and Jake. This touchdown with 2:41 left in the 4th period provided us with our final score of 38 to 7 and a 4th consecutive victory for the

Coyote Junior Varsity.

Also contributing to the victory either by blocking or tackling was Pasqual Espinoza, and Clay Harding. Quentin and Jake again both rushed for over 100 yards while Asa threw for over 80 yards. Zane Williamson again led the defense along with some very solid line play by Dore, Logan, Cory, Clay and Pasqual. Quentin, Asa, Jake and Miller took care of the secondary. This was a very solid effort by the young Coyotes. They will next host a very tough Westbrook Wildcat team on Thursday.

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Learning and Living

by Becky Dobyns

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

- Psalm 119:7

Germany Journal

Part seven

Whee. Today was awesome. Jordan got to eat breakfast with some German girls at seven this morning. I didn't talk to Elizabeth, the girl from South Germany, today, but I pray for an opportunity tomorrow if it is God's will. Worship was so cool again today. I've been learning that discipleship is so important within the church...it's not about how many people you can pack into a building. We worshipped partly in German again. I mispronounced nearly all the words, again. Today Jeff Simmons, the head missionary, told us that today we were to have LTGs (Life Transformation Groups). This is basically where two or three people just talk and study God's Word and disciple each other.

On the train out to Chorweiler-West, Jessica got to talk to a lady sitting across from her. They had a good conversation until the Silver Group (mine) had to get off. What's cool that we found out this afternoon is that afterwards the Orange Group (Lindsey's) continued the conversation, and she even let them pray with her. We often fail to realize that God's work doesn't stop with us...He is not limited to certain people. He continues work long after we're gone.

When we got to the park, we had house church. Immediately afterward, Lara, our intern, said, "Becky, God wants you to be in my LTG today. And Jessica, you be with us too." Jessica, Lara, and I then prayer walked all the way to the stamp shop and the mall. We then spent

all day there, and it was wonderful. In the meantime, the guys in our group and Jordan played soccer in the park with some German kids, and Jordan and Kara even got to have a spiritual conversation with a lady. During our LTG at the eis (ice cream) shop, I discovered that Lara and I are going through a lot of the same things. We're so similar. I'm so glad God put me in her group...It's so divine because I had been noticing her journal entries the most online, and I even printed out a poem she wrote because it was so beautiful. And then the very same girl turned out to be the intern of my group!

We got to talk to the men who work at the eis (ice cream) shop a lot today, because we were there three hours! Our whole group has been building a really good relationship with them. They give us extra scoops and always go out of their way to converse with us. Not only did we bond with them, but we bonded with each other as well. Lara, Jessica, and I shared everything with each other. An old man sat down in the table right next to us only a few minutes after we got there. He was all alone, eating ice cream and smoking a cigarette. His ice cream was gone in about ten minutes, but he sat there all alone listening to us and glancing at our Bibles for the whole three hours that we were there! It's so cool because this morning Jeff Simmons had talked with us about the part of the harvest that is vintaging (discipling) and we ended up not only discipling each other, but

giving a German man and the eis men a glimpse into how awesome Christian love is!

Jessica later had the insight that we are stepping into the process of plowing and sowing in our area, because Chorweiler isn't ready for reaping yet. I am again seeing how God continues His work from group to group, because the last team that came to Chorweiler (the first to ever come to this area) found hardly anyone here. They prayed and prayed (plowed) for God to bring more people to this area. Now that we're here, there are tons of people to talk to (sowing). After our LTG was over, Jessica had to use the restroom. We started heading toward the Burger King one because it's free, but Lara stopped us and said to go to the one we have to pay to use. When we got there, we found a lady yelling at the attendant about having to pay. We talked to him about it and laughed a little about the lady's crazy reaction, and found that his name was Boat and he was from West Africa. He started telling us about his life and problems he was having, and we asked if we could pray for him. He paused and said with a confused expression, "Why would you want to pray for me? I've never had anyone ask that before." It broke our hearts. We said simply that we cared about his problems and that God wanted to help him. He said, "Well, don't pray for me to make more money because that really doesn't matter. Just pray that I will be stronger and fit to support my family, and that my job will be enough to do

it." It was a neat moment because it showed us the difference between German values and American values. German culture is all about family and friends...we too often forget our loved ones in pursuit of money.

We all met up at the train station after dinner, which was at the potato shop as usual. We got to further talk to the ladies that work there. It was scary at first in the train station because there was a brawl going on right outside. We heard people yelling and beer bottles smashing, so we decided to go downstairs. Lara then surprised us by spreading out some red material she'd gotten at the Euro Shop, and taking out some Turkish bread and grape juice. We had communion right there, just sitting on the hard floor in the middle of the train station. As she was pouring the juice, she reminded us that no matter how many people Jesus talked to each day, he had communion with those closest to him. We sometimes lose that intimacy in the big church setting. She also noted that bread and wine were the principle foods of his time, and that's the main reason they ate it. Communion does not consist of just bread and wine; it can be anything. If Jesus were here today, he might have communion with his disciples at Sonic with cheese tater tots and cherry limeade. Whenever we eat with fellow believers, we need to realize that it is communion. As we sat and prayed and ate, tons of people passed by and saw us sitting there with our food

in a little circle...it was funny; they were wondering what on earth we were doing. Some people just stopped in their tracks and blatantly stared. After the communion was over, Lara and I devoured the rest of the Turkish bread. That stuff is so awesome. I'm tired, so good night.

School Lunch Menu

Oct. 10th - 14th, 2005

Monday - NO SCHOOL

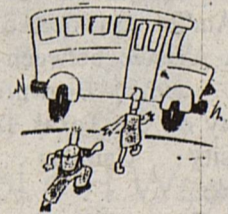
Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & biscuit, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Corn dog, salad, macaroni & cheese, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Sausage wrap, corn, cheese potatoes, fruit cup and milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Omelet, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, green beans, bread, Fruit salad, and milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Sub sandwich, salad, cup, fruit, sugar cookies, and milk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - FINANCEIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 P.M. ; OCTOBER 17TH 2005

The Borden County Independent School District will conduct a public meeting as required by State Law to review the District's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas which is referred to as the FIRST Rating. This meeting will take place in the Borden County School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17th, 2005

The 2005 School First ratings were based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2003-2004 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2004 fiscal year.



"Mail Bag"

This month is National Stamp Collecting Month

October is National Stamp Collecting Month (NSCM). Introduced in 1981, the NCSM program introduces children ages 8-12 to the fun and educational value of stamp collecting, one of the most popular hobbies in the world.

The Postal Service kicks off NSCM by issuing new commemorative stamps. This year, the featured stamps are Cloudscapes, 15 dramatic images of colorful cloud formations.

Stamp collecting is enjoyed the world over. Collectors, sometimes called philatelists, often specialize in one type

of stamp or another: new or used stamps, stamps issued by different countries, stamps for a particular postal service or stamps featuring a specific theme (called topical collecting).

If you want to learn more about U.S. stamps and stamp collecting, go to the "Collector's Corner" at www.usps.com/shop. To find a stamp show near you, go to the American Philatelic Society's web site at www.stamps.org or the American Stamp dealers Association site at www.asdaonline.com.

Secretary Johannas to hold Farm Bill Forum in Lubbock

John Fuston, State Executive Director of USDA's Texas Farm Service Agency announced today that Agriculture Secretary Mike Johannas will host a Farm Bill Forum Wednesday, October 5, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. AT The Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium located on Indiana Avenue between 4th Street and Brownfield Highway on the Texas Tech University Campus in Lubbock.

"The Farm Bill Forums provide an opportunity for USDA to hear directly from America's producers and other stakeholders who have tremendous insight to offer," said Johannas. "I'm approaching these listening sessions with an open mind, knowing the feedback we receive will be useful and help to set the course for a new Farm Bill."

The listening session is open to the public and seating is on a first come basis.

Speakers are not required to register, and will have two minutes to make their comment. Written comments may be submitted to USDA at the listening session or via the website at www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill", which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message.

When participating in the forums, the public is invited to respond to one or more of the following questions. The format of the forum will allow an open comment period for general Farm Bill comments.

1. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering

Transportation getting back to normal after Hurricane Rita

Transportation in Texas is getting back to normal in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

Throughout the crisis, TxDOT worked with other state and federal agencies in the Governor's Division of Emergency Management state operations center to coordinate transportation activities.

The Texas Transportation Commission, at its monthly meeting today, thanked TxDOT staff for its around-the-clock efforts in providing roads to safety, clearing those roadways for travel, and assisting in the recovery after the hurricane.

"From every point in the state, the evacuation from the

Gulf Coast region of Texas was a success. Over 3 million Texans were moved in less than 48 hours," said Ric Williamson, commission chairman. "That is not to take away from those who lost their lives during this period."

The chairman then read a letter from Governor Rick Perry thanking TxDOT employees on all levels for their work relating to the hurricane.

Also during the meeting, the commission approved action that will propose rules for rail facilities, project design considerations (aesthetics), use of options for advance acquisition of property, regional mobility authorities, motor vehicle sales, comprehensive devel-

opment agreements for toll projects. Some of the rules are a result of recently-passed legislation.

The commission also gave approval to staff to begin negotiations with Chambers and Comal counties for pass-through finance agreements.

A pass-through finance agreement establishes a fee the state pays per vehicle or per vehicle-mile traveled to local governments or local entities that have taken on the burden of financing road improvements. Individual motorists do not pay a toll for using a facility financed in such a manner.

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"This is a tremendous opportunity for Texas farmers, ranchers and agricultural organizations to comment on Farm Bill policy," said Fuston. "On behalf of all USDA agencies including FSA's sister

agencies, Rural Development and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, I encourage those impacted by USDA policy to attend the forum and lend their voice to the development of the 2007 Farm Bill."

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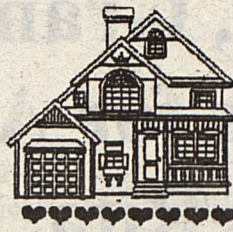
The Borden County Clerks office is now accepting applications for Early Voting Ballots by mail.

October 11 th , 2005	Last day to register to vote for the Nov. Election
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Helping Children Cope with Disaster

As disasters threaten, whether they be natural, accidental, or acts of terrorism, parents are urged to include the most vulnerable members of their families — their children — in family plans for disasters.

Parents often think that children will just get frightened if you talk to them about disasters. Mental health experts for the American Red Cross say that, "Children understand more than we might think, and including children in disaster planning will help them survive". Children can better cope with the trauma of a disaster and the losses they may suffer if they have talked about the possibility.

We can't tell children that bad things won't happen and we can't promise to always keep them safe. The best thing to do for children is to teach them how to prepare and react if they are faced with an unexpected event.

In a disaster situation, children are most afraid that someone will be injured or killed, that they will be separated from the family or that they will be left alone. By helping children understand disasters and be prepared for them, they are empowered, reassured and comforted. Disaster preparedness involves the entire family. Parents should inform themselves of preparedness and response issues, and they should share this information with their children. It is important to talk with children about safety and to include them in planning for a disaster.

Prepare for Unexpected Events by taking three simple

steps:

1. **Get Informed:** learn what hazards exist in your community and how to get information from Emergency Management personnel
2. **Get Prepared:** meet with the family to discuss what you should do in each situation, post emergency phone numbers, select an out-of-state family contact, assemble disaster supply kits for each member of your family, plan how to escape from each room in your home as well as how to escape from your neighborhood, practice your plan
3. **Get Involved:** volunteer to assist with relief efforts in your surrounding communities.

Everyone in the household, including children, should play a part in the family's preparedness efforts, as well as your response and recovery efforts. Make a game of putting together a disaster supplies kit. Include small games or books and comfort items, such as a blanket or stuffed animal, in the kit. Teach your child how to recognize danger signals. Make sure your child knows

what smoke detectors, fire alarms and community warning systems sound like. Teach your child how and when to call for help. Post emergency numbers by the telephones, and have a plan of action for what your child should do if telephones are out of service. Help children memorize your family name, address and phone number.

Judith A. Myers-Walls of Purdue University gives these tips:

1. **Assume that the children know about the disaster.** Children know more than you think. They are often exposed to the events as soon as they are able to watch television and interact with others.
2. **Reassure them.** Be
3. **Say how you feel.** Sharing your feelings can help children know that others also are upset by the events.
4. **Recognize their fears.** Support your children's concern for people they do not know. Children often are afraid not only for themselves, their family and their friends, but also for people they do not know.
5. **Be aware of other**

available and "askable." Let your children know that it's OK to talk about unpleasant events.


emotions. Look for feelings beyond fear. Let your children express all of their emotions.

6. **Help them take action.** Children may want to take action. The action can be very simple, such as writing a letter or getting involved with a disaster preparedness organization.


For more information on helping children cope with disaster go to the Texas EDEN web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/007-resources/index.php>.

Meeting to be Held


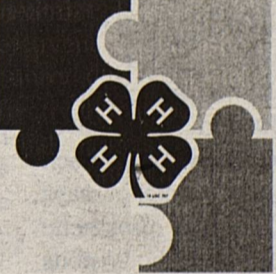
The Borden County Safety Coalition Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend.



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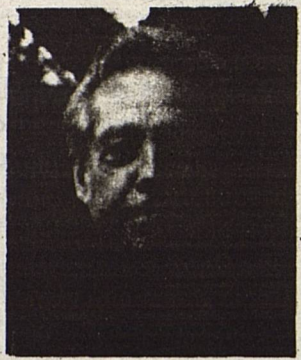
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Slapstick and Vaudeville at the Silver Spur

When Penny and Grainger Esch married three years ago in Salado, they had an idea to start a theater. Both had performing backgrounds.

"I was a Ringling Brothers and Bailey Circus clown for several years," says Grainger. "I traveled with the greatest show on earth. After doing a few years with them, I migrated out to California, worked from gig to gig. I worked at Universal Studio theme park, I was Stan Laurel out there, worked in movies and television, doing commercials."

Penny worked in movies, too. "Really, like Grainger, just gig to gig in whatever you could find out there because there's a million people out there trying to do the same thing you're doing."

They met while both were working on the movie, HOW THE GRINCHY STOLE CHRISTMAS with Jim Carrey. "It was almost until the production was over before we knew what each other looked like," says Penny. "We had prosthetic makeup and foam body pods and wigs."

They grew tired of the Hollywood scene and decided they wanted to realize their dream of owning a theater. They sold their home in California, went to Salado and turned an old granary into a theater they named THE SILVER SPUR. It has been open a year.

I had a great time visiting with these two. Their enthusiasm, energy and dedication are amazing. Grainger can leap flat-footed from the floor of the theater

to the stage, a jump of 4 feet. They went through their entire range of sound effects for me.

"What we do is combine live vaudeville acts with classic cinema," says Grainger. "We do comedy routines, we have a sing-along at the end of every show, there's always live music. We show movies generally from the twenties and thirties, a lot of them silent movies with live music accompaniment and live sound effects. We do a lot of slapstick comedy, good old fashioned family entertainment."

Penny says they sometimes bring in other acts like a juggler, magician, or fire-eater. The theater has state of the art sound and light systems and digital video projection. It seats 150 people and has performances Friday and Saturday nights and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

"This is our dream," says Penny. "I mean we're in it for a long haul. If we, by golly, have to turn this thing back into a granary to make it work, we will," Grainger, tongue in cheek, echoes her feeling: "That's our next project, take a theater and turn it into a granary. I think that'll be a lot easier."

When Penny was visiting Universal Studios, she had her picture made with the character that played Stan Laurel. Little did she realize she would end up marrying him.

Generators, Grants and Gas Fuel Efforts for Animals Affected by Rita

Texas Animal Health Commission

By Bob Hillman, DVM

Ironically, this spring Beaumont's Ford Center was the host site of Texas' Hurricane Conference for emergency management professionals and local officials. Four months later, the Center, surrounded by the destruction wrought by Hurricane Rita, is one of two staging centers for animals rescued from the wreckage. Although animal health officials estimate that more than 30,000 Texas pets and livestock were evacuated prior to the storm's strike, many more were left behind, and their owners are unable to retrieve or house them immediately.

More than 12 agricultural-related agencies and associations are working cooperatively to address pet and livestock issues regarding rescue, water, feed, veterinary care or carcass disposal, to support the Governor's Division of Emergency Management and local governments coping with the havoc from Hurricane Rita. "By working together, we draw on each other's equipment, expertise, experience and capabilities," said Dr. Dee Ellis, assistant executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"As a small agency, we can't do it all by ourselves," Dr. Ellis noted. "We need the partnership of other state and federal agencies, and animal care and protection organizations. One of the big issues now is animal rescue. We have notified affected counties that assistance is available at their request."

"Owners who have left animals behind should register on the www.petfinder.com web site, where their address and other requested information may be accessed only by team members, who will attempt to retrieve or care for the animals. When possible, we'll leave animals in their homes and feed and water

them," said Karen Medicus, project director with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), a partner with the TAHC. She urged owners seeking lost animals or needing pet foster care, and volunteers wanting to provide foster homes, livestock or pet feed also to register on the national www.petfinder.com web site.

The Houston SPCA is working from Beaumont's Ford Center to evaluate rescued animals before transferring them to their facilities in Houston. The animals will be held to give owners time to reunite with their pets. Currently the

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By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

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Despite being a long-time leader in many areas of research, the United States risks falling behind in basic science research—the fundamental discoveries that lead

to great leaps forward in so many fields. At a time when China, India and other countries are devoting substantial resources to research in the hard sciences, we are starting to lose our focus.

Increasingly, our industries have had to look abroad for engineers and others they need to compete. Our universities are not nurturing scientists in the numbers we need to lead the world through the next century. Researchers used to flock to America to carry out their work in our unique atmosphere of freedom and financial support, but more and more, they are finding

tempting offers closer to home. If we do not redouble our efforts, researchers from abroad may stop coming here to do their groundbreaking work; and we may find a scarcity of Americans prepared to undertake it in their place.



Recently, I took over as Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Space. My mission is to reverse this trend. We need to take our NIH success and mirror it in other areas of science. Congress needs to focus on promoting research in biology, chemistry, and physics. I propose we increase the National Science Foundation budget to pave the way for our future success.

Some people will argue that we should not be increasing our spending on science after the damage done by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We do need to cut spending to pay for Gulf rebuilding, and we especially need to cut government waste. Nonetheless, we should not cut our investment in science. To do so would be to eat the seed corn of tomorrow's most important crops. Now is precisely the time to focus on developing the parts of our economy most likely to bring in future revenue, especially when—in addition to bringing dollars and jobs—this research improves people's lives.

We also need to direct the NSF's focus firmly to the

hard sciences. Recently, the NSF proposed expanding its research on human and social dynamics for 2006. I don't want the NSF to stray from concentrating on biology, chemistry, and physics, and instead, devote funds to social science research. That is not where we should be directing its resources at this time.

Under my chairmanship, in addition to increasing the NSF budget, I want the Foundation to focus more on the hard sciences. With that investment added to the hard work, ingenuity and dedication of our scientists and students, we will create both healthier people and a healthier economy in the future!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 October 2005						1 Midland Speech Tournament
2	3 EMT-I Mtg. 6-10 Dallas State Fair	4 Dallas State Fair	5 Immunization Clinic EMT-I Mtg. 6-10 Dallas State Fair	6 Westbrook Here JH & JV 6:00 Dallas State Fair	7 Progress Reports Westbrook There Varsity 7:30 Dallas State Fair	8 Cross Country Lamesa 9:00 a.m. SAT (only if pre-registered) Dallas State Fair
9	10 HOLIDAY EMT-I Mtg. 6-10	11	12 PSAT (Sophomores & Juniors only!) after 2 nd period EMT-I Mtg. 6-10	13 Loraine There JH & JV 6:00	14 Loraine Here Varsity 7:30	15 8 th – 12 th to Texas Tech vs. Kansas State game
16	17 District Cross Country Big Spring TBA EMT-I Mtg.	18 4-H Cool Clovers Meeting	19 EMT-I Mtg.	20 Picture Retakes Parents Club Meeting 5:00 @ Show Barn Ira Here JH & JV 6:00	21 Ira There Varsity 7:30	22 ACT (only if pre-registered)
23	24 EMT-I Mtg.	25	26 EMT-I Mtg. National Horse CDE Louisville KY	27 Highland There JH & JV 6:00 National Horse CDE Louisville KY	28 <u>End of 2nd 6 Wks</u> Highland Here Varsity 7:30 SAT Registration deadline for December 3 rd test <u>Red Ribbon Week</u> Book Fair	29 Fall Festival 6:00 Red Ribbon Week
Red Ribbon Week 30 Daylight Savings Time ends Red Ribbon Week	Red Ribbon Week 31 Halloween EMT-I Mtg. Book Fair	Red Ribbon Week 1 Book Fair	Red Ribbon Week 2 Book Fair	Red Ribbon Week 3 Book Fair	Red Ribbon Week 4 Book Fair	

Generators, Grants and Gas Fuel Efforts for Animals Affected by Rita

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Houston team has authorization to provide animal rescue in Hardin, Orange, Harris, Jefferson, Galveston, Brazoria and Liberty counties. Harris County Rabies/Animal also is assisting in some counties. The animal rescue team in these counties can be reached 713-802-0555.

Medicus said the Houston SPCA evacuated 85 dogs and cats from the Southeast Texas Humane Society in Jefferson, which sustained damaged and was without power. These animals are being sheltered in the Houston SPCA facilities," reported Medicus.

"Evacuated horses are being held at the Nacogdoches Expo Center, and companion animals are being moved to the Angelina Expo Center in Lufkin. This site will be able to respond to requests from officials in Tyler, north Newton County, Nacogdoches, Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine, Angelina and Polk counties," said Medicus. She said Cathy Clark, with the Texas Animal Control Association, is working with team members from the United Animal Nations, Humane Society of the United States, and ASPCA. The animal rescue team can be reached at 936-366-0128.

The ASPCA on Tuesday provided a \$25,000 grant to the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) for emergency response supplies for veterinarians. Dr. Elbert Hutchins, TVMA executive director, purchased and arranged delivery of generators and emergency response supplies for veterinarians in Winnie, Beaumont and Jasper without power to run essential medical equipment. Veterinarians in the hurricane-stricken counties who need support should alert the

TVMA at 1-800-489-7347.

Since the storm, Fain and Smathers Veterinary Clinic in Jasper has run fans and dehumidifiers on generator power, while caring for 45 dogs and 15 cats, most from Galveston and Houston. "Any hotter, and we'd be in hell," said Dr. David Fain. "We've nearly lost a couple of veterinarians, but the pets have made it fine, and about half of them now have been picked up by their owners."

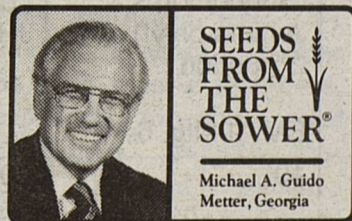
Dr. Fain reported that, early on, Houston and Galveston pet owners headed west to avoid the hurricane. "When the storm turned east and headed toward us, we couldn't get in touch with owners. We knew we'd have to ride it out with the animals." Dr. Royce Smathers hunkered down in the clinic, while hurricane winds drove in a clinic wall more than a foot from the foundation, and tore shingles from the roof. Aside from being frightened, the animals—and veterinarian made it through the storm without injury.

"Gasoline shortages at first were a big problem for TAHC field staff trying to assess livestock damage; a problem that now has been eased somewhat. We have 33 TAHC staff working on response and also are relying on reports from county agents and area ranchers," commented Dr. Ellis. "TAHC inspectors are checking with county officials to offer help with livestock evacuation, feeding or carcass disposal issues. Fortunately, to date, we do not have large numbers of cattle losses reported in Texas."

"We have had sporadic requests for livestock feed or hay, and these requests were quickly accommodated," said

Dr. Ellis. He asked that livestock feed and hay donations be coordinated through the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, so the supplies can be properly distributed in the hard-hit counties.

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay and Grazing hotline also can help producers locate hay for sale and lease pastures. Information can be obtained from the TDA toll-free at 877-429-1998, or on the TDA's web site at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us> in the 'Producer Information' section. The TAHC also maintains a list of emergency evacuation holding facilities, if producers need a temporary site for livestock moved from storm-damaged pastures. All sites are subject to availability and should be contacted prior to moving animals. Information can be obtained on the TAHC web page at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or by calling 1-800-550-8242.



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-- Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

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farm policy and the upcoming 2007 Farm Bill. The listening session will take place in the Texas Tech University Museum Auditorium on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. I encourage everyone who can to come out for this important event. And those who won't be able to attend can comment on the 2007 Farm Bill via the internet on USDA's website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>

Legislative Update

As I mentioned last week, I recently proposed eliminating the Presidential Election Campaign Fund (PECF), which uses taxpayer dollars to help finance presidential campaigns and political conventions. Last Thursday, I formally introduced legislation to get rid of the PECF. The bill number is H.R. 3960. I will be sure to provide updates through the Roundup as any news develops on my bill!

--Randy

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