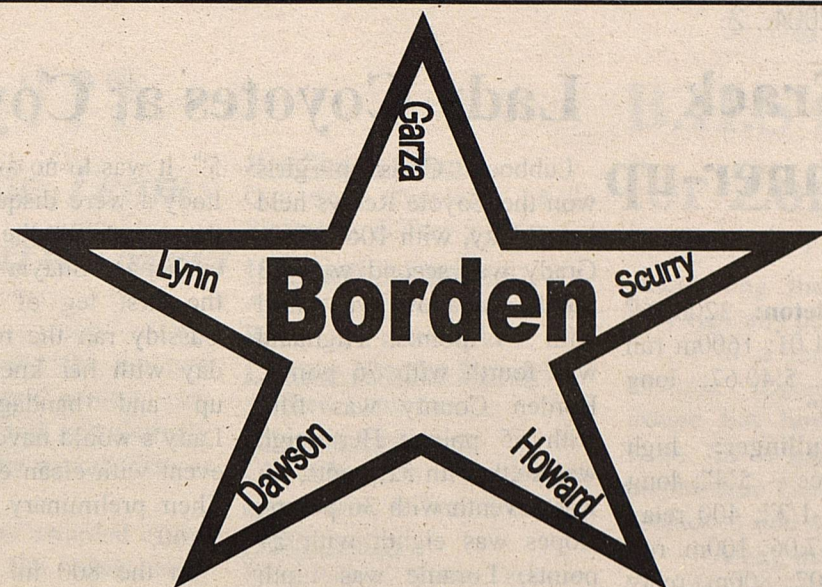


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## TWICE AS NICE

### BHS CX Debate Team Repeats As State Champion in IA UIL Competition

With the proverbial bull's eye marked squarely on their backs, Borden High School juniors Billy Roper and John Wilson did what champions do: they hit the mark.

As defending state champions in cross-examination debate, the duo faced Benjamin in the finals once again, taking a unanimous 3-0 decision by the judging panel.

Roper and Wilson now claim a remarkable 20-2 record at the state meet over a three-year period.

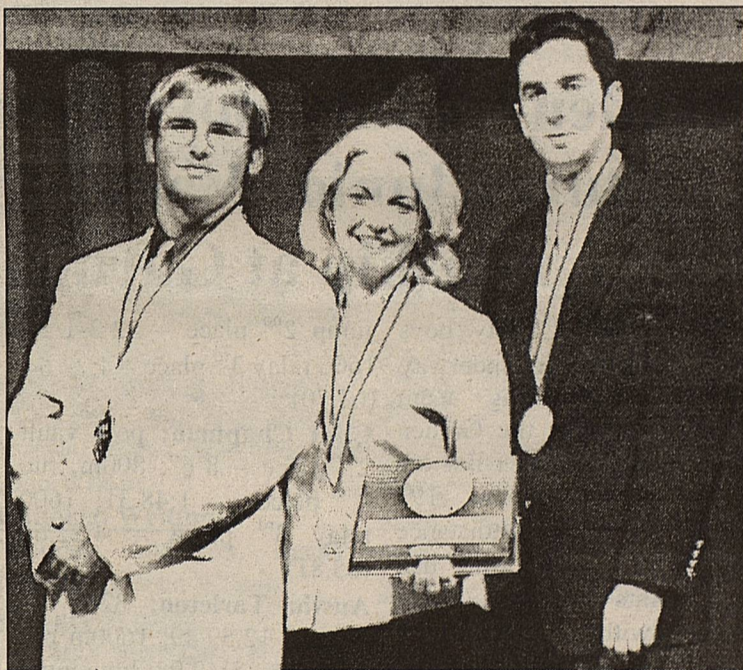
As freshmen, they advanced to the quarterfinal round, losing to eventual state champion Christoval.

In 2003 they came home with gold medals and an unbeaten record of 8-0 over the two-day tournament, held each year on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

That feat was repeated this year as the BHS team made it through the four preliminary rounds Monday with a 4-0 record.

Those preliminary rounds are judged by one person; advancing to the second day qualifies teams for panel decisions comprised of three people.

With the state championship, Roper and Wilson now have the distinction of being the only



**BORDEN COUNTY'S STATE CHAMPS** Courtesy photo Jordan County High School's UIL (University Interscholastic League) State Debate champs Billy Roper (left) and John Wilson (right) are pictured with their debate coach Sue Jane Mayes. Roper and Wilson have won this state competition now each of the past two school years.

Borden ISD debate students to earn back-to-back gold medals.

Wilson also won the coveted Gold Gavel Award as the Top Speaker in Class A. The award is given to the debater who scores the highest total of speaker points in the preliminary rounds.

The only disappointment of the tournament came when Borden High School's other debate team--Kyle Pinkerton and Tyler Wallace--were denied the chance to break from the prelims with a

fourth round knockout.

With a 2-1 record and high speaker points going into the day's last debate, Pinkerton and Wallace appeared headed for the next day's competition.

However, the guys met up with a judge with issues\*. Not only did he vote against them, but his ballot indicated a strong dislike on his part for the two BHS students.

Either Wallace or Pinkerton had received maximum speaker points in

## Betting on *La Bête* B.H.S. One-Act Play Set for Zone Contest

Packed with fast-paced energy, uproarious comedy, and a twisting storyline, Borden County High School's production of David Hirson's farce *La Bête* will take the stage next Tuesday as the school's entry in this year's U.I.L. One-Act Play competition.

The District 9-A West Zone Contest on March 30<sup>th</sup> will be the first of what will hopefully be a lengthy run for the cast and crew of nineteen.

The zone contest will be held at Dawson High School in Welch. It features productions from Dawson, Grady, Ira, Klondike, Sands, and Borden County.

Borden County will be the first play to perform and will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. From there, the plays will run back-to-back and will be followed by an awards ceremony.

Audiences are highly encouraged to arrive early to assure admittance. The doors are usually closed during performances and open briefly between shows.

The top two plays from the contest will join the top two productions from the East Zone at the District 9-A Contest on Thursday, April 1, at Jayton High School.

*La Bête* (French for "the beast") debuted on Broadway in 1991 with critical acclaim. When it was

produced in England the following year, the play received the Olivier Award for best comedy of the year.

The play is written as a classical French farce in the style of Molière, the most famous French playwright of the seventeenth century. However, the production appeals to modern audiences with its witty lines, slapstick humor, and immense absurdity.

Senior Kyle Pinkerton stars as "Elomire," the leader of an acting troupe funded by "Prince Conti," played by junior Tyler Wallace.

The prince has declared that Elomire's troupe must welcome a new potential member into its realm in order to spice up their productions. Unfortunately, this new member, "Valere," (junior John Wilson) is detested by the rest of the troupe. His arrogant attitude and constant talking (not to mention his horrible "acting") cause the group to insist on his departure.

At the request of the Prince, however, Valere is given permission to perform one of his own plays as an audition for the troupe. As his absurd production progresses, the troupe decides that his show is much more

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## Borden Co. Boys Track Team Finishes Runner-up In Borden Relays

The Borden County Coyotes came up just a little short in their quest for a third track title in a row for the 2004 track season. This would have been especially sweet as the Coyotes were competing in their own track meet. Before I got on about the Meet, I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time in volunteering to help with the many duties that are required to run off a very successful track meet. Thank you all for your time.

As for the meet, the highlight of the track meet had to be the school record that was set by Sophomore, Garrett Thomas in the 300 intermediate hurdles. This was a record that several past quality Coyote hurdlers such as Grant Key, Trini Vasquez, Robert Stamper and Jacob Zant. These four ex-Coyotes all qualified for the Regional track meet during their successful track careers, but could never better the record set by a young man named Rocky Harbour until Friday afternoon. Garrett Thomas bested the record of 42.19 by running a very impressive 41.87. This time is also one of the top times in the Region so far this season. The Coyotes did a very respectable job in competing in the Coyote Relays, but just came up a little short to the very talented Ira Bulldogs.

Individual placing is as follows:

**Kyle Pinkerton:** Discus 1<sup>st</sup> place - 120'10"; shot put 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 43'5-1/2"; 100m dash - 12.87

**Shane Tarleton:** 800m run 6<sup>th</sup> place - 2:26.26; 1600m run 4<sup>th</sup> place - 5:15.92; triple jump 6<sup>th</sup> place - 33'7-1/2"; shot put - no mark

**Adam Carter:** 800m relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 14:43.21; 110HH 4<sup>th</sup> place - 17.9

**Garrett Thomas:** 110HH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 15.48; 300IH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 41.87; 400 relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 47.06

**Austin Tarleton:** 3200 6<sup>th</sup> place - 12.31.01; 1600m run 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 5:40.67; long jump - 14'10"

**Michael Bullinger:** high jump 6<sup>th</sup> place - 5'4"; long jump - 16'7-1/2"; 400 relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 47.06; 100m. run 6<sup>th</sup> place 11.97; 800m. relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:43.21

**Aaron Pigford:** long jump - 16'8"; 800 relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:43.21; 200m. dash - 26.52; 400 relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 47.06; high jump 4<sup>th</sup> place - 5'4"

**Trey Soto:** shot put - no mark; discus - no mark; 100m dash - 13.12; 100m. dash - 27.35

**Caden Nowlain:** 200m. dash - 27.21; 1600 relay 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4:12.09 (62.29)

**John Cowart:** pole vault - 5<sup>th</sup> place - 7'6"; 400m. run - 65.77; 800m. run - 2:38.5;

**Clint Chapman:** pole vault 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 9'6". 400m. run - 62.2; 1600 relay - 4:12.09 (63.7)

**J Ryan Gicklhorn:** shot put 4<sup>th</sup> place - 40'2-1/2"; discus - no mark; 100m. run - 13.57

**Jake Payne:** triple jump - 33'10"; 110HH 6<sup>th</sup> place - 20.07; 300IH 6<sup>th</sup> place - 48.08; 1600 relay 4<sup>th</sup> place - 4:12.09 (61)

**Derek Rodriguez:** 400m relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 47.06; 800m. relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:43.21; 100m. dash - 12.34

**Andrew Lamming:** high jump 4<sup>th</sup> place - 5'4"; triple jump - 32'8"; 400m. run - 61.5; 800m. run - 2:32.1; 1600 relay - 4:12.09 (65)

**Billy Roper:** shot put - no mark; discus - no mark.

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## Lady Coyotes at Coyote Relays

Lubbock Christian girls won the Coyote Relays held last Friday, with 106 points, Grady was second with 83 points, Meadow was third with 77 points, Highland was fourth with 76 points, Borden County was fifth with 55 points, Hermleigh was sixth with 52 points, Ira was seventh with 36 points, Ropes was eighth with 24 points, Loraine was ninth with 18 points, Westbrook was tenth with 8 points, and Grady JV had a point.

The Lady Coyotes had a stroke of bad luck in two of the three relays. In the 400 m. relay, Cassidy Rinehart fell at the third exchange handing the baton off to Lindsey Stamper. Lindsey picked up the baton and ran it to Menda James who brought the baton around in

5<sup>th</sup>. It was to no avail as the Lady's were disqualified in the event on the ill fated exchange. Shayla Gass ran the first leg of the race. Cassidy ran the rest of the day with her knee scraped up and bandaged. The Lady's would have won this event with clean exchanges. Their preliminary time was 55.60.

In the 800 m. relay the Lady Coyotes had a laps of concentration as they began the race in lane 3 and finished the race in lane 2, this is an automatic disqualification.

The mile relay was ran by 4 freshman ladies, Lindsey Stamper, Becky Dobyms, Sarah Harding, and Lacey Newton. These ladies finished fifth in 5:15.75.

Christina Soto: Shot, 6<sup>th</sup>,

24'1 1/4"; Discus, 6<sup>th</sup>, 69'1/2".

Cassidy Rinehart: long jump: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14'2 1/2"; triple jump: 1<sup>st</sup>, 30'10 1/2"; 200 m. dash: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 30.97, (29.18 prelim time)

Shayla Gass: 100 m. dash: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 13.75; long jump: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13'3 1/2"

Emily Mayes: long jump: 5<sup>th</sup>, 13'5 1/2"; 200 m. dash, 30.78

Menda James: 300 m. hurdles: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 56.29; High Jump: 4'4"

Becky Dobyms: 300 m. hurdles: 5<sup>th</sup>, 62.11; 100 m. hurdles: 21.44

Ashley James: 100 m. hurdles, 21.16; pole vault, no heighth

Lacey Newton: 400 m. dash, 77.21

Sarah Harding: 400 m. dash, 76.84

## Borden County Boys Track Team Captures Junior Varsity Championship at Garden City

The Borden County boys track season got underway with a convincing team championship in the Garden City Junior Varsity Division. The Coyotes scored 197 points to easily outdistance runner-up Forsan who had 122 points and third place. Stanton with 83 points.

Individual placing is as follows:

**Kyle Pinkerton:** Discus 1<sup>st</sup> place - 127'7"; shot put 1<sup>st</sup> place - 40'2"; 400 relay 1<sup>st</sup> place - 49.44; 800 relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:48.31; triple jump 1<sup>st</sup> place - 33'6-1/2"

**Shane Tarleton:** 800m run 1<sup>st</sup> place - 2:32.65; 1600m relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4:22.64 (66.63); high jump 5<sup>th</sup> place - 5'0"; shot put 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 35'6"

**Garrett Thomas:** 110HH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 18.10; 300IH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 46.60; 400 relay 1<sup>st</sup> place - 49.44; pole vault 1<sup>st</sup> place - 9'0"

**Andrew Lamming:** high jump 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 5'0"; triple

jump 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 32'3-1/2"; 1600 relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4:22.64 (63.70)

**Clint Chapman:** pole vault 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 8'6"; 800m. run 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:48.31; 1600 relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4:22.64 (65.81)

**Austin Tarleton:** 3200 4<sup>th</sup> place - 12.59.49; 1600m run 1<sup>st</sup> place - 5:49.98; long jump 6<sup>th</sup> place - 15'1-1/4"; high jump 4<sup>th</sup> place - 5'0"

**Michael Bullinger:** high jump 1<sup>st</sup> place - 5'2"; long jump 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 16'7-1/2"; 400 relay 1<sup>st</sup> place - 49.44; 100m. run 1<sup>st</sup> place 12.77; 800m. relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:48.31

**Trey Soto:** shot put - no mark; discus 7<sup>th</sup> place 81'6"; 400m. relay 1<sup>st</sup> place - 49.44; 800m. relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1:48.31; 1600m relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4:22.64 (66.50)

**J Ryan Gicklhorn:** shot put

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Do not insult the mother alligator until after you have crossed the river.

-Haitian proverb

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 38'8"; discus 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 109'2"; 100m. run - 13.29; 200m run - 31.88

## Menu Week Of:

March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 2, 2004

**MONDAY:** BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad Bread, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pudding & Milk. **Breakfast:** Ham & Egg, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Quesadillas. Spanish Rice, Tomatoes Slices Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Ham & Egg Patty, Fruit Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Meatball & Spaghetti, Salad, Green Peas, Bread Sticks, Ice Cream & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**FRIDAY:** Steak Sandwich, Tater Tots, Salad Cup, Brownies & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake Pups, Fruit Juice & Milk.

## Four in a Row???

### B.H.S. U.I.L. Academic Teams Set for Saturday's District Meet

The new millennium has been extremely gracious to the U.I.L. Academic teams of Borden County High School. The past four years of competition have led to three consecutive overall district championships, fourteen state qualifiers, and six state champions.

Approximately thirty students from Borden County High School are hoping for more of the same at this Saturday's District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet to be held on the campus of Western Texas College in Snyder.

The students will compete in twenty different contests involving the disciplines of mathematics, science, social studies, writing, journalism, business, speech, and debate.

Competing against students from Borden County at the twelve school district meet will be contestants from Aspermont, Dawson, Grady, Guthrie, Ira, Jayton, Klondike, Paint Creek, Rochester, Rule, and Sands.

The top three individuals and the first place team in each contest will advance to the Region II-A Academic Meet. Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene hosts those contests on April 23 and 24.

## B.H.S. Speech Squad Takes First

With a concerted effort from its extemporaneous speakers, the Borden County High School speech team brought home the 1A Championship this past Saturday from the Jim Ned High School second annual "War of the Words" Speech & Debate Tournament.

Senior Kyle Pinkerton won his third consecutive practice meet of the year in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. He was also first in his preliminary and semifinal rounds.

The top six individuals and the top two teams in each contest earn points that will cumulatively determine the overall district champion.

Points awarded at the District 9-A CX Debate Meet held in February, at the Lincoln-Douglas Debate contest set for March 31, and at the One-Act Play contest on April 1 will then be added to the general academic points in order to complete the district totals. A district overall champion will then be declared.

Borden County students competing at the district meet are as follows:

**Accounting:**  
Clay John Anderson & Lesley Rutherford.

**Calculator Applications:**  
Clint Chapman, Lacey Newton, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

**Computer Applications:**  
Billy Roper, Shane Tarleton, & John Wilson.

**Current Issues & Events:**  
Clay John Anderson, Dusty Gwinn, Kyle Pinkerton, & John Wilson.

**Editorial Writing:**  
Whitney Anderson, Becky Dobyms, & John Wilson.

**Feature Writing:**  
Whitney Anderson & Kalli Poole.

#### Headline Writing:

Dannelle Copeland, Kyle Pinkerton, & Trey Soto.

#### Informative Speaking:

Andrew Lamming, Billy Roper, & Tyler Wallace.

#### Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Andrew Lamming.

#### Literary Criticism:

Clint Chapman, John Cowart, Jake Payne, & Trey Soto.

#### Mathematics:

Billy Roper, Shane Tarleton, & John Wilson.

#### News Writing:

Whitney Anderson, Christina Soto, & Lindsey Stamper.

#### Number Sense:

Whitney Anderson, Rowdy Clary, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

#### Persuasive Speaking:

Kyle Pinkerton, John Wilson, & Adam Carter.

#### Poetry Interpretation:

Adam Carter, Kalli Poole, & Lindsey Stamper.

#### Prose Interpretation:

Menda James, Cassidy Rinehart, & Tyler Wallace.

#### Ready Writing:

Garrett Chapman, Becky Dobyms, & LaShae Johnson.

#### Science:

Rowdy Clary, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Ashley James, Aaron Pigford, & Shane Tarleton.

#### Social Studies:

Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Jake Payne, & Taylor Peterson.

#### Spelling & Vocabulary:

Becky Dobyms, Emily Mayes, Kylan Reynolds, & Austin Tarleton.

## B.H.S. One-Act Play Set for Zone Contest

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entertaining than the plays they typically perform.

In a turn of events, Elomire realizes that his troupe has turned on him. Even his assistant "Bejart" (sophomore Garrett Thomas) decides to side with Valere.

Along the way, junior Cassidy Rinehart stars as the Prince's humorous maid "Dorine."

Elomire's troupe consists of senior Menda James ("Catherine De Brie"), junior Adam Carter ("De Brie"), and freshmen Clint Chapman ("Du Parc"), Becky Dobyms ("Marquise-Therese Du Parc"), and Kalli Poole ("Madeleine Bejart").

Sophomore Andrew

Lamming and freshmen Lacey Newton, Kylan Reynolds, Christina Soto, and Lindsey Stamper play the role of "servants" to Prince Conti.

Crew members for the play are junior Emily Mayes (Stage Manager), junior Thelma Balague (Props & Costumes), sophomore Trey Soto (Light Technician), and freshman Sarah Harding (Sound Technician).

Darrin Ard directs the production.

The community performance for this year's production will be after the last advancing contest performance. Keep reading the *Borden Star* for updates.

## Debate Team Repeats

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all three previous rounds (high of 30); the final judge gave them scores of 16 and 12--unheard of in most debate rounds.

The loss and low speaker points cost them the chance to advance to Tuesday's octofinals.

Pinkerton is a senior but will have another chance at a trip to Austin when he competes in persuasive speaking later this week. He is a two-time state qualifier in that event, having finished third last year.

Wallace will participate, too, in prose reading and is a former regional qualifier in that event.

Roper and Wilson began their debate season last September with a tournament at Lubbock Coronado.

They competed in other speech tournaments in Amarillo, Frenship, Friona, San Angelo, and Midland Lee.

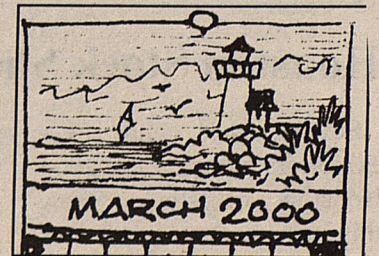
Their medalist finishes in those tournaments qualified

Academic Meet set for this Saturday at Western Texas College in Snyder.

them for the State Texas Forensics Tournament held in College Station March 4-6.

With UIL debate over, Roper now turns his attention to competing in science, computer applications, math, and informative speaking.

Wilson will attempt to return to regional in current issues and events and persuasive speaking. He also participates in math, computer applications, and editorial writing.



The birthstone for March is the aquamarine or bloodstone; its flower is the violet.

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## Coyotes Relays Junior High Boys and Girls

The Junior High Coyote Relays were held here in Gail last Thursday. The JH boys finished second with 156 points and the JH girls finished second with 92 points. In the boys division Grady won the meet with 164 points, Loraine was third with 122 points, Westbrook was fourth with 77 points, and Hermleigh was fifth with 53 points. In the girls division Westbrook won the meet with 147 points, there was a tie for third between O'Donnell and Hermleigh with 74 points, fifth was Loraine with 52 points.

The girls 400m. relay ran a 61.76 and finished second. Running on this relay was Krystal Hobson, Rachel Wilson, Sharelle Gass, and Baylee Benevidez.

The girls 800m. relay ran a 2:16.25 and finished second. Running on this relay was Krystal Hobson, Rachel Wilson, Sharelle Gass, and Baylee Benevidez.

Chelsea Minnick: 800m. run, 3rd, 3:15.56; 400m. dash, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 84.25; shot, 4<sup>th</sup>, 14'6 1/2".

Krystal Hobson: 100m. hurdles, 1st, 21.69; shot, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19'8 1/2"; Long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11'1".

Laura Griffin: 100m. dash, 21.15, 200m. dash 43.50.

Kathrine Froman: 400m. dash, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 84.19; 200 m.dash, 36.50.

Sharelle Gass: 200m. dash, 6<sup>th</sup>, 34.38; long jump, 1<sup>st</sup>, 22'2".

Baylee Benevidez: 1600m. run, 8:03.88.

The boys 400m. relay finished second with a time of 61.54. Running on this relay was Brice Smith, Pasqual Espinoza, Tyrell Massingill and Clay Harding.

In the boys 800m. relay the boys won the event with a time of 2:14.90. Running on this relay was Brice Smith, Pasqual Espinoza, Tyrell Massingill, and Clay Harding.

The boys 1600m. relay finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 4:56.87. Running on this relay was Jake Cooley, Logan Howard, Pasqual Espinoza, and Brice Smith.

Logan Howard: 2400m. run, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:04.89; 1600m. run, 6:20.81; Long jump, 4<sup>th</sup>, 13'5 3/4";

Jake Cooley: 800m. run, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:40.14; 400m. dash, 1<sup>st</sup>, 66.02; Long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 13'6"; high jump, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4'4"

Chase Pinkerton: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12.94; 200m. dash, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 27.31; shot, 1<sup>st</sup>, 44'11 1/4"; high jump, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4'10"; Discus, 1<sup>st</sup>, 141'3"

Clay Harding: 100m. dash, 16.66; shot, 6<sup>th</sup>, 22'8"; discus, 5<sup>th</sup>, 58'11 1/2";

Corey Teel: 100m. dash, 19.03; shot, 7<sup>th</sup>, 22'1/4"; discus, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 73'7";

Tyrell Massingill: 200m. dash, 34.09; long jump, 11'9";

Brice Smith: long jump 11'11 3/4"; Brice Smith, triple jump, 4<sup>th</sup>, 23'7";

Lacey Roberts, Shelby Roberts, and Chelsea Stephens.

Thanks again to everyone who assisted in preparing for this show. It takes many hours preparing for this stock show, from the trip to Brenham and Rosenberg, to Houston. Thanks to all that assisted in hauling animals and exhibitors. Congratulations to each of you on your accomplishments!

## San Antonio Lamb Carcass Results

The Carcass results from San Antonio were published this week and two Borden County 4-H exhibitors animals placed. Results are as follows:

Miller Valentine - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Lamb Carcass with his 1<sup>st</sup> Place Class 6 Medium Wool  
Miles Valentine - 10<sup>th</sup> Place Lamb Carcass with his 1<sup>st</sup> Place Class 1 Medium Wool

Smith, Miles Valentine, Miller Valentine, Kate Wallace and Tyler Wallace.

### Lambs:

Miller Valentine - 11<sup>th</sup> Place HLW Medium Wool

Miles Valentine - 12<sup>th</sup> Place HLW Medium Wool

Also exhibiting lambs were: Kate and Tyler Wallace

### Steers:

Kalli Poole - 1<sup>st</sup> Place HW American and Breed Champion

LaShae Johnson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place LW Chianina

Others exhibiting steers were: Kylan Reynolds,

## Borden Co. Boys Track Team Captures Junior Varsity Championship at O'Donnell and also Two Coyotes Compete in Varsity Division

Kyle Pinkerton and Garrett Thomas competed in the Varsity Division of the O'Donnell track meet and came away with several top performances as these two medaled in the 4 events in which they competed.

(Varsity Division)

**Kyle Pinkerton:** discus 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 123'10"; shot put 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 44'10

**Garrett Thomas:** 110HH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 15.78; 300IH 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 42.21

The rest of the Coyote track team competed in the Junior Varsity division of the O'Donnell meet and came away with their second track title of the season.

**Shane Tarleton:** 800m run 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 2:22.56; 1600m run 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 5:29.92; triple jump 4<sup>th</sup> place - 36'5-1/2"; shot put 5<sup>th</sup> place - 35'9"

**Austin Tarleton:** 3200 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 12:26.01; 1600m run 5<sup>th</sup> place - 5:40.67; high jump 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 5'4"

**Adam Carter:** 400m relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 49.06; 110HH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 17.9; 300IH 1<sup>st</sup> place - 47.3

**Michael Bullinger:** high jump 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 5'4"; long

jump 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 18'1-1/2"; 400 relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 49.06; 100m. run 1<sup>st</sup> place 11.99; 800m. relay 4<sup>th</sup> place - 1:44.81

**Aaron Pigford:** long jump 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 18'5"; 800 relay 4<sup>th</sup> place - 1:44.81; 1600m. relay 6<sup>th</sup> place - 4:13.29 (65.17); 400 relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 49.06; high jump 1<sup>st</sup> place - 5'4"

**J Ryan Gicklhorn:** shot put 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 39'11-1/2"; discus 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 109'2"; 100m. run - 13.65; 200m run - 30.09;


**Trey Soto:** shot put - no mark; discus no mark; 100m. dash - 13.22; 800m. relay 4<sup>th</sup> place - 1:44.81; 1600m relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4:13.29 (61.79)

**Jake Payne:** triple jump - 33'10"; 110HH 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 20.7; 300IH 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 48.9; 1600 relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4:13.29

**Caden Nowlain:** 200m. dash - 27.81; 1600 relay 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4:13.29 (64.79)

**Derek Rodriguez:** long jump - 17'11"; 400m relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 49.06; 800m. relay 4<sup>th</sup> place - 1:44.81; 200m. dash 4<sup>th</sup> place - 26.33

**John Cowart:** pole vault - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 7'6"; 400m. run - 65.77; 800m. run - 2:38.5



**Let Me Get My Hat!**  
By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

## Houston Stock Show

Several 4-H and FFA exhibitors attended the 2004 Houston Livestock Show this past week. Results are as follows:

### Meat Goat:

Brandi Hudson exhibited her meat goat projects.

### Swine:


Heather Brooks - 37<sup>th</sup> Place HW Cross

Miles Valentine - 15<sup>th</sup> Place HLW Hampshire

Also exhibiting swine were: Alexis Brooks, Megan Brooks, Kalli Poole, Shylo Rinehart, Cassidy Rinehart, Symeron Rinehart, Riley

*Dear Friends,*

*Our families would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and flowers during the sudden passing of our mom. We appreciate the continued support that all of you have shown towards us. We are so thankful to be part of this community. Please continue to pray for us, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*



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## Marathon, Texas is a surprising place

For years, travelers have gone to Marathon to eat and sleep at the Gage Hotel during a trip to the Big Bend National Park. They've shopped at the stores, viewed art and photos at the galleries, enjoyed a donut or piece of pie at Shirley's Burnt Biscuit Bakery Shop and generally enjoyed the wide open spaces of the gateway to the Big Bend.

Well, some new stuff is happening in Marathon. The town, which has always had an interesting bunch of residents, is growing.

My friend and Marathon resident Star Warford sent me an email the other day and said there was a guy in Marathon who had bought the Marathon Motel, fixed it up, added a restaurant and built a community radio and TV station. Wow! That type of thing is right down my alley. I told Star to alert the guy that I was coming down for an interview.

My buddy, Bill Murchinson, a documentary photographer from Florida, was coming in for a visit, so we made plans to go to Marathon. Bill and I have collaborated on slide shows and videos about rattlesnake hunts, the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, a few Texas

towns and some wonderful characters.

When we got to the Marathon Motel, we met the owner, Danny Self. We also met about 20 of the most talented and intelligent residents of the town who just happened to be on the premises. Danny showed us the patio, enclosed within an adobe wall. It has a fireplace, fountain, covered porch with rocking chairs, stone walkways and desert landscaping. It is attractive. Danny has spent some money.

We then went to Marcie's Kitchen for quesadillas and wine. I started interviewing some of the folks and Bill was photographing them.

I asked Danny how he ended up with the motel. He said he had an exotic game ranch near Dripping Springs and came to Marathon for a wedding. He stayed in the Marathon Motel. While he was there, he noticed a for sale sign in front. He liked

the town and the residents, so he just bought it.

While the sound system was being installed in the courtyard, someone suggested to Danny that he build a community radio station. Radio reception is nearly impossible in Marathon. Danny got some of the smart people in town to help him and soon it was broadcasting music on FM 100.1. The station covers a 10 mile area. The community cable TV guy suggested it wouldn't be too difficult to do a TV station. So those smart folks figured out how to do it. Now the Marathon TV station broadcasts on channels 98 (Big Bend promotional videos and movies) and 6 (local access).

Abe Bloom, the multi media manager of the Marathon Broadcasting enterprise, spends a lot of time at the stations and does late night music show. Susan Brown does a talk show that broadcasts once a week from Marcie's Restaurant. It started out as a 30 minute show but quickly expanded to an hour or so. Susan interviews local artists and residents, even had a makeover from the local Mary Kay consultant. Marathon (population 450) is an interesting little town.

Danny just calls it serendipity. What's next? Perhaps a network. This technology could fit into many places and situations.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DATES

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004** **LAST DAY** to Receive Application For Ballots by Mail for the Runoff Election

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** **EARLY VOTING** (Mon. - Thurs.) Clerks Office will be CLOSED on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, for HOLIDAY

**April 13<sup>th</sup>,** **ELECTION DAY**

**VOTERS MUST PRESENT REGISTRATION CARD OR FORM OF IDENTIFICATION AT TIME OF VOTING**

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### NOTICE OF RATE REVIEW, RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 30, 2004, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending September 30, 2003, the increase requested over adjusted test year revenues is \$10,202,700 or 14.45%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Cap Rock.

On October 24, 2003, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a petition to inquire into the reasonableness of the rates being charged by Cap Rock. That proceeding has been designated as Docket No. 28813. Although Staff contends that some of Cap Rock's rates are too high, the inquiry could reveal that rates for some customer classes or some service areas need to be increased. Therefore, the Staff inquiry could result in increased or decreased rates for some customers. Affected persons may intervene in this proceeding, as detailed below, to address the rates being charged by Cap Rock.

In response to the Staff inquiry, on February 24, 2004, Cap Rock filed a rate filing package and a request to increase its rates in Docket No. 28813. Additionally, Cap Rock stated that it intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service. Cap Rock intends to charge uniform system-wide rates to customers in each of Cap Rock's divisions. As a result, the McCulloch Division will no longer have separate tariffs after September 1, 2004.

The specific rates that Cap Rock proposes to charge, the proposed tariff revisions, and a copy of the rate filing package may be reviewed during normal business hours at Cap Rock's offices at (1) 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 (Cap Rock's Headquarters); (2) 1400 W. Business Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas 79782 (the Stanton Division); (3) 1825 South Highway 208, Colorado City, Texas 79512 (the Lone Wolf Division); (4) Highway 69 South, Celeste, Texas 75423 (the Hunt-Collin Division); and (5) 326 E. U.S. Highway 190, Brady, Texas 76825 (the McCulloch Division). Additional copies may be viewed at the Commission's offices in Austin, Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 and should reference the specific Docket No. involved. Docket No 28813 will address whether Cap Rock's current rates are reasonable; whether they should be revised; and whether Cap Rock's proposed tariff changes should be approved or modified. Further information about this proceeding may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512)936-7120, or (888)782-8477. Hearing- and speech- impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512)936-7136. **The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 9, 2004, 45 days after the date Cap Rock's statement of intent was filed with the Commission.**

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## Into Bagdad

*On the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Senator Hutchison has dedicated this week's column to a look back over the past year, and a look forward to Iraq's future.*

One year ago this March, American troops rolled into Baghdad and in a matter of days, wiped out a brutal regime that had governed Iraq with a iron fist for decades. Many Americans will recall the "shock and awe" campaign waged by the U.S. Military that lit the skies of Baghdad in a brilliant display of the strength and precision of our Armed Forces. This one-year anniversary is a fitting time to appreciate the hope that now exists in the hearts of the Iraqi people.

### The Terror Within

The gravest threat to the United States today is the potential cooperation between terrorist groups and rogue states developing or possessing weapons of mass destruction. Saddam Hussein was a threat to America and the world. He had to track record of unleashing terror. In 1988, he spewed forth a witches' brew of nerve agents, mustard gas and conventional weapons to kill 5,000 innocent Iraqi civilians - mostly women and children - in the town of Halabja. His wrath also frequently turned on his neighbors. In 1980, he invaded Iran leaving an estimated one million dead. A decade later his invasion of Kuwait killed at least 1,000.

This ticking time bomb defied the international community for 12 years and through 17 United Nations Security Council resolutions.

Words alone would not stop this monster.

To date we have not found the stockpiles of weapons we anticipated, but we have found the capability to produce chemical and biological agents, including the scientists, technology and labs. Rather than let this threat fester and grow, the United States of America acted. Operation Iraqi Freedom removed a vicious enemy, and our nation - and the world - is more secure. Thanks to the skill and sacrifice of the U.S. Military and our coalition partners, the threat has been eliminated and the Iraqi people are free and on a path to self-governance.

### Iraqi Constitution

This March, members of the Iraqi Governing Council signed the Transitional Administrative Law for Iraq, an interim constitution for the country. The document sets in place a framework for the future and provides essential freedoms and civil rights for all Iraqis. It states in part, "All Iraqis are equal in their rights without regard to gender, sect, opinion, belief, nationality, religion, or origin, and they are equal before the law. Discrimination against an Iraqi citizen on the basis of his gender, nationality, religion, or origin is prohibited. Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and the security of his person."

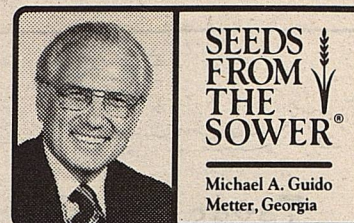
The inclusion of women's rights in the document is particularly significant, as Iraqi women have for generations been oppressed

and denied basic rights. Ambassador Paul Bremer recently recalled the story of

one Iraqi woman, Rajja Khuzai, a 57-year-old mother of seven and one of three women on the Iraq Governing Council. In 1991, when Saddam Hussein sent Republican Guards to put down a rebellion in her town of Diwaniya, Rajaa was the only doctor left in her hospital. An obstetrician, she remembers performing more than 20 cesarean section births working alone by candlelight. With Iraq leaving behind its past under Saddam Hussein, women like Rajaa Khuzai will never again be left in the dark.

### A Future

The next months and years are critical for Iraq's development. As we work to remove ourselves from the governance process and hand the reins over to the Iraqi people, we do so knowing the task at hand is great. Three decades of rule under a regime of murders and torturers will not be easily forgotten or undone. The fledgling democracy has many challenges to overcome and the road ahead is not easy . . . but for the first time in many years, the future of Iraq is no longer one of terror - it is one of promise. And a working democracy in the Middle East will begin to have effects on the whole region.



An artist was working on a big block of marble. "What are you fashioning?" asked a friend.

"A horse," he answered.

"How do you fashion one?" he was asked.

"By knocking off everything that doesn't look like a horse," he replied.

That's what our Lord is doing in the lives of Christians - knocking off everything that doesn't look like Christ.

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion. It's a daily process whereby you become more and more like Christ, not only in your creed, but also in your deeds.

Christ is the person God wants you to be like.

If you don't claim to be like Christ, then aim to be like Him.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of **DOROTHY AUSTIN DENNIS**, deceased, Probate Case Number 363:

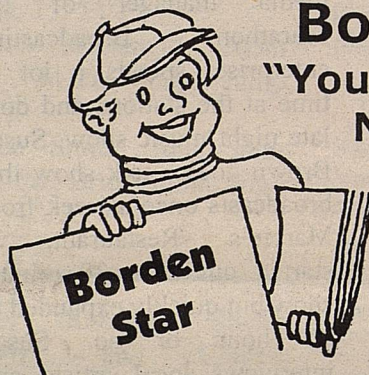
The undersigned, having been duly appointed Co-Independent Executors of the Estate of **DOROTHY AUSTIN DENNIS**, deceased, late of Borden County, Texas, by **VAN YORK**, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of **March, 2004**, hereby notify all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to **JOEL S. DENNIS**, P.O. Box 97, Gail, Texas 79738, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of **March, 2004**.

**STEVE A. DENNIS**, Co-Independent executor of the Estate of **DOROTHY AUSTIN DENNIS**, deceased

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*I would like to thank the people in Precinct No. 3 for taking the time to vote in the Primary Election held on March 9<sup>th</sup>.*

*I will promise to serve you with pride again, for another term. Thank you for all the encouragement and support that I have received from all my neighbors and friends over the last four years.*

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## Top 5 Most Popular Mailing Questions – and Answers

Got a mailing question? Here are the top five most popular postal questions, and their answers. See if yours is here.

### “Can you tell me the ZIP Code for . . . ?”

This is probably the most frequently asked question at any Post Office nationwide. Whenever you aren't sure of a ZIP Code, you can check it by going to the Post Service website ([www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)) and hit “Find a ZIP Code” or calling 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777). Don't guess. Don't leave it off the mail piece. No ZIP Code. Or the wrong one, will delay delivery.

### “How much does it cost to send a package?”

The answer is, it depends. It depends on the weight of the parcel, the distance it must travel, and how fast you want it to go. Your local Post Office can weigh your package and compare services and prices for you.

If you know how much your package weight, you can go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and hit “Calculate Postage.” A rate calculator will help you compare prices for yourself. And while you are there, you

can print shipping labels, with or without postage, by searching for “Click-N-Ship.”

### “How long will it take for a letter to get to . . . ?”

Generally, First-Class Mail letters sent to an address within your local delivery area should be delivered overnight. Two-day delivery generally is provided for letters destined for addresses within 400-600 miles. Service coast-to-coast on average is accomplished within three days.

### “How late can I mail a letter to get that day's postmark?”

Schedules vary from Post Office to Post Office. If you are mailing your letter at the Post Office, ask the sales associate or Postmaster for the last pickup time. The last pick up time is posted on all big blue street collection boxes. Mail your letter prior to the designated time to get today's postmark.

### “How small a letter (or “how big a package”) will you accept?”

Here are the dimensions:  
**Letters** – Nothing can be less than 0.007 inch thick. Pieces ¼ inch thick or less must be at least 3½ inches high, 5 inches long, and rectangular in shape.

**Package** – Except for Parcel Post, packages cannot be more than 108 inches in combined length and “girth” (Circumference). Parcel Post packages mailed at the “oversized rate” can be no more than 130 inches in combined length and girth. Nothing can weigh more than 70 pounds.

A Customer's Guide to Mail (DMM 100), can give you quick answers to these and other frequently asked mailing questions. It is just a few clicks away, at [www.usps.com/customersguide](http://www.usps.com/customersguide).

## Western Heritage Classic Tickets on Sale Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

ABILENE, TEXAS – Tickets for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Western heritage Classic – May 6-8, 2004 – will go on sale Saturday, April 24, 2004 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Taylor County Expo Center's general office – 1700 Highway 36, Abilene; or by phone using a credit card (Visa/Master Card or Discover) – 325-677-4376.

Ticket prices for the Ranch Rodeo range from \$12 - \$20, depending on seat location. Rodeo tickets also provide free grounds admission on Friday or Saturday, May 7 and 8, 2004. Friday and Saturday night dance tickets are \$10.00 per night. Chuckwagon meal tickets are \$10 per person. Saturday grounds admission tickets are \$6 for ages 13 and up, \$3 for

children ages 5-12, and free for children age 4 and under.

Co-sponsored by Budweiser and the Expo Center of Taylor County, the Western Heritage Classic is a three-day weekend event focusing on the western lifestyle and values of the working ranch. Carefully selected events designed to reflect ranch life, the Western Heritage Classic's ranch Rodeo features ten historic ranches competing for top honors both Friday and Saturday night. The highlight of the weekend, the Ranch Rodeo showcases the art and skill of the cowboys and their horses. The 2003 Champion, Abilene's Guitar Ranches will return this year in hopes to retain their first place position for the third consecutive year.

The Western heritage

Classic plays host to the Invitational ranch Horse Sale. The sixty-two (62) horses available for sale are born and raised on some of Texas' most prestigious ranches. The sale begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2004. For catalog and more information regarding the Ranch Horse Sale, please call 1-800-588-2525.

Other events throughout the three-day weekend includes the National Finals for the Ranch Horse Association of America's (RHAA) Working Ranch Horse Competition, Team Roping, Craig Cameron Horse Training Clinic, Western Art show, World's Largest Bit and Spur Show, Trade Show, Chuckwagon Cookoff, Matched Horse Ranches, Children's Events and Entertainment.

## Fast & Fabulous FOOD

### This Three-Cheese Lasagna Is Cheesy—And Easy

(NAPS)—Busy weekdays can make preparing delicious weeknight meals a challenge. But this recipe for *Easy Three-Cheese Lasagna*, which features several varieties of California cheese, can be on the table within the hour: 10 minutes of prep time followed by 45 minutes in the oven and dinner is served.

This traditional recipe calls for a short list of ready-to-go supermarket ingredients, including prepared pasta sauce, dried lasagna noodles, frozen spinach and three kinds of California cheese: Ricotta, Mozzarella and Dry Jack. The Mozzarella is available pre-sliced for quick assembly, and grating the Dry Jack is a snap with a food processor or hand-held grater.

Assembling this lasagna involves a simple process of layering the sauce, noodles, spinach and cheese. You can also adjust the amount of sauce to suit your preference. To streamline the process even further, consider preparing this comfort food favorite ahead-of-time; just refrigerate or freeze until you are ready to bake and serve.

According to the California Milk Advisory Board, Mozzarella, Ricotta and Dry Jack are just three of the more than 200 varieties of cow's milk cheeses produced by the state's 60 cheesemakers.

California is the nation's dairy leader and ranks second in cheese production. For more recipe ideas, see [www.RealCaliforniaCheese.com](http://www.RealCaliforniaCheese.com).



California cheeses are showcased in this traditional lasagna.

#### EASY THREE-CHEESE LASAGNA

- 5 cups tomato-based pasta sauce
- 9 pieces (about 8 ounces) uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 10-ounce box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well-drained
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 cups (1 pound) California Ricotta cheese
- 10 ounces sliced California Mozzarella cheese
- 2 cups (about 6 ounces) finely grated California Dry Jack cheese

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. Coat a 9x13-inch baking dish

with nonstick cooking spray. Spread about 1½ cups of sauce over the bottom, then place three lasagna noodles lengthwise over the sauce (Don't worry if the uncooked lasagna noodles don't extend the full length of your baking pan; they will expand in baking).

2. Top with another 1½ cups of sauce, then scatter the spinach over the sauce. Drizzle with olive oil. Top the spinach with half of the Ricotta, placing it randomly in heaping tablespoons. Arrange half of the Mozzarella slices on top and sprinkle with half of the grated Dry Jack. Top with three more lengthwise lasagna noodles, another 1½ cups of sauce, then with the remaining Ricotta and Mozzarella.

3. Place the remaining three lasagna noodles across the cheese, then spread the remaining sauce over it, covering the lasagna completely. Sprinkle with the remaining Dry Jack. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, until bubbling and the top is browned. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes at room temperature, then cut in squares to serve.

Yields 6-8 main course servings  
Preparation Time: 10 min.

VOTE

Monte Smith  
County  
Commissioner,  
Precinct No. 1

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Election  
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April 13<sup>th</sup>,

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## Courthouse News

**WHEREAS,** On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, 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,** Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK,** Commissioner, Prec. No.2; **ERNEST REYES,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE**

**HERRIDGE,** County Clerk, and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**  
Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of February 3, 2004 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

**ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**  
The current accounts were

examined and Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

### COUNTY TAX

Jeanette Koehler, Borden County Tax Appraiser, gave a report pertaining to County Taxes for homestead residents 65 years of age and over and the disabled.

### COUNTY TAX

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to freeze the County Tax on homestead of residents 65 years of age Andover or disabled as authorized by Sec. 11.261 Texas Tax Code, Texas Annotated Code and by Sec. 1-B (H) Article 8 Texas Constitution. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

### COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept Bob Kempf, Dalene Kempf, and Bobbie Kempf's proposal for mowing the lawn at the Courthouse for \$100.00 each tie and to mow the cemetery for \$100.00 each time for the year of 2004. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

### GAIL CEMETERY

Sadie Ludecke met with the Court and requested a trash

barrel be placed at the Gail Cemetery.

### DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Resolution regarding sale of Groundwater from state owned lands.

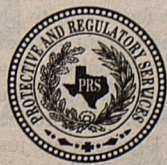
### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

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