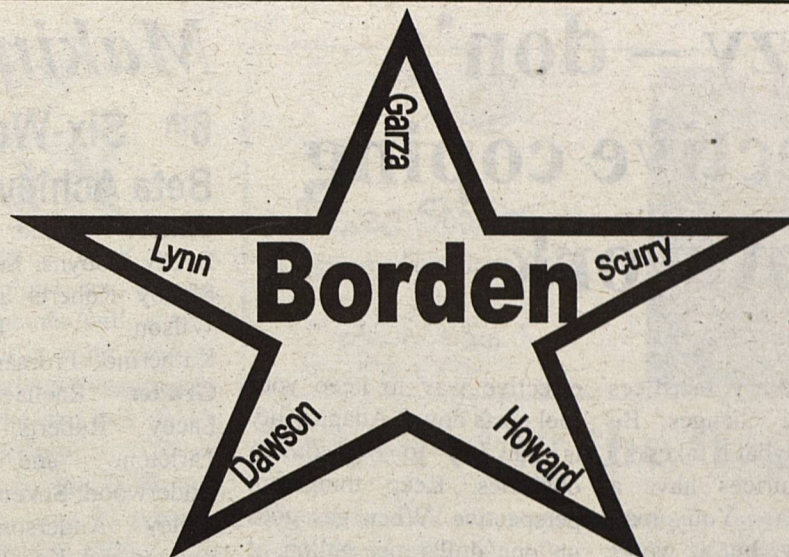


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Honor American Values on Flag Day

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In the summer of 1776, George Washington approached his seamstress, Betsy Ross, with sketches that inspired the creation of the first American flag. Though this flag looked very different from the flag that proudly waves today, the ideals represented both then and now are what America stands for. Wherever our flag flies, it signals to lands far and wide that America remains the cradle of liberty.

Every year on June 14, we observe Flag Day, when Americans everywhere celebrate the history and symbolism of our national flag. On this day in 1777, the Second Continental Congress resolved that our new national flag would have "13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Today, in neighborhoods across the country, Americans proudly pay their respects to Old Glory by hanging flags

outside their homes and places of business.

The earliest Flag Day celebration took place in Hartford, Conn., in 1861 during the most divisive time in our history – the Civil War. Even in this time of turmoil, our flag's unifying spirit persevered and reminded citizens that we were one nation under God. Over the latter half of the 19th century, the celebration of our flag grew in popularity, with mayors and governors issuing proclamations in their jurisdictions commemorating the event. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first nationwide proclamation of Flag Day.

Our flag has waved during defining moments of our nation's history. It was at Fort McHenry in 1814, when Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." It was there at Iwo Jima, when the sight of Old Glory waving atop Mount Suribachi inspired American soldiers

fighting in World War II. And it was there on September 11, 2001, when rescue workers rose above the rubble of the World Trade Center and raised our flag as a symbol of our fortitude in the aftermath of tragedy.

The flag that inspired Francis Scott Key still exists to this day. It currently hangs at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, where a significant restoration effort began in 1998 to save the original flag. It has aged, but it remains a beautiful sight to behold. I am delighted that visitors who come to Washington, D.C., have an opportunity to see one of our country's national treasures, one that has inspired so many over the past several hundred years.

When I see the American flag, I think of the sacrifices made for our country by previous generations and by the heroes of today. I think of our troops who have defended freedom across the globe, especially those currently deployed in Iraq and

Afghanistan. The flag also stands as a reminder that one of my missions as a United States Senator – and also as a citizen of this nation – is to strive for a more perfect union.

On Flag Day, we celebrate much more than just a piece of cloth. Our flag is a symbol of the values our forefathers fought for and envisioned for our fledgling democracy. The red stripes stand for bravery and honesty, the white stripes for freedom for all, and the blue field for faith and loyalty. Throughout our history, men and women have defended those values both in war and peace. Whether they were

rich or poor, famous or anonymous, strong or weak, young or old, they were all American.

I have to admit, I always get a catch in my throat when the original version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played so that I can sing it. I also admit I am always disappointed when someone performs a rendition of our national anthem that seems to feature the voice of the singer – and excludes the people from participating. This month on Flag Day, I encourage you to fly your flag outside your home in support of our troops and in support of the ideals Americans hold so dear.

Dedication Ceremony

A Dedication Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 14th, at 10:00 am at the Gail Cemetery. An unveiling of the Cemetery Historical Marker will take place at this time.

Everyone is invited to come and share in the special dedication.



God Bless
America!

Flag Day – June 14th,

Gas gone crazy – don't Flip out! Effective coping Strategies that work

By Bryan Golden

There are many situations you have no control over. The price of gas is one of them. However, what you do in response is completely up to you.

First of all, don't get caught up with stress, worry and fear. They cause anxiety, agitation and perhaps feelings of depression. Additionally you may experience a variety of physical effects including digestive problems, high blood pressure, and sleeplessness.

Living with events you can't change is part of life. Attempting to change things you have no control over causes frustration. Once you recognize something is beyond your control, you can concentrate on making the best of it.

Taking action is more productive than worrying. Although there are many situations you can't control, you can adjust your reaction to them. This is the essence of coping. By directing your energy at finding survival strategies, rather than obsessing over your predicament, your attitude will improve. With action and a proactive attitude, you have a lot of leverage to improve your circumstances.

Although predicaments you have no control over can be a hardship, you do have the ability to get through tough times. You've endured before and you will again. Flexibility and creativity are the key to coping.

There is a solution to every problem. Don't limit your thinking, consider all possibilities. A solution may

require temporary sacrifices or behavioral changes. Be willing to do what it takes.

High gas prices have a major impact. You may become angry, but it won't lower your costs. How can you cope? You can drive less. Although there is a certain amount of driving you have to do. You can stretch out each tank of gas.

Instead of running out for separate errands, plan ahead to accomplish as much as you can in one trip. Car pool whenever possible. Work together with neighbors and friends. Someone making a grocery run can offer to take neighbors with them or pick up items for others and vice versa. When transporting the kids to various activities, split the driving with other parents. Staying closer to home for vacations is another way to save on gas.

Driving less may be inconvenient, but it is an

effective way to keep your fuel costs down. Adaptability is the key to overcoming obstacles. Keep things in perspective. When gas goes up one dollar per gallon, it costs \$18 more to fill up an average size gas tank.

For most people, an extra \$18 isn't a budget buster. If you really don't want to reduce your driving cut back in other areas. Just suffering and complaining, without taking any action, is pointless.

It's up to you how you cope with circumstances beyond your control. Be proactive, creative and do what it takes to survive tough times. A common sense approach is often the most effective.

[Bryan is a self-development expert, syndicated columnist, author of "Dare to Live Without Limits", and professor. E-mail Bryan at infor@BryanGolden.com]



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6th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: None; **Junior:** Becky Dobyns; **Sophomore:** Shelby Roberts and Rachel Wilson; **Freshman:** Katherine Froman; **Eighth Grade:** Rachael Payne, Lacey Roberts, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood; **Seventh Grade:** Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton; **Sixth Grade:** Austin Fields, Blake Turner and Austin Tyler.

6th Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Megan Brooks; **Junior:** Rowdy Clary and Taylor Peterson; **Sophomore:** Sharelle Gass; **Freshman:** None **Eighth Grade:** D'Nae Johnson, Karl Lamming, and Chasiti Rutherford; **Seventh Grade:** Kimberly Halkowitz and Miles Valentine; **Sixth Grade:** Stefanie Cooley and Chance Taylor; **Fifth Grade:** Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberts, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto, Mattie Turner and Kylie Voss; **Fourth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Matthew Halkowitz, Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Molly McMeans, Zach McMeans and Tyler Minyard; **Third Grade:** Eva Banman, Frank Banman, Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Mackenzie Herring, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn. **Second Grade:**

Rhaeden Bland, Thomas Harrison, Jordan McAuley, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, and Flint Roberts.

2nd Semester Beta Achievement

Junior: Becky Dobyns; **Sophomore:** Rachel Wilson; **Freshman:** Katherine Froman; **Eighth Grade:** Rachael Payne, and Lacey Roberts; **Seventh Grade:** Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey; **Sixth Grade:** Austin Fields, Blake Turner and Austin Tyler

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"IDOL" Lives On In Post, TX

An "American" idol may have been chosen recently, but in Post, Texas, the search continues. Old Mill Trade Days is sponsoring the 2006 Post City Idol Contest with the first round of competition on July 7 & 8 and the finals August 5. The performances will be on the Rainmaker Stage at OMTD during the Trade Days events in July and August.

"This event is perfect for performers who would enjoy the competition but don't have an opportunity to go through the rigorous American Idol process," explains Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. "We want this to be fun. We will have judges, but we promise there won't be a Simon Cowell," referring to the infamous judge on the television show American Idol.

The Post City Idol competition is divided into two age groups - 15 yrs & under

and 16 yrs & over and is open to soloists and groups. All contestants will sing 3 minutes of a song of their choice without accompaniment for the first two rounds of competition. Those advancing to the finals will select one song to perform either with or without CD accompaniment. The top three finalists in each age category will receive awards with the Post City Idol winner in each category winning \$100 cash, a Grand Prize trophy, and the opportunity to appear at the Garza Theatre in Post.

There is no cost to enter the Post City Idol competition; however, entries must be received by June 23. The first 50 applicants in each category will be assured a performance time. A Registration form is available at www.oldmilltradedays.com or call 806-495-3529 for more information.

Appraisal Review Board for the Borden County Appraisal District, Texas

Notice of Public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Borden County Appraisal District will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the meeting room in the county courthouse.

The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by Texas Property Tax Code.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session on other days, notice for which will be duly posted, until all timely field appeals are heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

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Preserving the flag

When we took our grandson to Washington, D.C. two years ago, we visited the Smithsonian's Museum of American history and saw preservation staff members working on the original Star Spangled Banner, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the British bombardment in 1814. It is the flag that Francis Scott Key saw and was moved to pen the verse that became our national anthem.

One of the docents gave an informal lecture to the crowd that had gathered to see the flag. Her comments included some words from the anthem, which made the story of the flag come alive. It was an emotional experience to see the flag and hear about it.

Recently I was at Alpine and met Lonn Taylor, a former Smithsonian exhibit designer who had worked as a historian on the multi-million dollar flag project before retiring to Fort Davis. He says Congress appropriated some funds, but most of the money to restore the flag came from private individuals. Ralph Loren donated one million dollars. The Smithsonian has had the flag since 1907. Before then, it was in private hands.

"After the battle, the flag evidently was simply taken home by the commander of Fort McHenry, a man named

George Armistead," says Lonn. "It had stayed in his family for 94 years, until his grandson presented it to the Smithsonian. It essentially had been kept in an attic in Baltimore."

The preservation work started in 1996 and was completed just last year.

"It's a fifteen star, fifteen stripe flag," says Lonn. "The US flag had fifteen stripes only between 1798 and 1818."

When the Smithsonian got the flag back in 1907, it was in poor shape then.

"There were a lot of stains and dirt on the flag and it had been damaged by polluted air that had got into our building over the years. It had about eight feet missing off the end of it. The Armistead family had allowed people to take little souvenir snippings from it."

The preservation work was done in a special lab behind a huge plate glass window.

"We didn't want to take it off exhibit and we wanted people to be able to see it. We thought visitors would be interested in the conservation process and could watch the actual work going on. There were 11 million visitors to that lab."

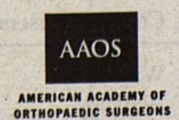
The flag's original size was 32 feet by 40 feet, big enough to cover a good portion of a gym floor. That was the standard size of a

garrison flag in the early 1800's. It was designed to fly from a flagpole 90 feet high. The flag is now displayed in a controlled, sealed environment. It lies flat on a slanted case sort of like an oversized draftsman's desk. It will never be flown again.



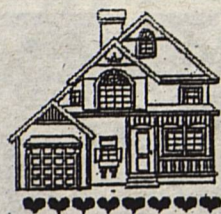
There's a secret to beating injuries. Get the right team.

If you're active, there's a good chance you know the frustration a nagging injury can bring. But facing your injury alone can be daunting. How can you be sure you're pursuing the best course of treatment? To weigh in with the experts, visit nata.org or orthoinfo.org for the most advanced information on preventing and treating injuries.



Heart and home...

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



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Borden County Senior Citizen Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 12 in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then enjoy games and more fellowship! We are moving this meeting to the second Monday and 7:00 p.m. for the summer. Hope that you can all attend!!!

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games

and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

Walk Across Texas a Great Success!

Borden County residents participated in the *Walk Across Texas* program during April and May. Together, these individuals walked 1758 miles over the eight week period. What an accomplishment!

This year we had four different teams and there were 29 participants.

The *Walk Across Texas* program was designed to

encourage people to start and maintain a physical fitness program. A tumbler will be given to each participant. We are very pleased that we walked over seventeen hundred miles - that is like walking from Dallas to Boston!

A special thanks to everyone that participated in the 2006 Walk Across Texas program!

Team	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Total Miles
Mesquite Roadrunner	73	79	78.5	79.25	82.75	78	82.25	70	622.75
County Cruisers	45.5	50.5	49	58.7	45	67.5	53	59	428.2
Wayward Walkers	38.5	47.5	51.5	54.5	50	57	44	34	377
Jabber Walkies	48	37	47	48	47	39	28	36	330

Eat Better, Eat Together Educational Program

Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be offering an educational program on building family, relations and nutrition. This program is entitled Eat Better, Eat Together. This is a part of the Healthy Lifestyles Programming taking place this year. Join us on Monday, June 12th at 6:00

p.m. in the Community Room to learn about how to Eat Better.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all programs. We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you

contact us at the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. For more information on any healthy lifestyle topic, or more information on lowering your cancer risk, please feel free to contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

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Kim Thomas
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Layne Froman

Mesquite Roadrunners

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Sarah Sharp
Benny Allison
Jane Jones
Becky Beaver

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4-H News

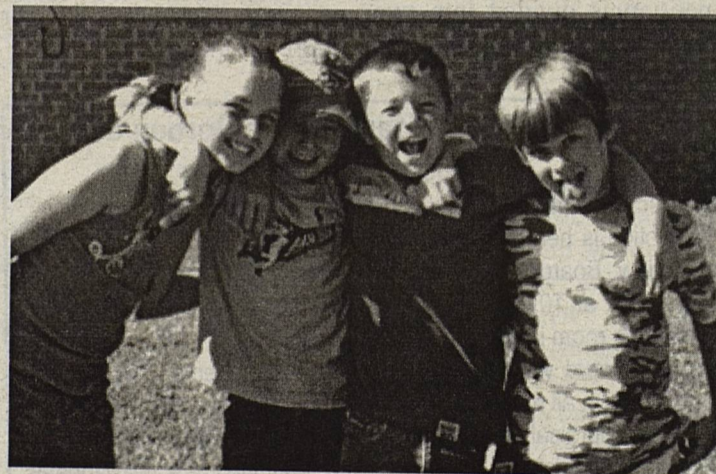
Summer 4-H Tours

4-H youth interested in a Veterinary Science and/or Photography Project are invited to participate in the half day 4-H tours on Wednesday, June 21st in Lubbock. Please contact the Extension Office (806-756-4336) for more information and to sign up.

These tours are being sponsored by the District 2 Association of Extension 4-H Agents and have limited

space available, so please sign up today! Youth will be provided transportation to and from the tours on the 21st.

Borden County 4-H'ers Participate in Leadership Camp



Four youth from Borden County participated in the North Region 4-H Leadership Camp held May 30-June 1 in Levelland at the South Plains College campus. Kylie Voss, Cayden

Vaughn, Blaise Freeman and Jacob McAuley participated in a variety of recreational activities, leadership development and team building sessions while at camp.

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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag,

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3rd Annual RHAA Competition to be Held

On Saturday, July 29, 2006, Borden County Jr. Livestock Association will hold the 3rd Annual RHAA Competition. RHAA (Ranch Horse Association of America, Inc.) is an organization formed to promote the qualities and characteristics of the ultimate working ranch horse.

The competition will take place at Gail, Texas, at the county arena (located North of Gail and west of Hwy 669). The entry deadline is Friday, July 21. Entries after deadline will include a \$10 late fee.

Late entries will be accepted until 9:30 a.m. on the day of competition with the events to begin at 10 a.m. Classes offered are: Junior, Senior, Cowboy, and Ranch Hand; a Youth class will be offered this year. Entry fees are \$75 per class with the exception of the Youth class and that entry fee will be \$10. A concession stand will be available.

For more information on this event, please contact the Borden County Extension Office at 806.756.4336.

Shooting Sports News

Kerr County Whiz Bang Match

Raylea Underwood competed in the Kerr County Whiz Bang Match at Kerrville on Saturday, June 3. She placed 4th in Trap after a 3-way shoot off for 3, 4, & 5th Place. She also placed 6th in International Skeet, 7th in American Skeet and she participated in 5-stand and bunker trap. Congratulations to Raylea on a fine shoot!

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Borden County Community Room in Gail
All youth age 4-7 are invited to join the fun!
We will play games, sing songs, make crafts and snacks,
and learn all about how to Color Me Healthy!
For more information, or to RSVP, please contact
the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact us at the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require.

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

End to Long Distance Tax Long Overdue

On May 25, the U.S. Treasury Department announced that the federal excise tax on long distance telephone service will come to an end this summer. Americans probably have seen this tax when they have reviewed their monthly phone bills. However, what many Americans probably do not know about is the why this tax was established in the first place. As it turns out, the federal government established this excise tax in 1898 to fund the Spanish-American War. After learning about the history of the tax, I double-checked my encyclopedia. My suspicions were correct: the Spanish-American War is, in fact, over. We won.

In a Roundup from several weeks ago, I wrote about how Congress passed important tax relief measures that will help continue our country's current economic expansion. Admittedly, this latest tax relief from the Treasury Department will probably not have too much effect on the economy. The average phone users will save about twenty bucks a year. However, this situation points to broader problem in Washington: it is nearly impossible to end a federal agency, program, or tax once it is created, even if the original purpose for the program or tax no longer exists. In this case, the Spanish-American War had been over for more than a century, yet Americans were still paying taxes to support it. I guess President Reagan had it right (as he usually did)

when he said that "the nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

It is this "eternal" nature of federal programs that has led me to believe that all programs and taxes should come up for review every ten years to see if they are still necessary or effective. Right now, there are efforts in the House to institute such a policy. I am very supportive of these efforts and hope to see legislation come to the floor this year.

On This Week's Agenda

The House will consider legislation this week that would increase the fines for broadcasters who put indecent material over the airwaves. The legislation raises the fine from \$32,500 per offense to \$325,000. The public, not private broadcasters, owns the airwaves. Therefore, the public, particularly parents, should be able to turn on their televisions and radios and reasonably expect not to be bombarded with indecent material and images. Since we will be voting on the Senate version of the bill, approval by the House will send this legislation to President Bush for his signature.

--Randy

Whatever thrift is, it is not avarice. Avarice is not generous; and, after all, it is the thrifty people who are generous.

—Lord Rosebery

Caribbean Cuisine

How To Give American Fare An Island Flair

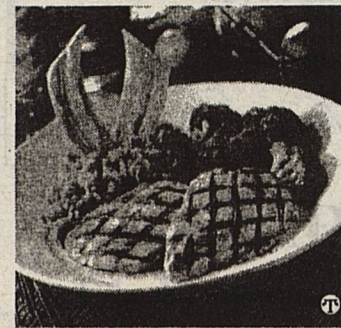
(NAPS)—Caribbean ingredients are an increasingly popular way to add island flair to traditional American fare.

According to Rick Crossland, executive chef for Bahama Breeze restaurants and lead judge for the Caribbean Culinary Federation, "Island cuisine features bold but not overpowering flavors, many of which are very familiar to Americans, including spices like cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger, herbs like cilantro and basil and fruits like coconut and mango."

A leader in this trend is the company Crossland works for, Bahama Breeze—part of Darden Restaurants, which also owns Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Smokey Bones and Seasons 52. With lots of fresh seafood, distinctive chicken dishes and flame-grilled steaks, the 32 restaurants feature fresh ingredients indigenous to the islands. "Bahama Breeze really tries to bring the freshness and variety of the Caribbean to American dining," says Crossland. "The region's many cultural influences have led to new ways of using foods we're all familiar with, becoming what we now refer to as Caribbean cuisine."

Recently introduced items include Breeze Wood-Grilled Chicken Breast; Grilled Chicken Tostada; Spinach Dip and Island Chips; Lobster and Shrimp Pasta; and a new fresh fish sheet offering guests a choice of tilapia, salmon, mahi-mahi and more, with preparations including Almond-Crusted with lemon butter sauce, Havana with Latin caper-garlic tomato sauce and Simply Grilled with lemon-garlic-herb butter.

Here's a recipe to add island flair to your family's menu:



Americans are learning to feed their island spirit with dishes such as Breeze Wood-Grilled Chicken Breast With Orange Glaze and Citrus Butter Sauce.

Breeze Wood-Grilled Chicken Breast With Orange Glaze and Citrus Butter Sauce
(Serves 2)

2 chicken breasts (8 oz, boneless, skinless)
2 Tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
½ cup wood chips, soaked in water for 15 minutes
½ cup orange glaze
½ cup citrus butter sauce

Lightly coat each chicken breast on both sides with olive oil, salt and pepper. Preheat a char-grill to medium heat, adding wood chips just prior to placing the chicken on the grill, or add wood chips to a charcoal grill. Grill for 6 to 7 minutes per side, flipping it over twice during the grilling process. The chicken is done when it registers 165° to 170°F on a meat thermometer, or the juices run clear when pierced with a fork. When the chicken is fully

cooked, baste generously on both sides with the orange glaze. Let the chicken cook one additional minute to caramelize the glaze. Serve immediately with warm citrus butter sauce.

Orange Glaze

½ cup orange marmalade
3 Tablespoons orange juice, fresh squeezed
1 Tablespoon lemon juice, fresh squeezed
¼ teaspoon salt

Place all the ingredients in a kitchen blender and pulse until smooth. Place in a clean container and refrigerate until needed for grilling.

Citrus Butter Sauce

2 teaspoons olive oil
1 Tablespoon shallots, minced
½ cup white wine
½ cup orange juice, fresh squeezed
6 Tablespoons butter cubes, cold
1 Tablespoon sugar
Salt to taste
White pepper to taste

Heat oil in a small saucepan. Add shallots and sauté for one minute. Add orange juice and white wine and reduce by ½. Reduce the heat to low and add butter cubes one at a time while whisking the sauce to evenly incorporate the butter; do not allow the sauce to boil. Add sugar, salt and pepper. Stir to combine, then strain the sauce through a fine mesh strainer. Serve hot.



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(SNYDER) – It's probably safe to say that everyone likes the idea of a career with great benefits, good pay, a secure future, and long weekends. Recruiters from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) believe they have just that kind of package and would like to tell you about it at a special hiring seminar to be held at the Western Texas College Visitor Center, 6200 College Ave., at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8.

"We offer individuals an opportunity to play an important role in the criminal justice system as a Correctional Officer," said TDCJ Employment Manager Jan Thornton. "They can enjoy employment stability while building a secure future in a career field of growing importance."

Texas has the second largest criminal justice system in the United States, Thornton said, and "we are often held up as an outstanding role model for other systems the world over."

"Shift schedules that provide 'extended weekends' are in place at Snyder area units," said Scott Williams, TDCJ's Recruiting Administrator. "This work format is helpful for individuals who would like the benefits of a full-time income . . . and still have time for other interests, education plans or family needs. Some units offer four-day-on/four-day-off schedules with extended

hours, while others provide conventional 8-hour shifts and six-day-on/three-day-off schedules."

As of September 1, 2005, Correctional Officer pay now starts at \$1,816 per month, with another increase scheduled for September, 2006. Flexible retirement program features provide retirement annuity options even for those who do not join TDCJ until their 40s, 50s and 60s.

Another new benefit for TDCJ Correctional Officers is the availability of a program to help with home

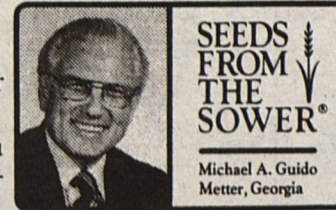
ownership. The program currently provides five percent down payment grants and 30-year fixed rate mortgages at five-point-94 percent to qualified first-time home buyers, on a first-come, first-served basis.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and answer questions.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a

high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

For more information, you may call (806) 291-0553 or access the TDCJ Internet web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us.



WHO: TDCJ Correctional Officer hiring seminar.

DATE/TIME: June 8, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Western Texas College Visitor Center
6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX

For more information, contact Byron Hays, TDCJ Public Information Office, at (936) 437-1303. Visit our web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us.

A wife sent her husband to borrow a saucepan. He returned without it, but with a battered face.

"What happened?" she asked. "On the way to our neighbors I thought, 'He'll be watching the ball game. He won't like me. Stupid guy, he won't give me a chance.'"

"So when the door opened, I shouted, 'You bum, I didn't want your saucepan to begin with! He hit me.'"

Negative thinking—it's a magnet for the worst, not the best. It makes for failure, not success.

The Living Bible says, "Fix your thought on what is true and good and right. Dwell on the good things in others."

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6147-92-001 for "ON DEMAND" METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE in FISHER County, will be opened on June 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$203,914.00

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO:20213

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Dedication Ceremony Planned

A Dedication Ceremony for the Gail Cemetery Historical Marker will be Wednesday, June 14th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gail Cemetery. Everyone is invited to come and share in the special dedication.

Have a Great Summer!



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2005 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Phone No: 806/756-4391

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: June 26, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Courtroom
Borden County Courthouse
Phone No: 806/756-4391

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and they have determined that certain water quality issues exist which prevent our water from meeting all of the requirements as stated in the Federal Drinking Water Standards. Each issue is listed in this report as a violation and we are working closely with the TCEQ to achieve solutions.

WATER SOURCES: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (806)756-4391 - para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from GROUND water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: OGALLALA. TCEQ completed an assessment of our source water and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants will be found in this report. If we receive or purchase water from another system, their susceptibility is not included in this assessment. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)
The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)
The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Treatment Technique (TT)
A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)
The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ABBREVIATIONS

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Inorganic Contaminants

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2005	Arsenic	23	21	25	10	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
*The arsenic value was effective January 23, 2006. In the event of a violation, you will be notified.								
2005	Barium	0.033	0.033	0.033	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2005	Chromium	3.6	3.6	3.6	100	100	ppb	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
2005	Fluoride	5.24	5.09	5.44	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2001	Nitrate	0.79	0.79	0.79	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2005	Selenium	12.6	12.6	12.6	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.

Required Additional Health Information for Arsenic

The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic decreased from 0.05 mg/L (50 ppb) to 0.010 mg/L (10 ppb) effective January 23, 2006. If we violate, you will be notified. Because the highest reported arsenic level on this report is above 10 ppb, the following information is required by EPA.

"Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer."

Organic Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2005	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.21	1	3	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Disinfection Byproducts

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Total Trihalomethanes	2.1	2.1	2.1	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002	Bromoform	1	1	1	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2002	Dibromochloromethane	0.5	0.5	0.5	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
1999	Lead	1.1	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.064	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Turbidity NOT REQUIRED

Total Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA.

Fecal Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

VIOLATIONS

Violation Type	Health Effects	Duration	Explanation	Steps to Correct
MCL VIOLATION - FLUORIDE	Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.	1/1/2005 to 3/31/2005	Fluoride content is above MCL as set by TCEQ. Length of violation from 1979.	Provide fluoride free water to children under age of 14 at no cost. Searching for alternate water source.
MCL VIOLATION - FLUORIDE	Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.	4/1/2005 to 6/30/2005	Fluoride content is above MCL as set by TCEQ. Length of violation from 1979.	Provide fluoride free water to children under age of 14 at no cost. Searching for alternate water source.
MCL VIOLATION - FLUORIDE	Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.	7/1/2005 to 9/30/2005	Fluoride content is above MCL as set by TCEQ. Length of violation from 1979.	Provide fluoride free water to children under age of 14 at no cost. Searching for alternate water source.
MCL VIOLATION - FLUORIDE	Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.	10/1/2005 to 12/31/2005	Fluoride content is above MCL as set by TCEQ. Length of violation from 1979.	Provide fluoride free water to children under age of 14 at no cost. Searching for alternate water source.

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Bicarbonate	332	332	332	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2004	Calcium	46.2	46.2	46.2	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2005	Chloride	53	53	53	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2005	Copper	0.004	0.004	0.004	NA	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2004	Magnesium	38.6	38.6	38.6	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2001	pH	7.4	7.4	7.4	7	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2004	Sodium	90	90	90	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2005	Sulfate	93	93	93	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2001	Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	272	272	272	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2001	Total Dissolved Solids	522	522	522	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2004	Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	274	274	274	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.
2005	Zinc	9.2	9.2	9.2	5	ppb	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element used in the metal industry.