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BHS Cheerleaders and Mascot attend summer camp, bring home awards

The 2003-2004 version of the Borden High School cheering section have plenty to cheer about--and it's not just athletic events.

The six cheerleaders, mascot, and sponsor Stephanie James attended the NCA Cheerleading Camp this past summer at Tarleton State University.

The girls were one of only two small schools in attendance but left a big mark by winning several awards.

Mascot Christina Soto was nominated for All-American honors while receiving a superior rating and a spirit stick.

Cheerleaders Shayla Gass, Menda James, Ashley James, LaShae Johnson, Cassidy Rinehart, and Lindsey Stamper received four spirit sticks, three superior and one excellent rating.

Shayla and Menda were nominated for All American honors; Menda was chosen, thus receiving an invitation to cheer at the 2004 Hula Bowl.

The Hurky Award--which is voted on by the other cheer squads and considered the biggest honor of the camp--went to the BHS cheering group for the 2003 summer



2003-2004 Coyote Cheerleaders: Back row (L. to R.) Menda James, Sr.; LaShae Johnson, Jr.; Ashley James, Jr. & Mascot, Christina Soto, Fr. Bottom row: (L. to R.) Shayla Gass, Sr; Cassidy Rinehart, Jr. & Lindsey Stamper, Fr.

camp session.

This award is given to the squad that exhibit's the best teamwork and leadership over the five-day period.

The cheerleaders and mascot will be in action again this Friday night as Wellman-Union comes to town for a 7:30 game.

Mysterious outdoor adventure returns to Lubbock

LUBBOCK - September 2003 - With 12 acres of corn planted and their new mind-boggling design now created, the Simpson family is bringing the "MAIZE craze" back to Lubbock. The popular labyrinth that drew thousands of visitors last fall, will once again is getting curious maze-goers lost since its opening to the public on September 13th. Part of an increasingly popular "agritainment" trend, it will be joined this year by nearly 140 affiliated MAIZ sites across the United States, Canada and Europe.

The Simpson family hopes to give even more people a chance to experience the unique source of good farmin' fun in their newly-designed labyrinth. This year's design is in the shape of TEXASS! Through the correct pathway can be walked in under 30 minutes,

most directionally-challenged visitors - adults and children alike - will require about one hour to travel through more than two miles of twists and turns and 85 decision points. The MAIZE will give visitors the chance to "get lost"

Ways to Enjoy the MAIZE

In an ongoing effort to ensure that the MAIZE experience offers something for everyone, the public will find an increased number of ways to experience the maze this year.

*The MAIZE caters to school field trips during the week day for \$2 per student. The MAIZE offers a unique opportunity to educate in a fun environment. A teaching curriculum is available that integrates education into the maze experience.

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COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, September 25th

JH Football - Wellman - T - 5:30 p.m.

JV Football - Wellman - T - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26th

HS Football - Wellman - H - 7:30 p.m.

GO COYOTES!!

Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!



'Dogs Pound Coyotes'

State-Ranked Wellman-Union Next Opponent

By Sue Jane Mayes

If the previous game against Ropesville read like a good book, this last one was a comedy--of errors.

Errors to the tune of six turnovers, which resulted in a 56-6 lopsided loss to the visiting Ira Bulldogs.

The Coyotes have now dropped their last three meetings with the rival Bulldogs.

The Coyotes' only score of the evening came on their first possession of the night--Shane Tarleton went to Kyle Pinkerton who made a strong move to the end zone from 20 yards out.

That 8-6 margin would be the closest the game would ever be.

Two turnovers in the first quarter resulted in quick scores for Ira while three in the second period put the game away.

Leading 22-6 after the 10 minutes of play, Ira converted one of many 3rd and long situations.

The first down conversion led to six more points to make it a 30-6 game with a full nine minutes on the clock before halftime.

The Bulldogs would go on to score three more times before intermission, with all three coming through the air: one a 37-yard strike, a 20-yard pass play, and finally a 25-yard toss.

Other than BHS's opening drive, the Coyotes sustained only one more offensive possession but unfortunately it came as time was running down in the first half.

The defense recovered Ira's lone fumble of the evening on the 10-yard line as the Bulldogs were about to close out the game with six more points.

Tarleton found Andy Lozano on a 29-yard pass play to pick up a first down.

He then found John Wilson for five more yards.

With :34 left in the half, Derek Rodriguez got outside for a 17-yard gain to the Bulldogs' 25-yard line.

Adam Carter, running the option to perfection, picked up seven yards thanks to a good block by Wilson.

The closest the Coyotes would come to scoring came with :09 when Tarleton connected on a short swing

pass to Lozano who made it down to the five-yard line before getting tripped up.

Time expired after the next play fell incomplete in the end zone.

Ira, leading 50-6, ended the game at the 6:49 mark in the third quarter when the fourth touchdown pass of the evening resulted in their final six points.

Wellman-Union will be in town for a 7:30 non-district game Friday night.

GAME STATISTICS

Coyotes: 198 total yards (125 passing, 73 rushing); 8 first downs

Rushing: Carter (2-10), Rodriguez (4-27), Thomas (8-50)

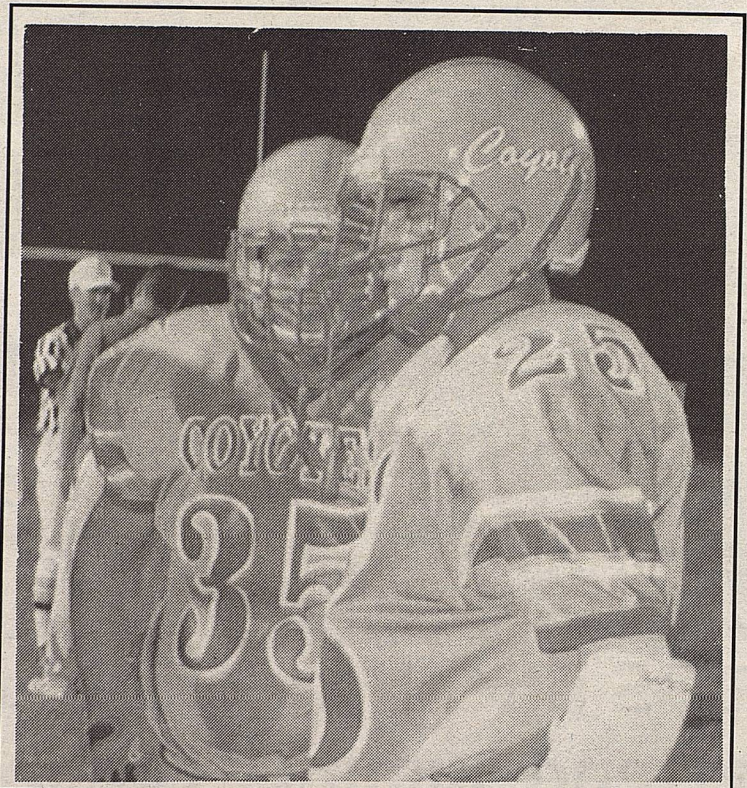
Passing: Tarleton (7-12-125, 2 INT, 1TD)

Receiving: Pinkerton (2-53-1 TD), Rodriguez (1-11), Lozano (3-56), Wilson (1-5)

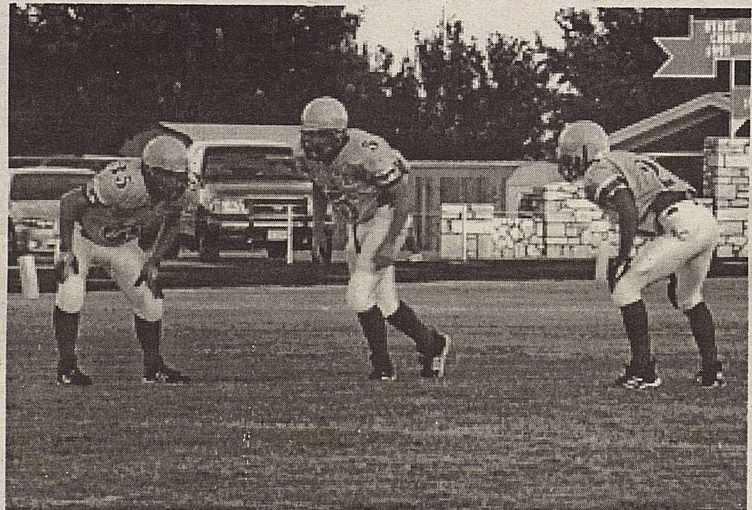
Kick-off return: Thomas (1-30)

Punt: Pinkerton (1-20)

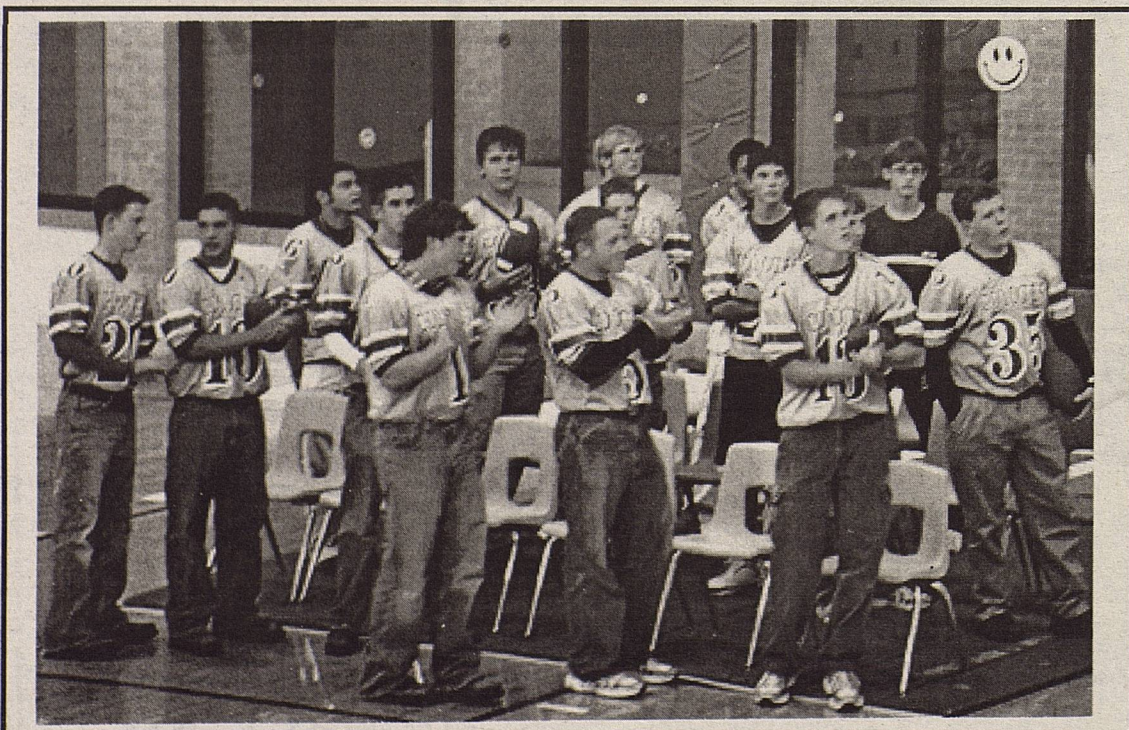
Tackles: Pinkerton (4 assists, 3 solos, 1 sack), Carter (3 assists, 2 solos, 1 hurry), Rodriguez (2 assists, 1 solo), Thomas (3 assists, 1 solo), Wilson (2 assists, 3 solos), Gicklhorn (1 assist, 1 solo), Lozano (3 assists, 2 solos, 2 hurries)...also seeing action were Tyler Wallace, Billy Roper, Andrew Lamming



Making Plans: #35 J. Ryan Gicklhorn and #25 John Wilson, take time to prepare for their next attack.



Ready for the Kickoff: #35, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, #5 Kyle Pinkerton and #20 Garrett Thomas stand ready for the next kick-off.



2003 BHS Coyotes football players during Friday's Pep-Rally.



GO COYOTES GO! Senior cheerleader, Menda James

School Menu

Week Of:

Sept. 29th - Oct. 3rd.

MONDAY: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit & Milk.
Breakfast: Hot Pocket, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk.
Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fajita, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jello w/Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Cobbler, & Milk.
Breakfast: Egg Sandwich, Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Hot Dog w/Chili, Onion Rings, Salad, Fruit, Cake, & Milk
Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

MAIZE

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*Open both day and night. The MAIZE is a perfect place for birthday parties, corporate outings, team building, church groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, and group



Junior High Cheerleaders: Sharelle Gass, Kate Wallace, Rachel Wilson and Kathrine Froman.



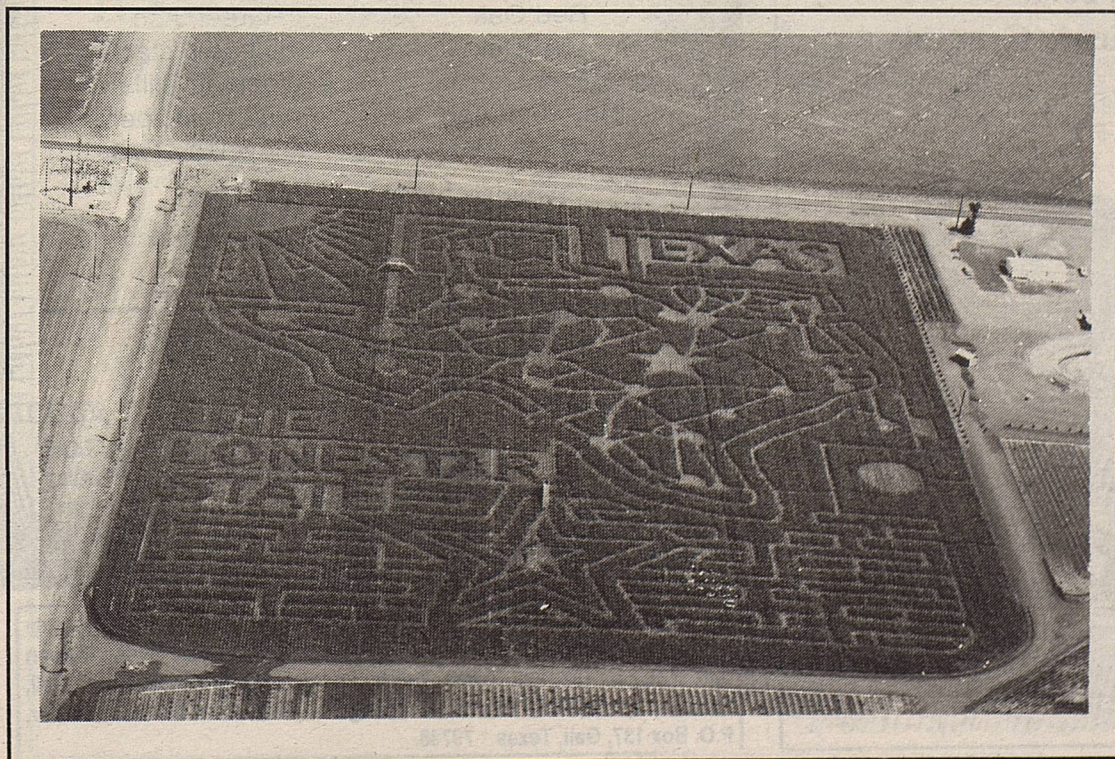
GO COYOTES! Fifth Grade Coyote Fans cheering for the Coyotes in Friday's Pep Rally.

rivalries/races.

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*For more information visit our website at www.cornfieldmaze.com



Last Week's Results

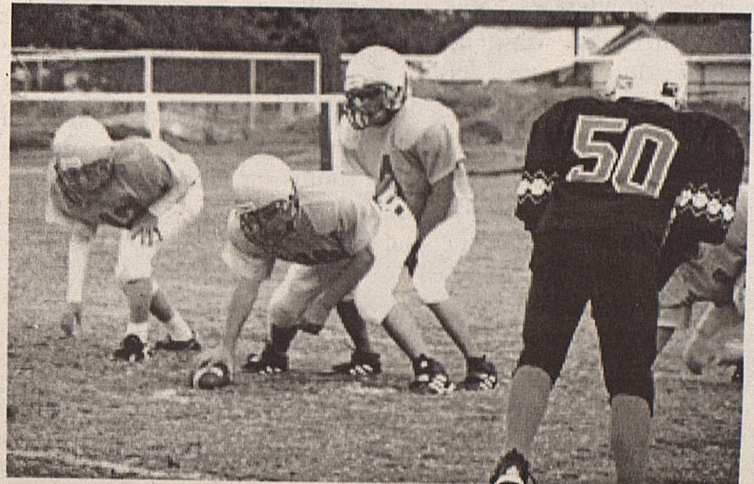
Ira JV - 26 JV Coyotes - 6
Ira JH - 46 Coyote Pups - 20

JV, JR. HIGH FOOTBALL ACTION

Thursday, September 25
At Wellman

Vs.

Wellman-Union Wildcats
Jr. High game begins 5:30
followed by JV game



Coyote Pups: Miller Valentine, QB for the Coyote Pups takes a handoff from center, Justin Stroop while Logan Howard #12 is ready for the action.



CHEERING FOR THE COYOTES! Jr. Pep Squad at Thursday night game.

From The Counselor

By Mary Airhart

PSAT reminder:

The PSAT will be administered to all Borden County sophomore and junior students on Tuesday, October 21st, beginning at 9:50 a.m.

The test will take about two hours and 45 minutes, so students will miss 3rd, 4th, and 5th period classes and tutorials. They may be 5 or 10 minutes late to lunch.

The students have been given practice materials and are encouraged to prepare for these important tests.

Rural Health through a Student's Perspective

By Patti Patterson, M.D., vice president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

For many of us in the health care field, we search of ways to provide the best medical care for out patients. The need to continue searching for access to care for rural areas is something we work to find answers for. The following is an essay by student Erica Maskell. It is interesting to see how a person Erica's age sees the issue of health care in rural areas. It is a reminder that the lack of doctors or health care professionals is an issue that affects all of us. Maskell is from Greenwood, Texas and is now a pre-med major at Texas Tech University.

Rural Ruckus

Every time I see a hurting child, I see a patient. When someone is not feeling their best, I see a need. If the wait is long and the pain unbearable, I see an opportunity. Then, the doctor enters; I see myself. At this point, my mind begins to translate what my eyes see; comfort seems fleeting. There is really no doctor at all, only an empty room with a few chairs, some magazines, and a need.

Communities need aspiring individuals to facilitate those needs, which exist beyond the city limits. Expanding the focus of health care to include rural areas is vital to ensure that no child, teacher, neighbor, or clerk is deprived essential care simply because of their location on the map. Being raised in a rural community sheds light on such injustices. Are emergencies not permissible? Only if the half-hour drive to the hospital is. Many of the areas in West Texas suffer from the plight of a shortage of health care professionals. The issue of rural health care is pertinent, yet people are not willing to step away from

their familiar suburban lifestyles to accommodate such areas. Is it the fear of a population less than five thousand? Are the county roads intimidating? No, no, the countryside is just so far away from everything else, right? Unfamiliarity breeds excuses, and the idea of a more expansive health care system is no exception.

Leaders must step forward and embrace the challenge that their predecessors have evaded. I close my eyes again and fabricate my own ending. No more empty rooms or unfilled prescriptions. No more copies of the last year's "Reader's Digest." The figure begins to take form and the room is placated. I will go. Sickness and pain pay no heed to the city limits; health care must be boundless.

Texas Department of Agriculture Amends Cotton Stalk Penalty

The Texas Department of Agriculture amended the Cotton Stalk Destruction Program's penalty system to further TDA's mission to control cotton pests and eradicate the boll weevil in Texas.

The biggest change is that the new penalty formula used to calculate fines does not take field wetness into account. This is because current herbicides, including some new materials, make cotton-killing aerial applications possible even if fields are wet. In the past, farmers with wet fields were given extra time to destroy stalks.

In 2002, the cotton stalk destruction regulations for

Cotton Pest Management Zones 1-8 were modified to require simply that farmers maintain their fields in non-hostable conditions, instead of specifically requiring the shredding and plowing of stalks. Non-hostable means that no living fruiting structures (buds, flowers, squares, or bolls) can be present. In the absence of such structures, a cotton plant cannot serve as a host for boll weevils. As a result of this 2002 regulatory change, alternative means of stalk destruction, such as herbicides, have become widely adopted.

Another change simplifies the penalty calculations. The new formula uses a \$250


base penalty, plus a 50 cents per acre penalty for each day of noncompliance. The new system benefits cotton growers by shortening the period that boll weevil have host material available to feed upon in the fields. This helps reduce the size of the weevil populations present at the beginning of the next planting season.

The changes come as a result of suggestions made by the Cotton producer Advisory Committees made up of Texas growers from across the state. Deadlines for cotton stalk destruction are mandated by regulations adopted under the Cotton Pest Control Law to help control boll weevils and pink bollworms. After the deadline, cotton stalks in Cotton Pest Management Zones 1-8 must not be

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Flu Shots

Flu Shots will be available to the public at Borden Co. ISD on Friday, October 10th. in the School Nurse's Office beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information call Kim Thomas @756-4313




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Texas FFA launches project to reconnect with former members

The Texas FFA Association has launched a program to reconnect with the hundreds of thousand of students that have worn the distinctive blue and gold FFA jacket over the last eight decades. "The Texas FFA is celebrating 75 years of success through youth leadership development and agricultural education," said Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA program. "We want to hear from our former students about how their lives have turned out and how their FFA training helped them."

Maynard said the 75th annual observance of the FFA's birthday in Texas is an excellent opportunity to locate the students that have been in FFA over the years. The organization plans to do

that with a website, and a media campaign encouraging former students to make contact with the organization.

To assist alumni in reconnecting with the organization, the Texas FFA has launched a new website: www.texasffa.org. Alumni can visit the website and click on the 75th Anniversary logo to submit their contact information.

What started as an organization for farm boys in 1929, has grown into a large and sophisticated program that trains both boys and girls in agricultural science, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and a solid work ethic. "We believe FFA has

matured into a progressive, inclusive and diverse youth organization teaching leadership, technology, career and character development," said Tobin Redwine, this year's student president of the Texas FFA Association. "We are eager to hear from all generations of former FFA members about how FFA has impacted their lives."

The Texas FFA initiated this project to reunite former Texas FFA members with the organization, to keep them informed about the organization and to let current members know how the Texas FFA can impact their own lives, through the experiences of others.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of 58,753 and 977 local affiliates.

Odessa Arts & Crafts Festival to be held Sept. 27th - 28th

The 14th Annual Odessa Arts and Crafts Festival will be held September 27th & 28th in Barn G at the Ector County Coliseum complex. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the building with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. There is no admission charge.

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Dan & Ouita Turner

Thank You!

Thanks to Jess Everett and Chuck Kimmel for their efforts in marking some of the unknown graves at our cemetery. The Gail Cemetery has been designated as a Historical Cemetery and plans are to place a Historical Marker there.

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Courthouse News

On this the 8th day of September, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

with Ernest Reyes, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of August 25, 2003 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

BUDGET HEARING

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to recess the Commissioners Court Meeting and to call the 2004 Budget Hearing to order, as advertised. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ernest Reyes present at 10:15 a.m.

No interested persons appeared at the Budget Hearing.

A motion was made at 10:30 a.m. by Commissioner Adcock that said hearing be adjourned and reconvene Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes

2004 BORDEN COUNTY BUDGET

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the 2004 County Budget as proposed. Commissioner Belew second-

ed the motion. Motion carried.

TAX RATE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the Tax Rate at 4446 cents (\$.4446) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

TAX DISCOUNTS

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

2004 TAXES-SPLIT PAYMENTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to NOT ALLOW split payment of taxes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY NETWORK

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to transfer Chapter 74, Texas Transportation Funds to the Borden County Community Network. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to

adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

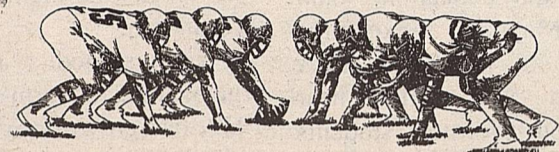
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HOW TO SHRINK A MOUNTAIN

When I was growing up in west Texas, my friends and I loved to hike up Morgan Peak. Only about a mile from our little town, of Westbrook, Morgan Peak was the highest land-mass in sight. We felt adventurous as we went "mountain climbing" up to the very top and looked down on the rest of the world.

During the summer months, and sometimes at other times, we'd go camping on Morgan Peak. About half-way up the mountain we found a level spot that was just right for our camping purposes.

So, we'd take our bedrolls, camp cooking vessels, some bacon and eggs or maybe some wieners to roast, and we'd spend the night.

There, we built a campfire, cooked supper, and feasted like kings. Then we sat around the fire, looked at the stars, and told ghost stories into the night. Morgan Peak was a tall mountain!

But what happened to it? Recently I drove by Morgan Peak on Interstate

20. I looked up to see the place where we had camped so many times as teenagers. And as I looked at the little mountain, standing all alone out there in the flat west-Texas plain I was shocked!

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John W. Bullock

Morgan Peak is *small*. But how can it be? It was a *tall* mountain when I was a boy. How could it have shrunk down to that mound out there beside the highway?

Or maybe it hasn't shrunk at all! Maybe it just has to do with relativity. You see since I have been grown there have been times when I lived in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico. And I have seen many other mountain ranges.

So, it is my *viewpoint*, rather than Morgan Peak, that has changed. What seemed tall to me in my teen-age years no longer seems tall at all viewed through the eyes of maturity and experience.

But that's life. Oh, if only we could see our lives when we are young with the maturity and experience we gain later. Perhaps we could by-pass some of the problems that seem to come our way so

easily.

However, that's not the way it is. We each must find our own way in the light of our experience at the time.

But there is help for us as we look to the future

with immature knowledge.

The Bible promises, *In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

Write to John W. Bullock at bullock@westxs.net
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Cotton Stalk

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allowed to develop squares, blooms or bolls must remain without fruiting structures until planting next spring.

For additional information, growers can contact TDA's

regional offices in Lubbock, (806)799-8555; Dallas, (214)631-0265; Houston, (713)666-8491; San Antonio, (210)820-0288; or San Juan, (956)787-8866.



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NOTICE

Notice of opportunity for organizations and groups representing elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by West Texas Opportunities, Inc. Rural Transit District on a Section 5310 grant program for the Elderly and Disabled general public of Howard County. Financial assistance is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation - Abilene District for approximately \$5,000 to be used to alleviate operating expenses for vehicles, allowing for expansion of services to the Elderly and Disabled in Borden and Howard Counties. These efforts will improve the quality and quantity of services for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities for whom transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Written comments or a written request for a public hearing can be mailed to Debra Rector, Public Transportation Coordinator - Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 150 Abilene, TX 79604-0150 until Friday, September 26th, at 3:00 p.m. For further information contact Debra Rector (325)676-6811.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Patterson Petroleum LP. P.O. Drawer 1416, Snyder, TX 79550 is applying to the Railroad Commissioner of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Canyon Reef Formation, Anderson Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 12 miles Southwest of Gail in the Good Northeast (Canyon Reef) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7000 to 9020 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6105-39-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in BORDEN County, etc. will be opened on October 21, 2001 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$58,070.75.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the 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.

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A Day at the Ballpark

On a recent Sunday, I had the rare privilege of doing something I've wanted to do for years. I sat behind my oldest son Kevin as he worked as technical director for the TV broadcast of a Texas Rangers baseball game.

We got to The Ballpark at Arlington at 9:30 a.m. for a 2 p.m. game. A light rain was falling. We went to a huge trailer filled with millions of dollars worth of equipment. Miles and miles of cables were attached to the trailer to transmit the images and sound from cameras and microphones on the field.

The trailer is divided into compartments: one for audio, one for tv, one for videotaping and one I never did figure out what went on there. Perhaps it was to make sure the broadcast got to networks and stations.

Kevin started pushing buttons and flipping switches, making sure all the pre-broadcast duties were completed. He checked promotional pieces, small visual and audio clips that are played during the game, checked the eight cameras on the field to make sure they were sending pictures to the trailer and dozens of other things.

The 20-member crew started to arrive and I sensed immediately the respect that each person has for co-workers.

We had lunch in the press room area where I got acquainted with crew members while dining on Mexican food. I proudly displayed my TV crew badge.

We got back to the trailer around 1 pm and settled

down to do the game. I went over to the audio room and met Toast, who makes sure the broadcast has sound. He operates a 64 channel console

and a unique box that has hundreds of sound effects.

Everybody wears headsets that are filled with chatter from the broadcast booth, cameramen, a sound assist man, the tape room and a few other sources.

As the countdown to the game was in progress, everyone was poised to do his or her job. Director Dave Burchett, watching the eight TV screens in front of him, raises his hands like a symphony orchestra conductor and points to each one, telling Kevin "ready on

three, take three, take one, show eight" and so forth. Kevin is the one who puts on the screen what viewers see.

I witnessed a high degree of professionalism. And it was done with a sense of humor. Everything is split-second. The screen portrays what is going on all over the field and in the stands.

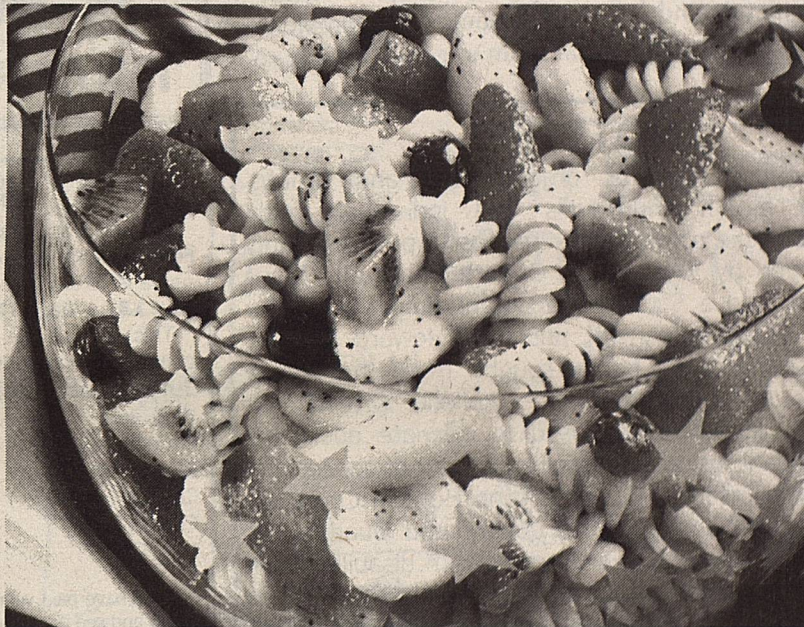
Every minute I spent with the crew was fascinating. And not all the excitement was in the trailer.

Rain had fallen during most of the game, which turned out to be a long one. It was still

going on at 6 p.m. The crew, the fans and the players were ready for this one to be over.

In the bottom of the 9th the game was tied 10 to 10. Everyone was concerned that there might be a rain delay or extra innings. The Rangers had a man on base when Diaz got up to bat. He hit eleven foul balls in a row. On the twelfth pitch, he hit a ball that bounced off the back wall. The runner touched home, the game was over and the Rangers won. Wow, What a Day!

Tailgater's Side Dishes Are Sure to Score!



You'll score with the crowd when you serve this great-tasting side dish!

Everyone knows that we need to be eating more fruits and vegetables. Despite the fact that we all know what's good for us, nutritious fruits and veggies are usually not included in tailgating events. The folks at Burlison's Honey think that may be because we just haven't found the right recipe.

Why not surprise your fellow tailgaters with a tantalizing fresh fruit salad this weekend? For a tailgate party with lighter fare, try one of the new fruit salads developed by Nina Swan-Kohler, culinary professional for Burlison's Honey and cookbook author. Make "Punt and Pass" Pasta Salad to serve alongside your favorite main dishes at your next tailgate party. "We've combined pasta with both fresh and canned fruits, and then tossed it all with a wonderful honey, lime and poppy seed dressing," says Swan-Kohler. "The flavor combination can't be beat, and the easy preparation will have you making this salad over and over again." Not only

is this salad healthy and delicious, it's also totally fat free!

In her new cookbook, "Tailgates to Touchdowns," Swan-Kohler recommends that tailgaters make as much ahead of game day as possible to make the day more enjoyable for the person preparing the foods.

"Punt and Pass" Pasta Salad

Honey-Lime Dressing:

- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice or juice of 2 limes
- 2/3 cup pure clover honey
(Burlison's Honey recommended)
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
- 3 cups quartered fresh strawberries*
(1 1/2 pints)
- 2 bananas, peeled and sliced
- 4 kiwi fruit, peeled and cubed
- 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges,
drained
- 6 cups cooked rotini** pasta, chilled

In small bowl, whisk together lime juice, honey and poppy seeds; refrigerate until ready to use. Right before serving (or heading out for the game),

combine remaining ingredients. Pour dressing over the fruit and pasta; stirring gently to coat. Garnish, if desired. Makes 12 servings.

**If strawberries are not available, substitute 1 large can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained.*

***For extra fun, use football-shaped pasta, if available.*

For another great salad, try Fabulous Fruit Salad. "You can also make this salad ahead to make the day of the game a bit easier," Swan-Kohler suggests.

Both of these fruit salad recipes combine honey with a citrus juice to create fat-free dressings with great flavor.

Fabulous Fruit Salad

A healthy citrus fruit salad that can be made ahead to serve at your weekend tailgate parties!

- 3 oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 2 grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
- 1/3 cup pure clover honey
(Burlison's Honey recommended)
- 1/2 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 2 kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped
- 2 bananas, peeled and sliced

Place orange and grapefruit sections in medium bowl; drain juice into 1-cup glass measure. Stir honey and poppy seed into juice. Right before serving (or heading out for the game), add kiwi fruit and bananas to orange-grapefruit mixture. Pour honey-lime-poppy seeds dressing over fruit. Stir gently to coat fruit. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Tip: Oranges, grapefruit, bananas and kiwi fruit are excellent sources of vitamin C. Bananas are an excellent source of potassium.

For more great tailgating recipes, order your copy of "Tailgates to Touchdowns" online, by visiting www.burlisons-honey.com. Or, write to Tailgates to Touchdowns, PO Box 11151, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52410. The cost of the book is \$18.95, plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Make your check payable to Tailgates to Touchdowns.