

Texans Learn From Searing Drought

Attitudes on water usage changing

· By Ramit Plushnick- it."
Masti Associated Press

AUSTIN — When Susan Combs was growing up on her family's West Texas ranch, conserving water was part of everyday life: If the windmill wasn't turning and the storage tank at least half full, the household plumbing was turned off — even the toilets.

In her political career, Combs has urged Texans to save water for years, first as a lawmaker, then as agriculture commissioner and now as state comptroller. After the worst one-year drought in state history, people finally seem to be listening.

Combs and other officials have reason to hope that lessons from the drought could change the state's attitudes about water usage. And from Dallas to far-flung ranches and rice farms, they are trying to capitalize on the heightened awareness by adopting conservation plans that will ease the next crisis.

"From a water-supply perspective, we are just not prepared," Combs said. "If each town and city doesn't come up with a successful water plan, the state will be worse off for

The drought that began more than a year ago is finally breaking in parts of Texas. Spring rains have turned the grass green, quenched thirsty trees and started to fill reservoirs. But state and local officials aren't content to watch the parched landscape change color. They want to analyze the dry spell and assess what worked, what failed and what needs improvement. A few ex-

The mayors of Dallas, Fort Worth and suburban Arlington and Irving are asking their city councils to consider making permanent the twice-a-week maximum watering restrictions that have been in place for several months.

Nearly every legislative

committee in the state House and Senate has been asked to review some aspect of the drought. At last month's first meeting

San Antonio, which spent nearly \$300,000 promoting water restrictions during the drought, concluded that the effort was so successful that the city has a campaign reminding people of the risks of another potentially hot, dry summer.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, which manages two of the largest lakes that provide water to Austin and the surrounding area, already has submitted a proposed long-term plan that would significantly alter how it manages and distributes water.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Don't Sabotage Your Success

Most people profess a desire for success and happiness. Surprisingly, it's not uncommon for someone to sabotage their own chances for success. This usually happens subconsciously and the person is probably not even aware of it.
There are numerous reasons

for this, all of which are correctable. Striving for success entails venturing out from your comfort zone. It may mean working for a promotion, going back to school, changing jobs, starting your own business, making new friends, finding the right romantic relationship, or any one of a virtually endless array of possibilities.

Regardless of how an individual defines success, they have the potential to undermine it if they are not careful.
Working towards success involves a perceived risk of failure. This being the case, some-one can sabotage their success through behavior that will enable them to justify why they didn't succeed without having to admit failure.

Here are some examples. Ralph really wants to get a promotion at work. He is competent, reliable, and conscientious. His company routinely posts listings of available positions. Ralph watches the bulletin board for jobs he would like to move into.

Over the last several months, Ralph spotted three openings he was especially interested in. But he didn't want to rush into things and apply until he was absolutely sure it was the right decision. So Ralph always waited several weeks before submitting his

Each time, he was too late and the job had already been filled. Each time Ralph had diminished his chances for success by procrastinating. In Ralph's mind, he was doing everything he could to get promoted. But due to circumstances beyond his control. (someone else was selected) he couldn't catch a break. From Ralph's perspective, he had not failed.

Irene, in her early forty's, wants to go back to college part time to complete her degree. It had been over twenty years since she was in school, and Irene was insecure about her ability. Each semester Irene found some "legitimate" reason not to take a class. She motivated herself by committing to start the following semester.

But each time something

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Borden County Boys and Girls Track Teams Enjoy Successful Day in Area Track Meet

By Coach Richey

eled to Garden City to participate in the 2012 Area Track

The girls track team fresh off of their district championship had hopes of giving power house Hamlin a run for the money in the team standings, but some rough luck in the field events derailed that thought. In the end the Lady Coyotes had a very successful day. Aubree Lester finished 3rd in the Triple Jump (33'4") and ran the anchor on two silver medal relays, the 400 meter Relay of Lester, Hanna Forbes (who also finished 3rd in the 300 hurdles in a time of 49.16), Stefanie Cooley and Kalyn Massingill (who finished 8th in the long jump) ran a nice time in the wind of 52.64.

Lester, Forbes, and Cooley were joined by Teryn Soto for their silver medal 800 meter Relay in a seasons' best time of 1:51.19. Taylor Gass placed 3rd in the Mile with a time of 6:04.39 to advance on to the regional meet. Lester, Cooley, Massingill and Tye Basquez narrowly missed a trip to regional as they finished a close 5th place in a seasons best 4:28. Raegan Belongia threw well below her career best, but did manage a 4th place finish in the discus to advance to the regional meet. When all the points were tallied, the girls finished in a very solid and respectful 4th place with 61

In the Boys division, the Coyotes knew they were going to have to be perfect if they hoped to out point the Stam-ford Bulldogs. The Coyotes like the ladies had a few disappointing finishes early and as a result did not build the lead they had hoped on the Bulldogs heading into their spe-

cialty, the running events.

The Coyotes got a 1-2 finish in the Shot as Matt Roberson improved on his school record throw hitting 49'1 ½" while TJ Basquez Fin-

The Borden County Coy-otes and Lady Coyotes trav-of 45'11". This duo went 1-3 in the discus as Matt won with a distance of 127'2 and TJ finished 3rd with a 121' throw. Austin Tyler finished 6th in the long jump (19'2) and 5th in the triple jump with a PR jump of 40'8 ½". Luke Burkett made it to regional in both the 3200 with a 4th place finish and the with a 4th place finish and the

1600 with a fantastic kick that brought him from 5th to 2nd in

a time of 5:04.

The 400 relay of Riley Smith, Collin Telchik, Austin Fields and Quint Shafer finished a disappointing 7th, while the hurdle duo of Tanner Richey and Austin Tyler fin-

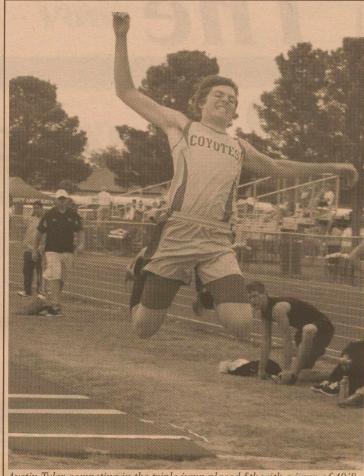
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Matt Roberson placed 1st in the boys shot put. He improved his own school record by throwing 49'1'1/2



Competing in the triple jump at the Garden City meet, Lady Coyote trackster, Aubree Lester finished third with a jump of 33'4". She also ran in two silver medal relays, the



Austin Tyler competing in the triple jump placed 5th with a jump of 40'8



Luke Burkett advanced to regionals by placing 4th in the 3200 meter run. He also advanced in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:04.

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Area Track Meet...

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ished 1-2 in the 110 high hurdles with a 15.71 and a 15.80. Richey followed up with a victory in the 300 hurdles with a 41.4. Richey joined, Smith, Fields and Telchik to run a seasons' best 1600 meter relay time of 3:37 to finish 3rd and advance to Regional. When all was settled, the Coyotes finished a close runner-up to the Stamford Bulldogs scoring 89 points.

These young men and women that finished in the top 4 will compete in the Region II-A track meet in Abilene at ACU on Friday and Saturday, April 27th and 28th.

April 27th and 28th.

These young men and women will next compete in a couple of regional qualifier meets, Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to you all on an outstanding track season to this point. Good luck at Regionals!!!!

Tahoka Bulldogs Defeat the Coyotes on the Diamond

By Coach Richey

Austin Tyler went 2-5 at the plate, but Borden County Coyotes fell 13-6 to Tahoka at Tahoka on Saturday.

Three of the Coyote runs were scored thanks to timely hitting by Tyler. He tripled in the first inning and doubled in the fourth inning.

the fourth inning.

Collin Telchik handled
Tahoka's lineup with ease,
racking up five strikeouts.
Telchik allowed four earned
runs, 12 hits and one walk over
six innings.

D Herria recorded the win for Tahoka even though he allowed six runs over seven innings. The Tahoka pitcher struck out seven, walked eight and surrendered 12 hits.

Tahoka's Zach Garcia, Tino Deleon, Calen Decker and C Ramirez combined for 11 hits and eight RBIs.

In the top of the first, Coyotes' comeback. Tahoka's Borden County grabbed the Herria induced a Basquez fly early lead, 1-0. A triple by out to close things out.

Austin Tyler went 2-5 at the Tyler, bringing home Telchik ate, but Borden County Coystarted the inning off.

Tahoka went up for good in the first, scoring nine runs on an error, a passed ball, and six singles.

Three runs in the top of the fourth helped the Coyotes close its deficit to 11-4. A two-run double by Tyler and an RBI double by TJ Basquez set off a Borden County rally. Tahoka stopped the rally after Herria got Helio Rosales to strike out.

After pushing across one run in the top of the fifth, Borden County faced just a 13-5 deficit. An RBI single by Tanner Richey gave the boys life. Tyler flew out to end the Borden County Coyotes threat.

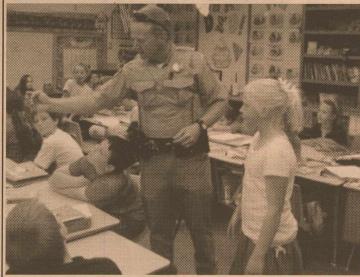
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Third Graders Get Lesson on Pueblo Indians



Brent Tucker visited with Mrs. Richey's third grade class this past week to assist his daughter, Kennedy (right) with a presentation on the Pueblo Indians. They shared artifacts found in West texas and presented information about arrowheads, pottery and tools used many years ago.

Coyotes Drop 5-3 Game to Jackrabbits Despite Hit Advantage

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes lost 5-3 in seven innings at Ralls on Tuesday, despite outhitting Ralls nine to seven.

Collin Telchik had a sound game at the plate for Coyotes. Telchik went 2-4 and scored two runs. He singled in the first

The Borden County Coyinning and doubled in the several lost 5-3 in seven innings enth inning.

G James got the win for Ralls. He allowed three runs over seven innings. The Ralls pitcher struck out 10, walked two and surrendered nine hits.



Lady Coyote, Hanna Forbes, comes out of the blocks to begin the 400 meter relay. The team of Forbes, Stefanie Cooley, Kalyn Massingill and Aubree Lester placed 2nd in the race and advance to reagionals.

School Lunch Menu

April 23 - 27, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Toasted Ham & Cheese, Veggie Dippers, Baked Chips, Cookie and Milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast:Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Green Beans, French Bread Stick, Apple Crisp and Milk.

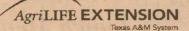
Thursday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, Pinto Beans, Jell-O and Milk.

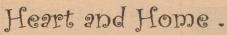
Friday

Breakfast:Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Submarine Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle, Curly Fries, Peaches and Milk.

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by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

April is National Cancer Control Month

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Many cancers can be prevented and often cured if dehas many resources for you. To /fcs.tamu.edu/ find your local county Extension office, please visit: http:// texasextension.tamu.edu/

Extension offers programs to every county in the state of Texas. Many Extension offices can help increase your physical activity, educate you on the hazards of tobacco products, provide information on how to protect your children from sec-

National Cancer Control ondhand smoke, and even give you information on sun safety. If you are looking for informa-Extension Service and the tion on breast, cervical, colorectal, or prostate cancer -Extension can help with that,

Your local county Extension which can affect you and your every stage in your life. Extension can educate you on how to prevent cancer and find it early! Let's prevent cancer from affecting those we love.
The Texas AgriLife Exten-

another 37,000 will die from sion Service and the Texas cancer this month!

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service. March 2008. Texas AgriLife tected and treated early. Your Extension Family and Conlocal county Extension office sumer Sciences website: http://

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Aging Well Educational Program: Focusing on the Family

Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room

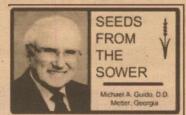
Family dynamics change throughout our life. Learn how you can enhance and maintain your relationships with various family members of all ages.

There will be a \$10 charge for the program (this fee will be applied toward the remaining three Aging Well programs throughout 2012).

2012 SPC Livestock Judging Contest



Borden County 4-Her's competed in the 2012 South Plains College Livestock Judging Contest on April 13, 2012 in Levelland, Texas at the new Mallet Event Center. 4-Her's and FFA members competed from across the State of Texas in the constest. Borden 4-H members competing were (back left to right) Hayley Gray, Payton Merket, Kenley Dean, Avery Price, Myka Blissard Paige Holbrooks, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, (front left to right) J.W. Nix, Tatum Treadwell, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Kacy Hudson and Thomas Nix.



A tourist visiting a castle in Scotland told the owner that he had just seen a ghost in an upstairs corridor.

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"No, sir," he confessed. "I didn't need one."

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The Bible says, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near."

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are to Live...

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"unexpected" emerged, forcing Irene to once again post-pone her plans. Just like Ralph, Irene sabotaged her chances for getting her degree in a manner that absolved her from blame. By never taking a class, she avoided having to face the unknown of how she would fare in school.

Jim has been divorced for about a year and wants to start dating. It had been over 15 years since he asked someone out. He'd always been shy and was afraid of being rejected. Jim spends all his free time do-ing things with his friends or by himself. He never became involved in any activities where he would have an opportunity to meet other singles.

Jim has also sabotaged his success. By avoiding any situation where he may fail, he eliminated any chance of success. Just like Irene and Ralph, Jim was able to justify his stagnation by pointing out how difficult it was to meet someone.

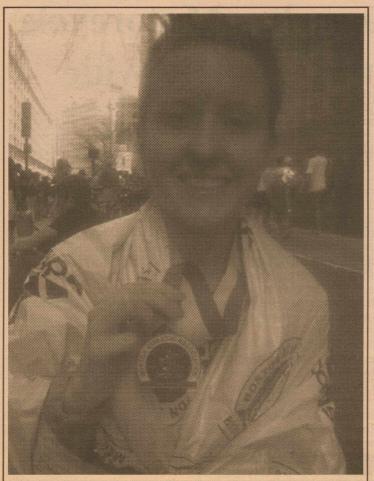
In all of the above examples, the people did not consciously or intentionally sabotage their success. Rather, they created reasons and excuses to justify not risking failure. We all have this tendency.

To avoid sabotaging your success, don't make excuses to avoid reaching for your goals. Although it may be easier and more comfortable to eschew the unknown, the results are 100% predictable; nothing will be accomplished.

Every person who succeeded at attaining their goals had to first venture where the outcome was not guaranteed. You can accomplish virtually anything if you will simply take the first step.

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From Honolulu to Boston, Bautista **Keeps Running**

Tammy Lewis Bautista, daughter of Carolyn and Tom Lewis, is continuing to compete in full marathons across the nation.

In December, the seasoned runner competed in the Honolulu 26-mile race. Her parents, also former Borden County residents, were able to be in Hawaii for the race.

This past Monday, Tammy took off as Runner # 10165 in what is perhaps the best known long distance race of all, the Boston Marathon. Running in unseasonably high temperatures for the East Coast this time of year (hovering around 70 degrees midday), Tammy finished the race at 1:48 p.m. (EST) with a time of 3:28:16.

Tammy told her father that this was the toughest marathon yet for her due to the weather. Last year the temps were in the 50s during the entire race. Boston news sources reported that over 4,000 runners scheduled to compete dropped out because

of the unusual "heat" for that area.

Tammy and her husband Dixon reside in Hawaii. Tom, a former science teacher and bus driver for Borden County ISD, and his wife Carolyn live in the metroplex area.



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to motorcycles for affordable transportation and recreation, it's more important than ever

to remind drivers to be on the

lookout."TxDOT offers these safety tips for sharing the road

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit Tumbleweed Smith

The Latest Candidate to File

Around the Beaumont area, pounds." folks are accustomed to seeing Dr. Hans Spud do unusual things. Since this is an election year, they expected someexpectations have been real-

Dr. Spud has announced he same time. is a candidate for the office of He told States. "We decided at first to works real well. run as a Republican, but dethey thought Dr. Spud had a look chance, they replied, 'Whozzat.' We've been out raising funds and already have \$187 in our campaign chest."

ask. I had a chance to sit down with him for an interview recently and it was an illuminating experience. He has writwhen they captured an opponent they would throw him in smaller. So that's the secret." a hole and leave him there to die. There was no food for him. When they came around

would ask, die yet?"

The name of his diet book tors, Lo Fat and Charlie ing words: "Dr. Chance. I travel around the country promoting the book and convincing people they should try one of my diets. Each one is guaranteed to shed

The book has some unusual diets. "We have the amazing running diet.

You can eat anything you thing unique and special. Their want as long as you eat it while you're running. You're putting it on and taking it off at the

He told me about the amazthe President of the United ing hypnotism diet. "This

You hypnotize the people to cided instead to run under our own Whozzat Party. We change your weight, but at least named it that because when we they think you're thinner and would ask other candidates if they tell you how nice you

Next I heard about the amazing air diet. "You just pretend sing funds and already have 87 in our campaign chest." and that works, too. You can Who is Dr. Spud, you might really get skinny with this one."

Then there's the one-minute diet. "You can eat anything you want, but only for one minute.'

He says the size of food matten a diet book and he went into ters. "If you eat big foods like great detail about how the word watermelon, you're going to diet came into being: "A long look like a watermelon. But if time ago in medieval times, you eat small foods like a grape or raisin you're going to be

A well-known comedienne wrote the foreword to his diet book. "We tried to get a fato look at the prisoner, they mous, glamorous Hollywood would ask, die yet?"

The name of his diet book is The Fat Chance Diet. "This is a diet I created based on the findings of two Chinese doc-

> potato is obviously bonkers with quite a breeze in the attic, but he is thin and that's the whole idea.'

Spring Band Concert

The 2012 Spring Band concert will be

Thursday, Hay 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

in the school auditorium.

Students need to be in their seats at 6:45.

Vote Benny Taylor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 District Golf @ Big Spring OAP Practice-5:00 *Baseball @ Ira-5:00	3 District OAP @ Sands	4	5 HS District Track Meet @ Gail	6 Pre-K Day Early Release @ 12:30 *Baseball @ Hermleigh - 5:00 DH	7
Rappy Faster	9 Holiday District Tennis @ Garden City	10 *Baseball @ Ralls – 5:00 District Tennis @ Garden City	11	12 Area Track Meet – Garden City	*Baseball @ Tahoka – 5:00	14 Area II CDE Judging-Texas Tech University
15	16 Beginning of 6 th Six Weeks Regional Golf @ Baird	*Baseball vs. Crosbyton – Here, 5:00 Regional Golf @ Baird	18 Regional Tennis @ Abilene	19 Regional Tennis @ Abilene Regional OAP @ Clyde	20	*Baseball @ O'Donnell, 4:30 Regional UIL Meet @ Abilene State CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University
22	23	24 STAAR Math-grades 3,4,6,7 TAKS Math grade 10	25 STAAR Math-grades 3,4,6,7	26 STAAR Science-grades 5,8	27 STAAR Social Studies Grade 8 TAKS Social Studies Grades 10,11	28 HS Regional Track @ ACU, Abilene
29	30	Exit Level ELA (retest)	TAKS Math grade 11	TAKS Science grades 10,11	HS Regional Track Meet @ ACU, Abilene Baseball – Open	THE NAME OF THE PARTY OF T