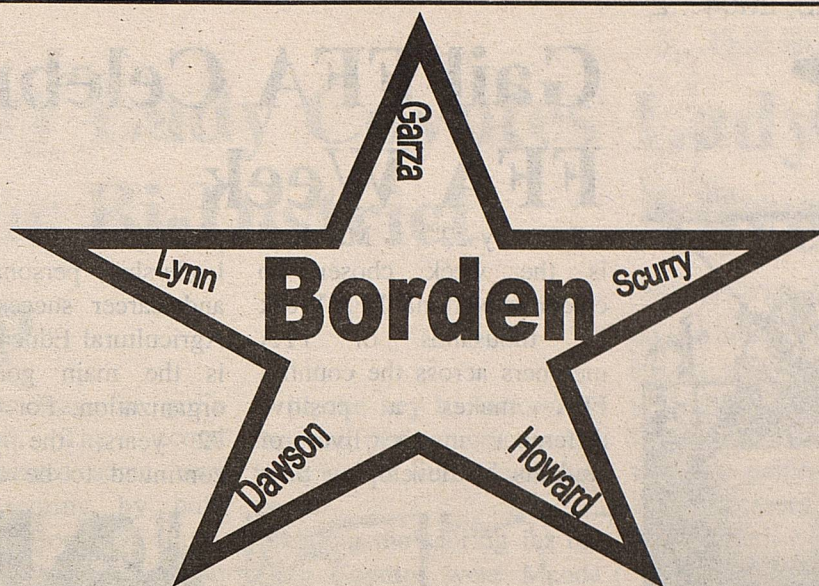


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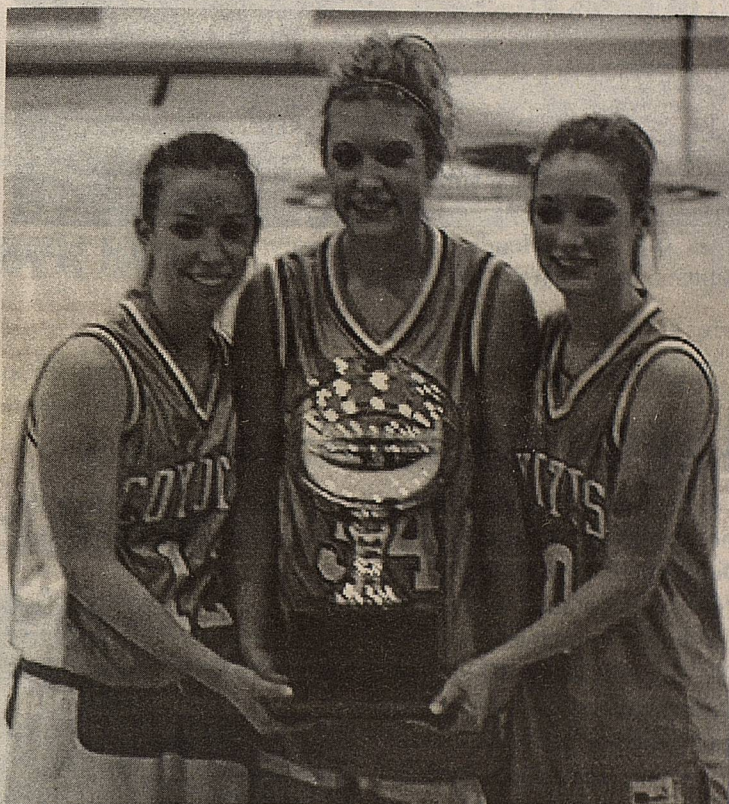
Lady Coyotes Stay Alive in Playoff's

The Borden County Lady Coyotes narrowly escaped defeat last Friday in Floydada in the Area round of the Class A state play-off. The Lady Coyotes won the game in the last seconds of the contest defeating the Lady Panthers of Whitharral by one point, as Emily Mayes sank a picture perfect 3 pointer to make the score 33-32.

Whitharral's last chance to win came with just seconds left in the game as a Lady Panther went to the free throw line to shoot a one and one with a two point lead. She could have pushed their lead to 3 or 4 points, but instead she missed the front end of the free throws. Mayes found herself open on the other end at three-point land and let it rip. Her only bucket of the game put the Lady Coyotes up by one point and it proved to be all that they needed.

The game was a tough defensive battle that frequently had Ladies hitting the floor. Ashley James was knocked around a little bit and Jami Gass left the game with a knee a little strained. Both toughened it up and re-entered the game to play well.

After the trophy presentation the Lady Coyote's head coach Kevin James said, "It was a tight game the whole way. Whitharral did a great



BHS Senior Lady Coyotes (L. to R.) Menda James, Jami Gass and Shayla Gass, hold the Area Trophy after defeating Whitharral last Friday night.

job. We met them here at the same time last year. We knew they'd be ready to give us a battle and they did."

The Lady Coyotes will meet Happy, who defeated Channing, Tuesday night at 6:00 PM in Levelland's High School Gym.

The first half was a low scoring affair as both teams were playing great defense. The Whitharral girls scored first in the game but their lead was short lived as the Lady Coyotes scored on their next two possessions as Jami Gass sank two 2-point baskets. Kevin James said

"That was the game plan to take it inside early and let Jami see what she could do with it." It worked as the Lady Coyotes took the lead, but then Jami would have to leave the game a short time after that when she strained her knee. Jami would score only two more points in the contest.

Whitharral tied the game next and then both teams went about three minutes in the first period before either team would score because of relentless defense. Whitharral then scored from the free

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Know Your EMS

Borden County EMS wishes to welcome their newest member, Tina (Blacklock) Pewitt. Tina has been a certified Texas Paramedic since 1996. She is also certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Advanced Burn Life Support and Pre-Hospital Head and Brain Injury Prevention Instructor.

Tina has been married 11 years to Jamie Pewitt. They have two boys Ty, 8 years-old and Brandon, 6 years-old. Jamie is a Chaplain and works at the Dalby Correctional Facility in Post. Tina attended Borden County ISD from 1985 to 1990. She graduated from Post High School in 1993. She attended South Plains College for EMT-B and Intermediate. She went on to attend Texas Tech for Paramedic Class.

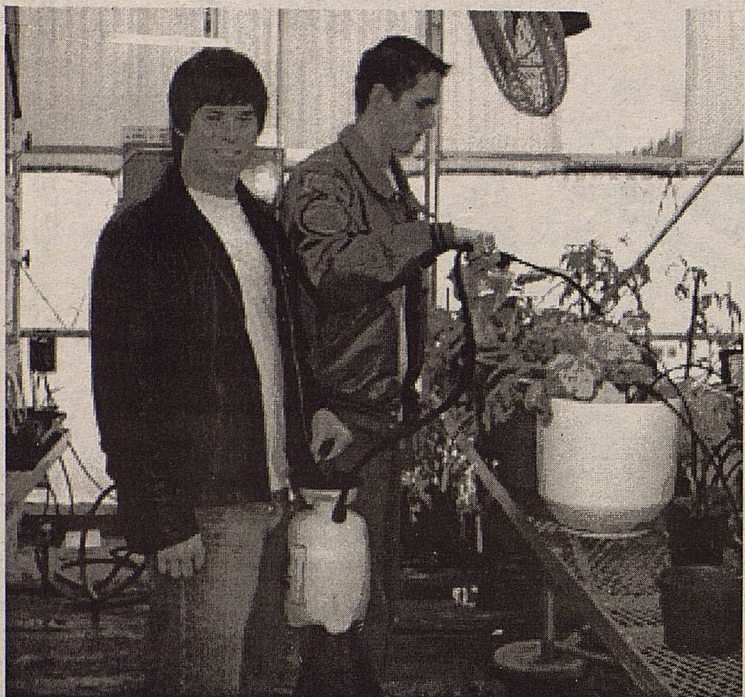
While working full time for the Slaton EMS as a Medic, Tina had quiet an experience working an auto accident on Hwy 84. As she was working the accident on Christmas 2000 in a winter snow storm which hit the area making the highway an ice skating rink, an 18 wheeler jackknifed, pinning Tina against her ambulance. Apparently, God has other work for her to do, and we are glad she has joined the Borden County EMS.



Tina is also a volunteer for Garza County EMS. She was previously employed by the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department as a Correctional Officer.

Tina and her family moved to Gail this fall and we are glad to have them in our community.

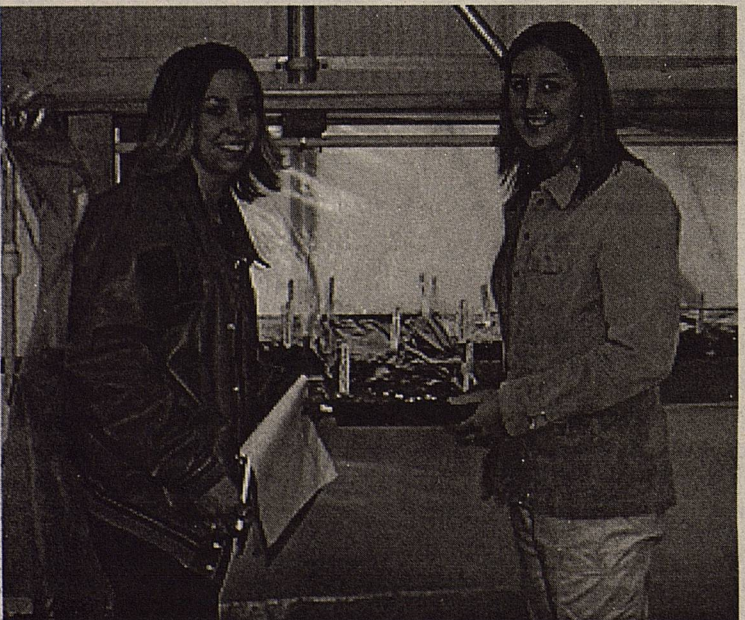
Borden County EMS will sponsor and teach a Basic EMT Class in Gail, starting March 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For anyone serving Borden County EMS, the class will be taught free. The Borden County EMS NEED's YOUR HELP to maintain the level of care that they have been providing. At present time, they are providing hospital to home and hospital to hospital transfers as well as primarily job of Pre-Hospital EMERGENCY CARE. If they have the personnel they will be able to continue all of these services. If not, they may at sometime only be able to provide EMERGENCY CARE to this community.



The Bug Doctors: Tyler Wallace and Shane Tarleton, fighting off the white flies, one of the main pest to plants.



Getting the next crop started: Shane Taleton, Kylan Reynolds and Seth Williamson start the planting of tomatoes for the spring tomato sale.



Putting the babies in the nursery: Menda James and LaShae Johnson put the trays of tomatoes seeds that have just been planted in the seeding chamber to help get the plants started.

Gail FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

February 22nd – March 1st is the week chosen to celebrate National FFA Week by thousands of FFA members across the country. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their

potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education – this is the main goal of the organization. For more than 72 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral

part of agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. From its beginning, in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 451,997 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico Virgin Islands, Guam and Rota.

The Gail FFA Chapter is made up of 42 members in grades 9-12. The chapter is very active in leadership training, career development events, mechanical applications, supervised agricultural experience programs, and many other activities. The chapter officers will be doing their part to promote National FFA Week by wearing FFA attire on Thursday as they visit with prospective junior high students on the benefits of being in the FFA and Ag Science Programs.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank the community for all of its strong support this year and the members are proud to represent Borden County in its FFA activities.



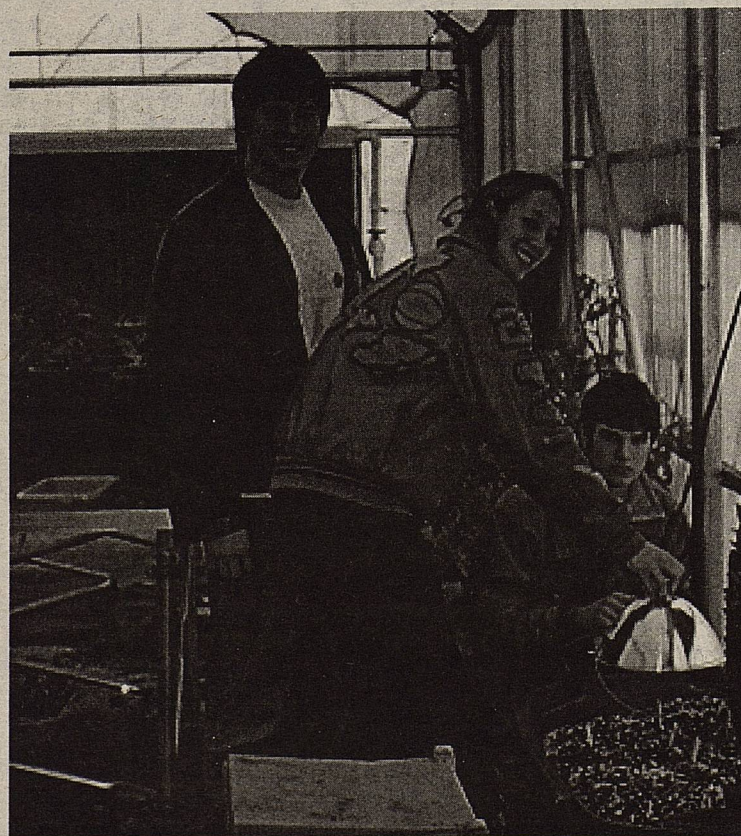
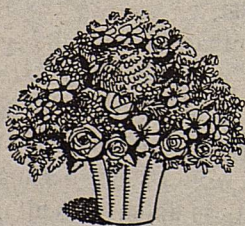
Pass the Salt: Menda James, Cassidy Rinehart and LaShae Johnson check on the ripe tomatoes.

Gail FFA Greenhouse News

It has been a busy year in the Borden County Ag. Department Greenhouse. The students have been harvesting hot house tomatoes, waging war on the white flies, and implementing some good old spring cleaning.

Another main activity has been the planting of many seed varieties to be marketed as garden plants in the upcoming FFA Spring Plant Sale. The sale will take place at the school greenhouse in early April, and will include a large variety of peppers, tomatoes, flowers, and other items. A sale date will be published soon, so watch the paper and be prepared to take advantage of great plants at a great price.

Anyone wishing to tour the greenhouse is welcome.



The lighting of the grapes: Tyler Wallace, Ben Griffin and Cassidy Rinehart, hook-up a heat light for the new grapes vines that were planted last week.

Borden County Lady Coyotes Defeat Rule for Bi-District Championship

The Borden County Lady Coyotes defeated the Rule Lady Bobcats on Tuesday night at the Scurry County Coliseum by a score of 51-40. This win gave the Lady Coyotes the Bi-District Championship and a return Area match up with the Whitharral Lady Panthers.

At the end of the first quarter, the Lady Coyotes had built a 12-6 lead with outstanding pressure defense

leading the way for girl's from Gail. The second quarter featured some very balanced scoring by both teams with Borden County, taking a 27-19 advantage into intermission.

In the second half of play, the Lady Coyotes built a 40-24 lead by the end of three periods which would prove to be too much for the Lady Bobcats to overcome. Outstanding defense proved

to be the key to victory, as shooting percentages for the team were a little lower than usual.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Coyotes were Menda James-13 points, Cassidy Rinehart-12 points, Shayla Gass-7 points, LaShae Johnson-7 points, Emily Mayes-6 points, Ashley James-5 points and Jami Gass-1 point.

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Whitharral scored on the throw line with 47 seconds left to take the lead, but it was short lived as Cassidy Rinehart answered with her first two points of the game to tie the score at the end of the first period 6-6.

Whitharral then hit two free throws to take the lead. Both teams took five trips down the floor before Menda James was fouled and hit both free throws for the Lady Coyotes to tie the score at 8. On the next trip Menda hit a two-point bucket to put the Lady Coyotes up by two. Both teams intercepted each other's passes and forced turnovers, usually without allowing their opponents to even get off a shot. With 1:05 left in the half Menda was fouled again, sank them both and the Lady Coyotes took a 12 to 8 lead at the half.

In the third period the Lady Coyotes were outscored by Whitharral, 13 to 8. In this period Ashley James sank a two pointer to make the score 14 to 8, which was the Lady Coyotes largest lead in the game. Whitharral responded by scoring the next seven points to take a lead 15 to 14. Jami Gass then sank another basket to give the Lady Coyotes the lead again. Whitharral then scored six unanswered points to take a five-point lead with 1:16 left in the third, 21 to 16. Menda James sank two free throws and Cassidy Rinehart hit a two pointer to pull the Lady Coyotes to within one point, 21 to 20 at the end of the third.

Whitharral scored on the first possession of the fourth period, and Cassidy Rinehart answered theirs with two points of her own. Whitharral scored a basket and two free throws to take a 26 to 22 point lead. Lady Coyote Ashley James put a three-pointer through the hoop to again put her team within one point. Whitharral sank two more free throws to pull ahead by three, when Shayla Gass hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 28. Whitharral again took the lead by sinking two more free throws and a two-point bucket. Shayla Gass hit a two-pointer to put the Lady Coyotes to within two points. Whitharral was fouled again but this time they missed the front end of the one and one. Lady Coyote Emily Mayes got the rebound, dribbled to the offensive end; hit Cassidy Rinehart with the ball, tried to penetrate but the defense was there. Rinehart then passed the ball back outside to Mayes who immediately took the shot and it went in giving the Lady Coyotes the lead with 24.78 seconds left. The crowd went wild and it proved to be enough as the Lady Coyotes hung on to win 33-32.

Leading the Lady Coyotes in scoring was Menda James with 8 points. Cassidy Rinehart had 6 points, Jami Gass had 6 points, Shayla Gass had 5 points, Ashley James had 5 points, and Emily Mayes had 3 points.

Also playing some big minutes in the game was LaShae Johnson and Lindsey Stamper.



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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4-H News

Junior 4-H Club Meeting

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, March 1 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by 4-H families. The program will be on Photography. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly used children's book. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 <mailto:borden-tx@tamuedu>.

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San Antonio Stock Show Results

Borden 4-H and Gail FFA had several exhibitors showing animals at San Antonio. Results are as follows:

Steers:

Kalli Poole - 2nd Place MW Simmental
LaShae Johnson - 4th Place Class 3 AOB Steer
Others exhibiting steers were: Sydney Shipp, Chelsea Stephens, and Kylan Reynolds.

Swine:

Kalli Poole - 1st Place Class 3 HW Duroc
Others exhibiting swine were: Krystasha Benavidez, Alexis Brooks, Heather Brooks, Megan Brooks, Rowdy Clary, Sharelle Gass, Shayla Gass, John Hensley, Cassidy Rinehart, Shylo Rinehart, Symeron Rinehart, Class 1 Medium Wool Miller Valentine - 1st Place Class 6 Medium Wool
Others exhibiting lambs were Kate Wallace.

Congratulations to these exhibitors! Good luck to the

exhibitors preparing their animals for exhibition at San Angelo.

School Menu

Week Of:

March 1st - 5th, 2004

MONDAY: Pizza, corn, Okra, Fruit & Milk.
Breakfast: Hot Pockets, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Fried Stead, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, Potatoes, Rolls, Fruit and Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Fish, Black-eye Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburgers, French Fried, Salad Cup, Cookies, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, Fruit Juice & Milk.

Book Fair Coming March 1-5, 2004

Sponsored by the Class of 2004

Come by the school and purchase a book and help support the Class of 2004.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Lee Dennis 1915-2004

Services for Dorothy Dennis, 88, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at the Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Mrs. Wiley Bert Dennis passed away on February 23rd, 2004. She was born Dorothy Lee Austin on March 15th, 1915 in San Angelo, Texas. Her parents were Rose and Robert Austin. Her maternal and paternal grandparents, the H.R. Rowlands and J.J. Austins, were among the first citizens of Tom Green County.

She attended schools in San Angelo, graduating from Central High, attended San Angelo Jr. College and San Angelo Business College. Later she also attended Texas Tech University.

For five years she was secretary to Louis L. Farr, Jr., Manager of the Sawyer Cattle Company (Bar S Ranch). On September 8, 1939, she married Wiley Bert Dennis and they moved to Pecos County where the Dennis brothers, Jack, Bert and John, had entered into the ranching business. They first leased the Maud S. Kincaid (Saenger) Ranch. Bert and Dorothy lived on this ranch for five years and in 1943, they purchased a ranch in Borden County from Jack Canning.

Mrs. Dennis was active in all phases of ranch life and community affairs. She did extensive historical research on Borden County ranches and families for the Borden County Historical Society. Several of these papers appeared in historical magazines. She served as president of Altrurian Daughters' Club in Snyder and in 1963, was president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary. She worked closely with the Miss

Wool of Texas program and was named honorary member of the Auxiliary. She was always closely associated with the Borden County school activities while her children were in school. She was also a member of the Martin Preuitt, Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Snyder. She was an avid needlepoint enthusiast and had her own shop in Snyder for eight years and was a member of the American Needle Point Guild and the Embroiderers' Guild. She was a member of the First Christian Church in San Angelo.

In 1997, Dorothy published her autobiography, "In Pursuit of Happiness". The book chronicles her memories of life in San Angelo and as a ranch wife in Pecos and Borden Counties.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bert, in 1995.

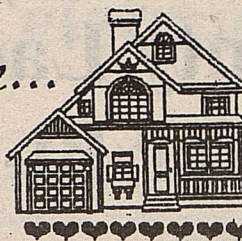
She is survived by her children: Steve Dennis and his wife Nancy of Odessa; Joel Dennis and his wife Betty of Borden County; and Lisa Dennis Mahler and her husband Keith of San Angelo. Four grandsons: Jeff Dennis of Lubbock; Bert Patrick Dennis of Odessa; Andrew Dennis Mahler and Matthew Lee Mahler of San Angelo. Nieces and nephews: Jenny Austin Dietrich of Houston; Colleen Foster Nickum of Washington State; Robert Dennis of Bedford; David Dennis of Post; Mary Ann Dennis Awtry of Orange City, Iowa; Jacqui Dennis Whalen of Borden County; and Sally Munn Lacy of Water Valley.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jeff Dennis, Bert Dennis, Matthew Mahler and Andrew Mahler.

Honorary Pallbearers: Frank Beavers, Carl Dillaha, Joe Canon, Rich Anderson, Bill Nickum, Bill Sims and Mickey McMeans.

Heart and home...

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



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When You work with Pesticides . . .

With spring on its way, that means that everyone is getting the ground ready to plant, and that generally means the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals. It is vital that you follow the proper methods when using pesticides, and especially when laundering clothes worn when using the chemicals. Here are a few tips to remember when working with these chemicals:

WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING!

- # Long sleeves and pants, or coveralls, made of:
 - cotton plain weave
 - poly-cotton blend, plain weave
 - cotton or poly-cotton twill
 - non-wrinkle cotton twill weave
- # Shoes or boots with socks; head covering.
- # Add extra protection as required by chemical label:

- goggles
- respirator
- chemical-resistant gloves

DON'T SPREAD PESTICIDE RESIDUES!

- # Change clothes at work; place in a sealable disposable bag.
- # Transport in trunk or truck bed, not inside vehicle.
- # Store and wash work clothes separately from other laundry.
- # Wear chemical-resistant gloves to handle work clothes.

FOLLOW THESE CLEANING STEPS!

- # Hang work clothes in the sun to help break down chemicals.
- # Launder small loads only.
- # Use washing machine set on longest wash cycle and highest water level.
- # Wash with hot water and extra, heavy-duty detergent.
- # Line dry. In bad weather, use dryer on high heat.
- # Clean washer by running an empty cycle with hot water and detergent.

Historian and Archaeologist to speak at school auditorium in Gail Comanche War Trail

Mr. John Yates, Texas Historian and Archaeologist, will speak on the famous Comanche War Trail. The program will be presented on February 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borden County School auditorium.

Mr. Yates, a former Texas History teacher at Big Spring ISD, is considered to be one of the foremost authorities on the War Trail. Mr. Yates has

given his presentation at Sul Ross University and will do so at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas in April. He has also presented his program at various Texas Archaeological Societies including twice to the Howard County Archaeological Society.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERKS' OFFICE

The County Clerk is NOW accepting applications to vote by mail for the Primary Election and Primary Runoff Election.

FEB. 23rd, 2004 EARLY VOTING by personal appearance Begins in the Clerk's Office during Regular business hours:
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MARCH 1st 2004 LAST DAY to receive applications for ballots by Mail for the Primary Election.

MARCH 5th 2004 LAST DAY to vote early in person.

MARCH 9th 2004 ELECTION DAY

Voters must present registration card or form of identification at time of voting.

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If your child is missing his/her jacket, please check with Amy at the school and see if it has been found.

Several coats and jackets have been found and are being kept waiting to be returned to their owners.

Thank You!

It is impossible to find the words to express how deeply the people of Borden County have touched our lives. In our darkest hour, you ran to our side to give us comfort and support. You expressed your love through the many phone calls, cards, flowers, food and the memorials sent in memory of John. We have been strengthened through your visits, hugs and most of all your prayers.

We know that our loss is also your loss. Our lives will never be the same again, but when we see our dear friends and neighbors, we will always remember the love that you have poured out upon us.

Thank you for being the "Body of Christ" to us in our time of need.

May God bless you as He has blessed us!

In His Love,
Joe, Rhonda, Sarah
and Clay Harding



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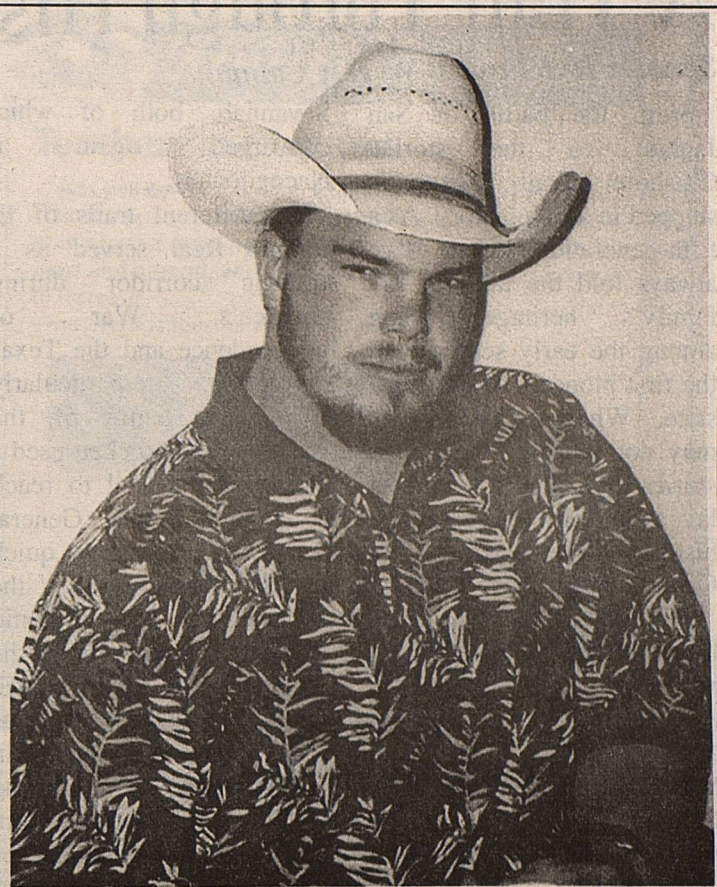
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Thank You,

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What would John say?

Why do you weep?

I'm forever your son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend.

I'm not gone . . . I've just gone on ahead.

Yes, sooner than expected by you, but not by Him.

Be comforted in this.

He was with me the whole time. He carried me through.

And I asked Him to carry you all,

He just smiled and said He already was doing that too.

Have no regrets!

You gave me a life that led me to know Him as Savior and Lord.

I watched you live your faith.

That's the greatest gift, no child could ask for more.

Hold tight to each other.

And live life to the fullest; don't take your hand from the plow.

He has a plan you do not see.

We have eternity together before us, but that time for you is not now.

My father, my dad,

You showed me God, taught right from wrong, gave me the very best life,

Country living, tractors, hunting, horses, cows.

It was simple and real, so full of love, song, and laughter, not strife.

My mother, my mom,

You showed your love in many ways, you cooked and cleaned for me.

But most of all your prayers I felt and

Your words of wisdom were my guides so that His ways I could see.

Sarah, my sister,

You're tough and that's alright . . . having brothers helped you get that way.

But don't be tough on yourself or with God;

Give Him your pain and hold on to the memories of all our good days.

Clay, my brother,

It will be okay. Talk to Mom and Dad and Sarah too.

Keep building forts, playing ball, riding and roping.

And most of all keep trusting God, for through Him all things you can do.

My family, my friends,

It's just like Mom said it would be, seeing the Lord face to face.

Some of you don't know Him and now is the time;

Fall to your knees, call on His name, and accept the gift of His Grace.

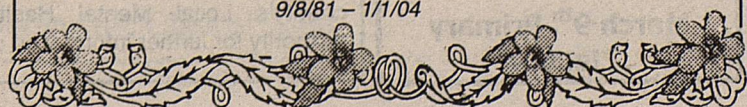
For then I saw in a mirror darkly, but now face to face; then I knew in part, but now I know fully just as I also have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

In Loving Memory of:

John Harding

9/8/81 - 1/1/04



A Trail Through History

Senator Hutchison's Weekly Column

From the battle of San Jacinto to the storied Chisholm Trail, Texas is stepped in a rich history. As a fifth-generation Texan, I've always told the tales of my family's heritage, being among the early settlers and the first pioneers of our great state. What many Texans may not know is that many stories and tales of our past lay as hidden treasure on a historic trail known as "El Camino Real de Los Tejas."

Winding some 2,580 miles from the Rio Grande River near Eagle pass through San Antonio, Bastrop and Nacogdoches to Natchitoches, Louisiana, El Camino Real opened America to Texas and Texas to the world.

Over time, the trail assumed various names and expanded its reach. In South Texas, the Lower Presidio Road, the Camino Pita and the Upper Presidio road eventually became a part of the trail. A separate path linked Laredo to San Antonio and the Camino Real system. Two major roads branched northeastward from San Antonio: the Camino de los Tejas along the Balcones Escarpment; and the Camino Arriba through the Post oak

Savannah, both of which converged again in Nacogdoches.

The different trails of El Camino Real served as a strategic corridor during America's War of Independence and the Texas Revolution, particularly during the battle of the Alamo. Davy Crockett used a section of the trail to reach the Alamo while General Santa Anna sought a quick surprise assault on the Texians in San Antonio utilizing a linking trail, the Upper Presidio Road. The El Camino Real de los Tejas road system was the main transportation route during the Texas Revolution from Mexican and Texian armies and continued to play a major role in subsequent military actions.

As the first major highway into Texas and Louisiana, El Camino Real opened the pathways to trade and culture exchange. To continue to foster this endeavor, I have

introduced legislation to direct the National Park Service to designate El Camino Real de Los Tejas as a National Historic Trail. This legislation will recognize the significance of the trail and preserve its historic importance. While protecting the private property of landowners along its route, the bill will also allow our state agencies such as the Texas historical commission, to participate in the establishment and designation of the trail to enhance tourism and economic development. This bill will help preserve our history, heritage and culture while educating Texans and the millions of tourists who visit each year.

El Camino Real de Los Tejas forged the way for the early development of Texas into a Spanish colony, an independent Republic, and finally our nation's 28th state.

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Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage . . .



*Jim & Frances Burkett
Golden Wedding Anniversary
1954-2004*

*Please join us at a reception
honoring our parents
Saturday, March 6, 2004
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

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BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2004. Three positions will be filled in this election. As of the present time, incumbents Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Randy Hensley, and Mr. Dennis Poole have filed applications for a place on the ballot. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County I.S.D. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- 3/14/04 – Last day to file for place on ballot
- 3/16/04 – First day to apply for ballot by mail
- 3/22/04 – 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- 4/15/04 – Last day to register to vote for Saturday, May 15, 2004 elections
- 4/28/04 – First day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/7/04 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- 5/11/04 – Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/15/04 – Election Day (polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTION LAWS HAVE CHANGED FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION REQUIRING VOTERS TO HAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NOTICE

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation ("TDMHMR") designated mental health and mental retardation Local Authority (LA) established to plan, coordinate, develop policy, develop and allocate resources, supervise, and ensure the provision of community based mental health and mental retardation services for the residents of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum Counties, Texas, The LA is publishing this Request for Information (RFI) Notice to request response from potential providers or other interested parties interested in the community services described in the RFI Document. This RFI Process is only to determine interest and does not address any intent to contract or procure services. From information provided by the responders to the RFI Document, a determination will be made regarding actual contracting through a procurement process.

Copies of the RFI Document may be obtained by written request to WTCMHMR Attn: Cindy Smith, Director of Network Management: 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or via internet at www.wtcmhmr.org. **INTERESTED PARTIES MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M. CST, April 30, 2004. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 1.4 of the RFI DOCUMENT.**

Questions regarding the RFI Process should be directed to Cindy Smith at 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or cindy.smith@wtcmhmr.org.

NOTE: Similar RFI Notices are being published for many local service areas in Texas. Those interested in responding for a county other than the one(s) identified above, should contact that county's Local Mental Health and/or Mental Retardation Authority for further information or the RFI Document.

Borden County POLITICAL CALENDAR

Co. Commissioner:

Precinct #1

Scott Brooks

Pd. Political Ad by Scott Brooks

Benny Taylor

Pd. Political Ad by Benny Taylor

Monte Smith

Pd. Political Ad by Monte Smith

John Stephens, III

Pd. Political Ad by John Stephens, III

Precinct #3

Ernest Reyes

Pd. Political Ad by Ernest Reyes

Sheriff:

Billy Gannaway

Pd. Political Ad by Billy Gannaway

Jon Herring

Pd. Political Ad by Jon Herring

**March 9th Primary
Election**

Calling All Texans – It Pays to Recycle

Do you have a used cell phone collecting dust somewhere in your home or office? Chances are you probably do – the average American replaces his or her cell phone every 12 months. The result? Americans discard more than 130 million used cell phones a year. That's 4 cell phones per second! All of which adds up to 65,000 tons of potentially toxic waste generated annually. The phones' disposal in landfills or incinerators can have a widespread impact on public health and the environment. The toxic material from a single phone is capable of polluting 158,200 gallons of water.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a state affiliated of Keep America Beautiful, has just announced an innovative new program that addresses this growing concern and simultaneously provides community organizations, schools, individuals, and businesses with an

environmentally-friendly method to raise money. In the Cell Phone Recycling Fundraiser, participants are paid for each digital cell phone collected, and contributors can receive a tax deduction for turning in their retired cell phone.

Keep Texas Beautiful is launching the program in cooperation with EcoPhones, a Texas based cell phone recycler. EcoPhones provides all promotional, program, and collection materials free of charge. They refurbish and resell cell phones that have

value and recycle the remainder in accordance with EPA regulations.

"We are very proud to be working with Keep Texas Beautiful on this program. Today only about 5% of discarded cell phones are properly recycled. Working together, we feel we can create greater awareness of the problem and increase that percentage dramatically," said Charles Drayton, one of the founders of EcoPhones.

For more information or to start your own cell phone recycling fundraiser, please visit www.ktb.org.

History

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This corridor is not just a highway with a historical foundation, it is a road that has been the foundation of an inspirational past and will continue to pave the way for Texas academically, economically and historically for years to come.

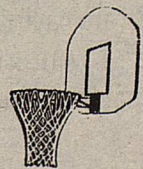
Write-In

BRICE KEY



**Borden County
Republican Chairman
March 9, 2004**

**Congratulations
Lady Coyotes**



Moore-Rains Insurance

Frances Rains Stephens

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



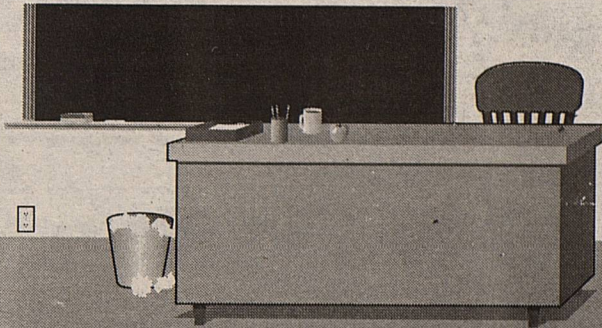
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Teachers in Demand

Texas will need more than 82,000 new teachers by 2008.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest growing occupations over the next 5-10 years and beyond, with demand and growth continuing to increase.

The average teacher salary in Texas is \$38,857.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Workforce Commission.



Dear Parents,

Announcement Letter

Beginning February 11, 2004, the Class of 2004 will launch a Little Caesars Fundraiser to raise funds for their trip to Washington D.C. and New York City. The Class of 2004 will earn \$5.00 for each item sold!

Listed below are a variety of delicious Little Caesars products that feature all the ingredients to make delicious Little Caesars Pizza, Specialty Breads, and Cookies at home. All items are individually packaged and can be refrigerated or frozen for later.

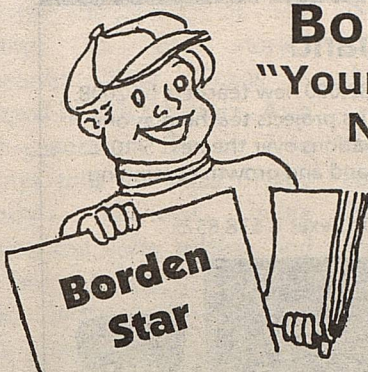
Little Caesars Pizza Kits, Specialty Items, and Cookie Dough	Selling Price
Personal Pepperoni Pizza Kit includes 9-6" Pepperoni Pizzas	\$18.00
New! Personal Cheese Pizza Kit-includes 9-6" Cheese Pizzas	\$17.50
Pepperoni Pizza Kit-includes three 12" Pepperoni Pizzas	\$17.50
Deep Dish Pizza Kit-includes three 10" Square Pepperoni Pizzas	\$17.00
Cheese Pizza Kit-includes three 12" Pizzas	\$16.00
Thin Crust Pizza Kit-includes three 12" thin crust pizzas	\$16.50
Mexican Style Taco Thin Crust Pizza Kit-includes three 12"	\$17.50
Italian Sausage Pizza Kit-includes three 12" Pizzas	\$18.00
Italian Cheese Bread Kit-includes 3 10" Square Orders of bread	\$16.00
Crazy Bread Kit-includes three 18pc Orders of Bread	\$13.50
Cinnamon Crazy Bread Kit-includes three 18 orders	\$13.50
Gourmet Spice Kit-4 Custom Blended Spices-7 oz Jars	\$16.00
Pizza Server Paddle-16" High -Quality Wood Laminate	\$25.00
Pizza Cutter-2" heavy duty Commercial Grade Wheel	\$12.00
New! Chocolate Mint Chip Cookie Dough	\$12.75
Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough	\$12.75
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookie Dough	\$13.75
Make-n-Bake Colorful Chunk Cookie Dough	\$12.75
New! Double Chocolate Cookie Dough	\$12.75
Peanut Butter Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough	\$12.75
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Dough (with cinnamon chips)	\$12.75
Peanut Butter Cookie Dough (with peanut butter chips)	\$12.75

Our delivery date will be on March 18, 2004

Please make checks payable to the Class of 2004


Thank you for supporting the Class of 2004

Subscribe to the




Borden Star
"Your" Hometown
Newspaper

Only \$12.00
12 months
P.O. Box 137
Gail, TX 79738
806/756-4402



**Republican Party
Primary Election**
Tuesday, MARCH 9, 2004
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Borden County
Courthouse



**Burkett
Tree Service**



Tree Pruning - Tree Removal
- Free Estimates -

MIKE BURKETT

806-872-8055 120 N. 23rd. Street
Mobile: 806-759-8704 Lamesa, TX 79331

**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 6108-82-001 for REHAB PICNIC AREAS in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on MARCH 18, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$206,928.50

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.

NPO: 112345

State Office	Dist/Div. Office (s)
Constr./Maint. Division	Abilene Engineer
200 E. Riverside Dr.	District Engineer
Austin, Texas 78704	4250 N. Clack
Phone: 512-416-2540	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.

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION
(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
(CONDADO DE BORDEN, TEXAS)

MARCH 9, 2004 (9 de marzo de 2004)

SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)
Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)
"I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." (Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la eleccion primaria o la convencion de algun otro partido politico durante este año electoral.)

President (Presidente)	S	Justice Supreme Court, Place 9 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)
<input type="checkbox"/> GEORGE W. BUSH		<input type="checkbox"/> SCOTT BRISTER
United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)	A	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)
<input type="checkbox"/> RANDY NEUGEBAUER		<input type="checkbox"/> LAWRENCE "LARRY" MEYERS
Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	M	<input type="checkbox"/> GUY JAMES GRAY
<input type="checkbox"/> K. DALE HENRY		Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5)
<input type="checkbox"/> VICTOR G. CARRILLO		<input type="checkbox"/> CHERYL JOHNSON
<input type="checkbox"/> DOUGLAS G. DEFFENBAUGH	P	<input type="checkbox"/> PATRICIA NOBLE
<input type="checkbox"/> ROBERT BUTLER		Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)
Justice Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)	L	<input type="checkbox"/> STEVEN M. PORTER
<input type="checkbox"/> HARRIET O'NEILL		<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL E. KEASLER
Justice Supreme Court, Place 5 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5)	E	State Senator, District 28 (Senador Estatal, Núm. 28)
<input type="checkbox"/> STEVEN WAYNE SMITH		<input type="checkbox"/> ROBERT DUNCAN
<input type="checkbox"/> PAUL GREEN		State Representative, District 85 (Representante Estatal, Núm. 85)
		<input type="checkbox"/> KENT SHARP
		District Judge, 132nd Judicial District (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132)
		<input type="checkbox"/> ERNIE B. ARMSTRONG
		District Attorney, 132nd Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132)
		<input type="checkbox"/> DANA W. COOLEY
		Republican County Chairman (Presidente del Condado, Republicano)
		<input type="checkbox"/>

**A PETITION To Every Member Of The U.S. Senate And
The U.S. House Of Representatives**

**Send No Money
This Petition Is All We
Need. We Won't
Release Your Name.**

Mail to:
Parents And Grandparents Alliance, Dept. AC
Petition Processing, P.O. Box 483
St. James, NY 11780

Yes, I am outraged at how TV, music and movies are leading children to sex, drugs, violence, killing and even suicide. I want to be part of this grass roots petition drive to stop it. You agree to send every member of Congress a copy of the Report with the massive evidence of the tragic price children are paying...and every week report to Congress the total number of Petitions received. I want Congress to ACT and stop TV, music and movie companies from undermining the values and morals of children with such horrendous consequences.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

P.S. It is the total number of petitions we report to Congress that is important. Please send in yours today. Help us bring back family-safe TV, music and movies. We will not release your name to Congress and will not sell or rent your name. Thanks.