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Coach Avery Hits Century Mark With Friday Night's Victory To Open The 1999 6-Man Season

He'll be the first to tell anyone that success is not a result of his efforts alone. He'll also be the first one to avoid conducting an interview because the focus is, in his mind, his team--not himself.

That's what makes Bobby Avery who he is. A competitor for sure, but one who has a grasp on what high school sports are all about.

The fact that he won his 100th victory Friday night was secondary to how proud he was to be able to celebrate it with this 1999 team, a team that is planning to establish its own identity after back to back state appearances.

Since entering the coaching ranks in 1983 as an assistant in 11-man football at Santo, Avery has steadily done what is hard to do in coaching--be consistent, stay and develop programs and stick with the basics. And all along the way, his humble attitude have served him well--another characteristic that is not often seen in coaching.

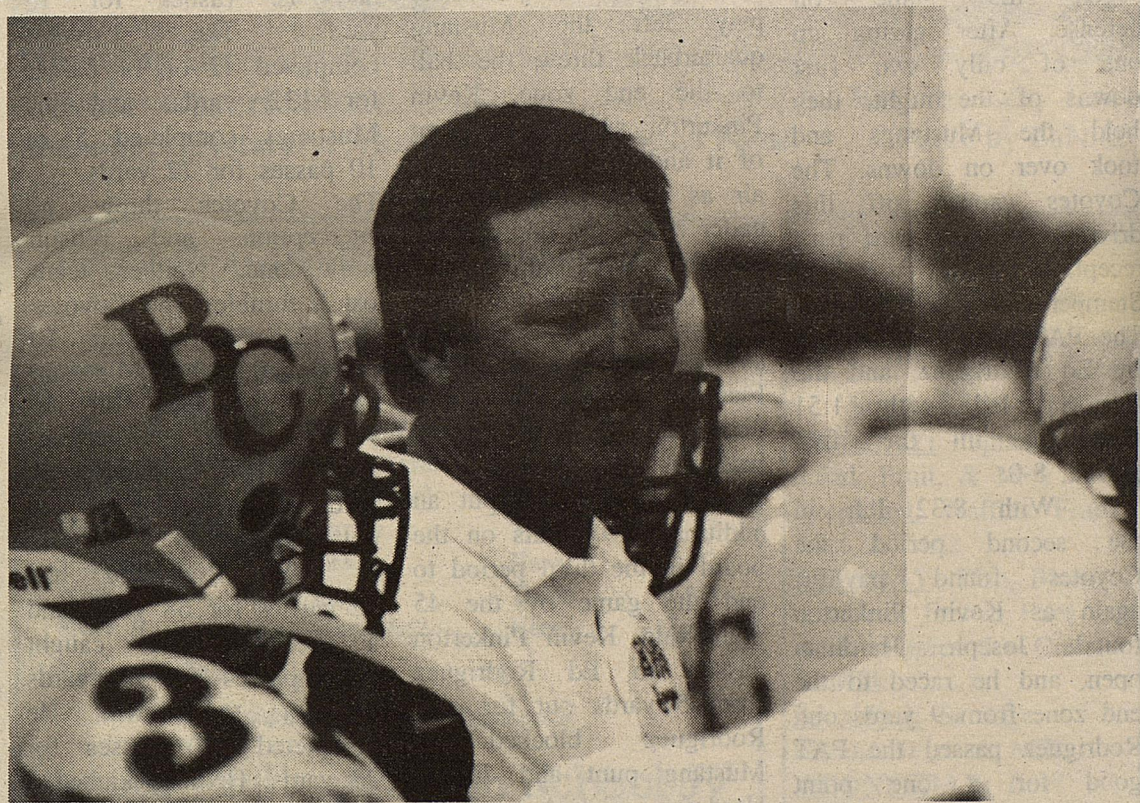
"Having good folks around me...players, coaches, teachers..." He sees that as a definite factor in the success he

has enjoyed in his 17 years of working with young men on the gridiron.

In those 17 years, Avery has been in only two other places besides Santo: Loop for seven years and Borden for nine. In those 17 years he has compiled a win-loss record of 100-55-4, but he would rather talk about his players than his record.

Speaking of players, several have gone on to play college football, making the transition to the 11-man setup--another indication that Avery taught the basics. From Loop, it was David Davis whom Avery saw walk on at Texas A & M in 1990 and go on to be A & M's starting punter. From Borden County, standouts such as John Paul Harris (West Texas A & M), Kurt Hess (McMurray), Doug Flanigan (Howard Payne), Grant Key (Hardin-Simmons), and most recently Fernando Baeza (Abilene Christian University) have gone on to use the talents nurtured here at Borden County by their coach.

One would wonder what goals a coach has left who has been able to achieve all that Avery has been able to accomplish.



His answer again reflects just who he is as a coach and a mentor and a friend to many.

"To be able to be competitive and to have fun," said Avery.

No where in that remark is there the blatant egotism that many associated with athletics have today. He wants what his players do...to go out and give it the best shot and in so doing, enjoy the camaraderie that athletics provides.

Bobby Avery will



Thursday, September 9th

Coyotes Pups vs New Home JH

5:30 p.m. - There

Coyote JV vs New Home JV

6:30 p.m. - There

Friday, September 10th.

Borden Coyotes vs New Home

7:30 p.m. - Here

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COYOTE FOOTBALL '99

Coyotes Win Season Opener

The Borden County Coyotes won the first game of the 1999 season, defeating the Wilson Mustangs 48-0 in a hard fought game. The Mustangs were big and had some quickness of their own. Everything the Coyotes gained was well earned and fought for. Never the less, there is no question about it, these guys can still play football.

The visiting Coyotes began the game on defense. After giving up one of only two first downs of the night, they held the Mustangs and took over on downs. The Coyotes capped off this drive with an 8 yard pass reception from Robert Stamper to Nick Flanigan. The PAT was kicked good by Ed Rodriguez, and the Coyotes led with 1:51 remaining in the first period, 8-0.

With 8:32 left in the second period the Coyotes found pay-dirt again as Kevin Pinkerton found Joseph Hardman open, and he raced to the end zone from 9 yards out. Rodriguez passed the PAT good for a one point conversion to Nick Flanigan. The score now read 15-0.

On the Coyotes next

possession Ed Rodriguez dove the ball over from the one yard line. The PAT failed, and with 3:25 left in the half the Coyotes increased their lead, 21-0.

Just before the half the Coyote offense failed to convert a first down for the first time of the evening, and the Mustangs took over with a few seconds left in the half. They completed a pass to the Coyote 10 yard line. With time for just one play left the Mustang quarterback threw the ball to the end zone, Kevin Pinkerton stepped in front of it and tipped it into the air as Robert Stamper ran under it for the interception on the one yard line. Stamper returned the ball 79 yards for a touchdown as time had expired. Nick Flanigan kicked the PAT good, and the score at the half was 29-0.

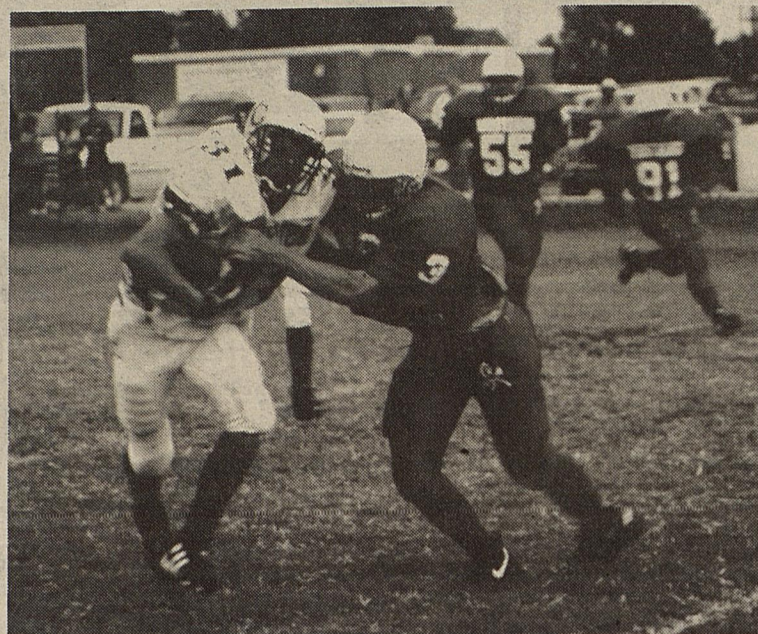
The Coyotes put an additional 19 points on the board in the third period to end the game by the 45 point rule. Kevin Pinkerton passed to Ed Rodriguez from 5 yards out for one. Rodriguez blocked a Mustang punt and Joseph Hardman picked up the ball and returned it for a touchdown from 16 yards out. The one point PAT

was passed from Rodriguez to Flanigan again. With just thirteen seconds left in the third period Hardman dove over from the one yard line to end the game, 48-0.

The Coyotes managed 11 first downs and held the Mustangs to 2. They had 282 total yards of offense and the Mustangs had 85. Borden County carried the ball 25 times for 150 yards, and they had 12 rushes for 13 yards. The Coyotes completed 12 of 14 passes for 132 yards, and the Mustangs completed 5 of 10 passes for 72 yards.

The Coyotes threw no interceptions and Wilson threw one. Neither team lost a fumble. The Coyotes had 2 penalties for 10 yards, and the Mustangs had 2 penalties for 15 yards. The Mustangs punted four times for 36 yards, and the Coyotes did not punt.

Ed Rodriguez had 12 carries for 68 yards and a touchdown. He caught three passes for 69 yards and a touchdown. He completed two passes for 27 yards. He also kicked a PAT good and completed two passes for one point conversions. Defensively, Rodriguez had 7 tackles



#31 Dale Grant manages to fight off one of the Mustangs as he carries the ball for the Coyotes.

(Photo by LaNita)

and a blocked punt.

Joseph Hardman had 8 carries for 47 yards and a touchdown. Hardman caught 3 passes for 8 yards and a touchdown. He had 5 tackles and two hurries on defense.

Kevin Pinkerton had 5 carries for 35 yards. He caught an 8 yard pass for a touchdown. Pinkerton completed 9 of 11 passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns. He had 4 tackles on defense.

Nick Flanigan caught two passes for 25 yards.

Robert Stamper was one for one passing for a touchdown from 8 yards out. Stamper had 4 tackles and a 79 yard interception return for a touchdown.

Ramon Griffin caught 3 passes for 22 yards. He also had 5 tackles on defense.

Dale Grant had 3 tackles, and a hurry. One of his tackles was for a 10 yard loss.

John Harding had two tackles.

Also seeing action on both sides of the ball were Lee Pepper, Tom Griffin, and Ross Aten.

COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Avery

This was a great season opener for our guys. Wilson has a good team. They are big. We went right at their strength early in the game and still put up points. We tried to spread them out and put up points, even though it was not easy to do. Our longest play of the night was a screen pass from Pinkerton to Rodriguez for 51 yards. Other than that, everything we gained was hard earned by the Coyote offense. This was a total team effort. We used 11 athletes, and each one of them saw good action. We really feel good about this season. We will make no promises, but you know you will get good effort out of these athletes. They know how to win, and they expect nothing but the best. I think that will take us far in 1999. Don't be left out of the action, continue to support the Coyotes through another exciting season. The Coyotes will play New Home in Gail Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Coyote JV Mangle the Mustangs

The Borden County Junior Varsity opened the 1999 Football season by traveling to Wilson to play the first game of a double header Friday night. On this night the Coyotes dominated the host Mustangs on both sides of the ball. The Coyotes amassed 426 yards of offense while their defense limited the hosts to only

one first down and 32 total yards with zero through the air.

T.J. Sharp started the scoring for the 1999 Coyote JV as he busted loose on a 31-yard touchdown run. T.J. finished with 207 yards rushing on the night. He had rushing touchdowns of 54 and 24 yards in the 3rd and 4th quarters,

respectively.

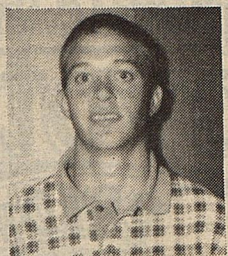
Raul Rodriguez, playing running back for the first time, and playing six-man football for the first time, plunged through to pay dirt on a 2 yard run and a 22-yard TD run. Raul also had a 70-yard punt return called back. Raul finished with 72 yards on 5 carries.

Just before the half,

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OFF AND RUNNING

Cross Country News
By Trent Pepper



Brownfield Results Pepper Takes First, Girls & Boys Teams Place Fourth

The Borden County Coyote cross country teams netted eleven individual medals from their performances at the annual Brownfield Jamboree on Saturday. These included top ten performances by Trent Pepper, who brought home a gold medal, and Cassidy Rinehart, who placed seventh.

Trent Pepper earned the gold medal in the competitive 3A-5A high school boys division. Trent covered the three mile course in a career best time of 15:59.

The rest of the high school boys, running in the 1A-2A division, ran well enough to place fourth as a team. Medalist Robert Stamper placed twenty-fourth, running a time of 20:11. He was followed by teammates Cody Nowlain, (whose thirty-first place finish put him one place out of a medal), Payton Brown, Jacob Zant, and Talin Pepper.

The high school girls ran a two mile course and also placed fourth as a team in the 1A-2A division. The girls who placed high enough to earn individuals medals were Bobbie Kempf, Julie Mayes, Holly Thomas, and Dalene Kempf, who finished sixteenth in 12:04, seventeenth in 12:08, eighteenth in 12:09, and twenty-eighth in 12:32 respectively. Rounding out the team was Bekah Hensley, Shaina Isaacs, and Crystal Dye.

Micah Hensley and Laura Stamper both medaled in the junior varsity girls division. Micah covered the course in 13:21, placing

twenty-fifth, and Laura ran a 14:10, placing forty-third. Also running in this division was Kylia Culp.

Cassidy Rinehart, Shayla Gass, and Emily Mayes, (all individual medalists), competed in the junior high girls division. Cassidy covered the two mile course in 13:04, placing seventh; Shayla ran a time of 13:31, placing twenty-first; Emily followed closely in 13:34, placing twenty-fifth.

The Coyotes next meet will be Saturday at Seminole.

Seminole Meet Schedule

Jr. High Girls:	9:00
Jr. High Boys	9:30
J.V. Girls	10:00
Varsity Girls	10:30
J.V. Boys	11:00
Varsity Boys	11:30

1999 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Location
Sept. 11	Seminole
Sept. 18	Abernathy
Sept. 25	Open
Oct. 2	Lubbock
Oct. 9	Abilene
Oct. 16	TBA
Oct. 23	Levelland
TBA	District
	TBA
Nov. 6	Regional
	Lubbock
Nov. 13	State
	Round Rock



Cheering the Coyotes on to another great season are the 1999-2000 Coyote Cheerleaders: (L. to R.) Bekah Hensley, Krystle Lee, Erica Schooler, Crystal Dye, Holly Thomas and Kaci Poole. (Photo by LaNita)

1999 Coyote Football Schedules

- Varsity -

Sept. 10	New Home	Here	7:30
Sept. 17	Highland	There	7:30
Sept. 24	Balmorhea	There	7:30
Oct. 1 (Homecoming)	Whitharral	Here	7:30
*Oct. 8	Westbrook	Here	7:30
*Oct. 15	Sands	There	7:30
*Oct. 22	Grady	Here	7:30
*Oct. 29	Ira	There	7:30
*Nov. 5	Hermleigh	Here	7:30

* Denotes District Games

Junior High and High School JV Football Schedule

Sept. 9	Jr. High	New Home	There	5:30
	JV	New Home	There	6:30
Sept. 16	Jr. High	Sands	There	6:00
	JV	Jayton	Westbrook	6:30
Sept. 23	Jr. High	OPEN		
	JV	Whitharral	There	6:30
Sept. 30	Jr. High	Hermleigh	There	6:00
	JV	Sands	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Jr. High	Westbrook	There	6:00
	JV	Jayton	Westbrook	7:30
Oct. 14	Jr. High	Sands	Here	6:00
	JV	Sands	Here	7:30
Oct. 21	Jr. High	Grady	There	6:00
	JV	Blackwell	There	6:00
Oct. 28	Jr. High	Ira	Here	6:00
	JV	Ira Here	Here	7:30

Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th.
\$1.25 7th-12th.
Breakfast: - 50c

Sept. 13th-17th

MONDAY: Fajitas, Bean Salad, Fruit, & Milk

Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Fish, Black-eye Peas, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Ice Cream & Milk

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Beef Pasta, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli, Cobbler, Bread & Milk

Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Ham, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk

FRIDAY: Sub Sandwich, Salad Cup, Tator Tots, Cookies & Milk

Breakfast: Pancakes, Ham, Fruit, Juice & Milk





Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

The Heart of Texas is for Sale

A roadside park marking the geographic center of Texas is located on Highway 377 twenty-two miles north of Brady, the county seat of McCulloch county. Chuck Dodds of Brownwood has bought an acre and a half adjacent to the park and is selling it by the square inch.

"The price is \$69.95," says Chuck. "For that, they get a special warranty deed, four color, suitable for framing. It is a legitimate, bona fide deed you get for the property. You will be the owner of that square inch of land in the heart of Texas."

People buying the land will pay no taxes. That's all taken care of in the purchase price. Since there are nearly nine and a half million square inches of land in an acre and a half, Chuck says the venture might get into the Guinness Book of World Records for the most owners of a single piece of property.

If all the square inches sell, it would mean an income of 665 million dollars. "That's more money than anybody needs," says Chuck, "so we plan to do a lot of good things."

Chuck has also bought 2—acres of land surrounding the roadside park. "We own all the land around the park except the highway." He's thinking of building a golf course, motel, shopping center and an amphitheater where a "Heart of Texas" outdoor drama could be staged.

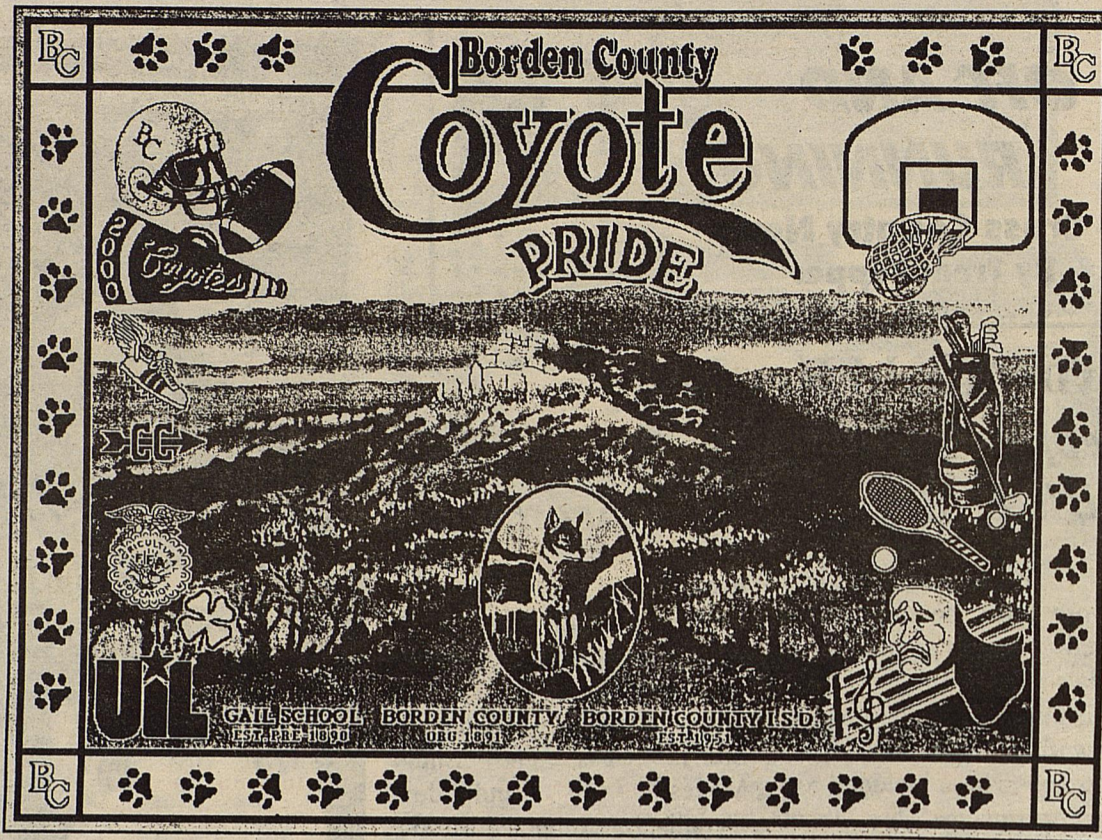
He expects to make a number of sales over the internet. His website is www.heartoftexas.org. Audio information about the land will be in six languages. People involved in internet marketing tell Chuck the land will sell in twelve months.

McCulloch county officials are excited about the prospects of Chuck's zany idea. "We're negotiating a five dollar minimum for each sale," says Chuck. "If they all sell, McCulloch county will make 45 million dollars."

The roadside park was built in 1956 and is designated by the department of Transportation as the "Heart of Texas" park. The geographic center marker is on the highway. The nearby land is just a pasture now, where deer and cattle graze contentedly among the cedar and brush.

"We anticipate the Japanese will be big buyers," says Chuck. "We plan to sell some of the tiny lots in Germany, where people love Texas. Once the foreigners buy some property here, when they come to the US, where will they come? To see their property, of course. There's only one heart of Texas."

Chuck is excited about his idea. He has had it for several years. Finally, a friend encouraged him to do it now. Chuck was surprised to find the land around the roadside park for sale. He quit his job as an insurance adjuster to devote full time to his new



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enterprise.

He can hardly sleep for thinking about all the possibilities. He says everybody he talks to is excited about the idea and he has sold several of the lots already. "There's no end to what you can do. It's scary. Most of our dreams are buried in the cemetery with people who have them. This one apparently is not going to the grave."

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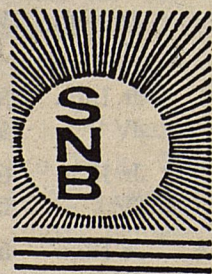
What: Borden County 4-H Club Meeting
Where: County Show Barn
When: Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Learn about 4-H and the programs it offers. For more information, please call the Extension office at (806)756-4336.
Hope to see you there!

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Gail FFA Chapter Begins Variety Meat Sale

The Gail FFA chapter officially began its variety meat fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 4th. The Chapter members will be selling 14 different meat items and will be using the Golden Valley Meat Company again this year. The sale will conclude on September 22nd. And the product will arrive during the first week in October. The chapter wishes to express their tanks to all who supported past year's fundraisers and they look forward to working with you again this year.

Anyone who has questions concerning the sale or would like to place an order should contact a FFA salesman or Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313.

FFA Salesmen:

Kylia Culp
Kevin Ellison
Brionne Jackson
Bobbie Kempf
Dalene Kempf
Tanner Poole
Raul Rodriquez
Payton Brown
Joe Costillo
Cody Nowlain
T.C. Stipe
Jacob Zant
Shawna Kempf
Kandace Kimmel
James Bond
Ramon Griffin
Foston Wilson
Kaci Poole
Justin Lawrence
Hailey Adcock
Anthony Aguinaga
Crystal Dye
Nick Flanigan
John Harding
Kevin Pinkerton
Robert Stamper

Coyote Football Continued

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T.J. Sharp connected with Cody Nowlain on one of his two completed passes for the evening for a 30-yard touchdown and a 27-0 halftime lead.

Back to back Sharp touchdown runs started the second half before Payton Brown got into this set. As he carried 3 times for a whopping 86 yards. His last carry was for a 57 yard touchdown run that finished the contest by the 45-point rule at 47-0. Sharp also kicked two extra-points and completed a point after attempt to Cody Nowlain.

The game was stopped with 3:47 remain-ing in the contest.

The Coyotes dominated

both sides of the ball as Cody Nowlain paced the defense with 13 tackles and one sack. T.J. also had 13 tackles. Brionne Jackson and Jacob Zant orchestrated the offense superbly from the quarterback position. Jacob gained 11 tackles, a fumble recovery, a sack and a pass break up on defense for a super night of football.

Also turning in a big night defensively, was Rowdy Dunlap with 10 tackles and a caused fumble. Payton Brown had 6 tackles and a sack. Raul Rodriquez had 5 tackles. James Bond had 4 tackles while Tanner Poole had 3 tackles.

Rowdy, Tanner, Cody, Payton, and James did

most of the outside blocking on the line, for T.J., Raul and Payton, and as mentioned before Jacob and Brionne did a masterful job under center.

As a result, the Coyotes started the 1999 season on a very high note by winning 47-0.

COACHES COMMENTS: By Trey Richey

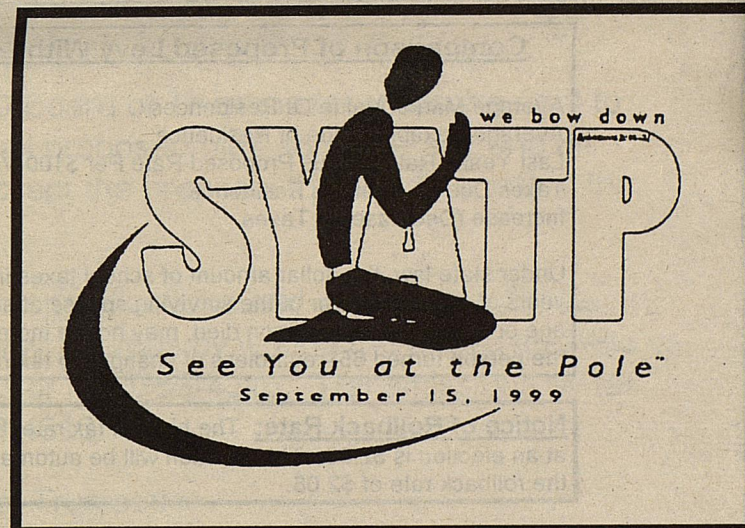
What can I say? Just a case of a total team effort that led to a complete domination of the Mustangs. Fantastic Job guys. Keep up the good work. Thank you for your support. See you at New Home Thursday, Sept. 9th. at 6:30 p.m. Let's get win Number 2.

Coach Avery

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coach his teams to more victories in the years to come, and he will also endure the defeats that are inevitable. What makes him unique in this field is that he will not measure his successes by victory #101 or #201...he knows that teaching young men to handle the wins and losses and continue to improve will be the watermark.

Congratulations, Coach Avery, and thank you for the thousands of great memories we will have of football in this past decade at Borden County.



2000 Reunion Meeting Planned

The first meeting of the 2000 Class Reunion will be held on Thurs. Sept. 9th at 6:30

p.m. in the Community Building Please make plans to attend to help make this reunion a special one.

Parent's Club Selling Membership Cards

The Parent's Club will be selling Membership Cards for \$10.00 per family during the football game this Friday night. The money raised will be used for the Parent's Club Scholarship fund. Your help in this fund raising project is greatly needed and appreciated.

Items	Product	Price
A	Smoked Turkey (8-10 lbs)	\$17.00
B	Breakfast Tacos (10 per box)	9.00
C	Smoked Sliced Bacon (3-lbs)	10.00
D	Smoked Sliced Peppered Bacon (3-lbs.)	10.00
E	Hickory Smoked Ham (6-8 lbs)	21.00
F	Smoked Peppered Turkey Breast (3-lbs.)	16.00
G	Smoked Sausage Links (3-lbs)	12.00
H	Smoked Sausage Rings (3-lbs)	13.00
I	Pork Breakfast Patties (3-lbs)	9.50
J	Pork Breakfast Links (3-lbs)	9.50
K	Pork Sausage Roll (2-lbs.)	7.00
L	Party Pack (includes chicken tenders, nuggets, and buffalo wings)	13.50
M	Beef Fajitas (2-lbs)	10.00
N	Chicken Fajita Strips (2-lbs)	10.00

Fired-up and Ready! Go Coyotes!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, September 20, 1999, in the Borden County School Cafeteria at 240 West Kincaid Avenue, Gail, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.

Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates With Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.450	\$0	\$1.450	\$18,611	\$305
Less State Funded Tax Relief	\$0.600	\$0	\$0.600	N/A	N/A
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$2.050	\$0	\$2.050	N/A	N/A
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service**	\$1.816	\$0	\$1.816	\$17,325	\$280
Proposed Rate	\$1.450	\$0	\$1.450	\$13,560	\$0

*The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$69,000.

Comparison of Proposed Levy With Last Year's Levy On Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value Of Residences	\$16,063	\$16,191
Average Taxable Value of Residence	\$ 6,340	\$ 6,430
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate Per \$100 Value	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$91.93	\$ 93.24
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 1.31

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$2.08. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$2.08.

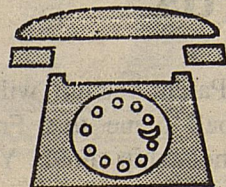
Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$7,800,000
Interest and Sinking Balance(s)	\$0

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School Pictures



School Pictures will be made on September 16th. On this day we will do your child's class photo, senior portraits, JH & HS football pictures, and JH & HS cheerleaders. Be sure your child brings some a form (one form per child). Complete the form, enclose the money for your order, and send the form back with your child on the 16th. Forms will be sent out next week.



Fig. 1: Deer Tick

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Fig. 2: Melanoma

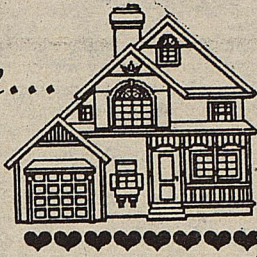
Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. In fact, one person an hour in the U.S. dies from the disease. Fortunately melanoma can be completely cured if it's caught early enough. So examine your skin regularly. If you find a blemish larger than a pencil eraser, multi-colored, asymmetrical or irregular at the edges, you may have melanoma and should see your dermatologist. For more information on melanoma, call 1-888-462-DERM, or visit www.aad.org.



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

Heart and home...

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



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Cook it Safely: Safe Food tips with Microwaves

Microwaves are an invaluable aid in speeding up mealtime, but consumers need to exercise special care to ensure food safety when preparing or reheating meats and eggs in the microwave. Follow these tips, provided by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, to make your microwaving experiences memorable for all the right reasons.

*Arrange food items evenly in a covered dish and add some liquid if needed. Cover the dish with a lid or plastic wrap; loosen or vent to let steam escape. The moist heat that results will destroy bacteria and ensure uniform cooking. Oven cooking bags are

also good alternatives.

*Avoid cooking large cuts of meat on high (100%) power. Cooking these large cuts at medium (50%) power for longer periods of time allows heat to conduct deeper into the meat without overcooking outer areas.

*Stir or rotate food once or twice during microwaving to eliminate cold spots where bacteria can survive and to cook the dish more evenly.

*Never partially cook food in the microwave and store for later use. If you plan to finish cooking a partially-cooked microwaved food on a grill or in a conventional oven, transfer

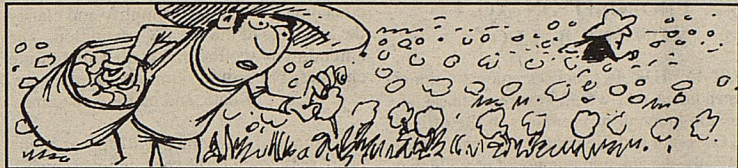
the microwaved food to the other heat source immediately.

*Verify the food has reached a safe temperature by using a food thermometer or the microwave oven's temperature probe (not available in some microwaves). Place the thermometer in the thickest area of the meat, away from fat or bone. Observe

standing times so the cooking can complete.

*Cut out this hand temperature guide for future use.

Information obtained from the Texas Beef Council



Of all crops planted annually in the U.S., cotton has the longest growing season. Its growing season lasts from 150 to 180 days.

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids on the district's Employee Health Insurance Program for the 1999-2000 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Health Insurance Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on September 17, 1999. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the September 21, 1999 meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address or by calling 806/756-4313 or 806/756-4316. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Joel Dennis, Secretary



Raw Food	Internal Temperature
Ground Products	
Hamburgers	160°F
Beef, veal, lamb, pork	160°F
Beef, Veal, Lamb	
Roast & Steaks	
medium-rare	145°F
medium	160°F
well-done	170°F
Pork	
Chops, roasts, ribs	
medium	160°F
well-done	170°F
ham, fresh	160°F
sausage, fresh	160°F
Poultry	
Duck	180°F
Turkey/Chicken (unstuffed)	180°F
Whole	180°F
Breast	170°F
Dark meat	180°F
Stuffing (cooked separately)	165°F
Eggs	
Fried, poached	Yolk & white are firm
Casseroles	160°F
Sauces, custards	160°F
Seafood	
Fin fish	
	Flesh opaque and flakes easily with fork
Shrimp, lobster, & crabs	Shells red & flesh pearly and opaque
Clams, oysters & mussels	Shells are open

Public Notice

The Borden County Independent School District will sell the following vehicles at the Lubbock Auto Auction located at 1122 East 34th Street in Lubbock, Texas, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 16, 1999. The vehicles may be viewed at the above address through September 15, 1999. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806)756-4313 no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 15, 1999, if you would like to submit a bid on these vehicles.

1980	GMC	19 passenger bus	VIN #TPM32A3501993
1978	FORD	48 passenger bus	VIN #B60ECAJ8489
1978	FORD	48 passenger bus	VIN #B60ECAJ8490

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF
PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Special Election
NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 2
ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION NO. 3
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5
ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 6
ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 7
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 8
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 9
ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

PROPOSITION NO. 10
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12
ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13
ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more

members."

PROPOSITION NO. 15
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

PROPOSITION NO. 16
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 17
ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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