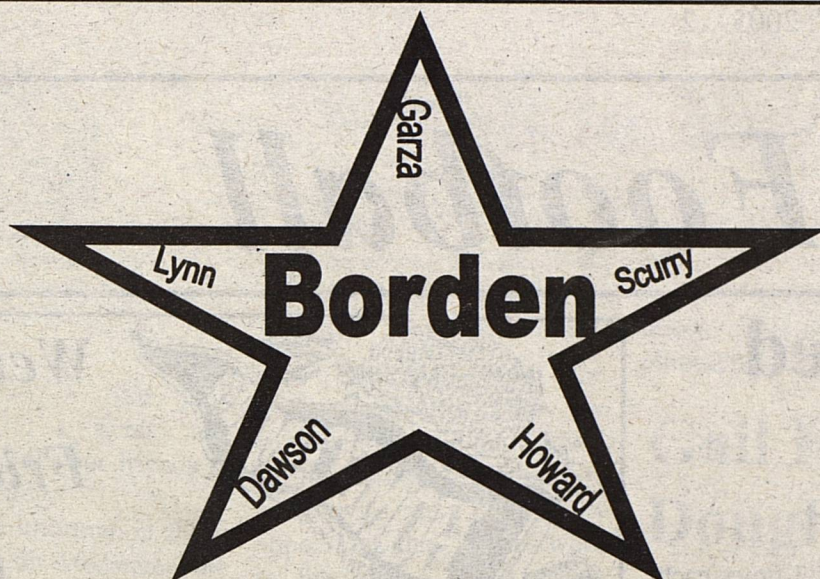


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Texan Virtue in Response to Natural Disasters

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texas is a state affected by many natural disasters. We have everything from hurricanes and flash floods to draughts and tornadoes. Natural disasters kill people and destroy property. They also reveal something about who we really are down deep.

Whenever natural disasters are looming, our first effort is do whatever we can to protect the people they threaten. After the event, we try to help those affected recover and move on with their lives. We also want to take a step back and see what we lessons we can learn. We need to examine the event and determine what measures will minimize the harm from similar events in the future.

Texas has been hit by some powerful hurricanes such as Bret in 1999, Alicia in 1983, and Allen in 1980; but the most powerful hurricane to hit the state in the twentieth century was the one that slammed into Galveston in 1900. According to some estimates, that storm had winds of 100 mph that peaked as high as 150 mph. It killed over 8,000 people, 25 percent of the population, and destroyed more than 3,600 homes on Galveston Island. Some Texans displayed remarkable courage: four men spent hours in a

row boat pulling people from debris-filled water saving as many as 200 lives. After the storm, the city built a six-mile-long seawall that was later extended.

Growing up in Galveston County, I lived through Carla and other hurricanes. I have never forgotten the experience of driving to my parents' house because we had not heard from them. Telephone service was out, so we packed our car with water and other supplies and drove to their home. As we approached, we saw more and more of the hurricane's destruction. Finally, we reached their battered house, and fortunately found them unharmed.

Texas also has also had to deal with some devastating tornadoes. Back in 1997, we had a fierce tornado in Jarrell. The funnel cloud was as big as three-quarters of a mile wide and had winds of well over 200 mph. It killed 27 people in a town of just 700, destroyed at least 50 homes, including one entire subdivision. People described cars being flung about in the air. One place the tornado crossed the road it ripped off 500 feet of asphalt. Before dissipating, the tornado had caused \$20 million in damage. Our countrymen showed us their

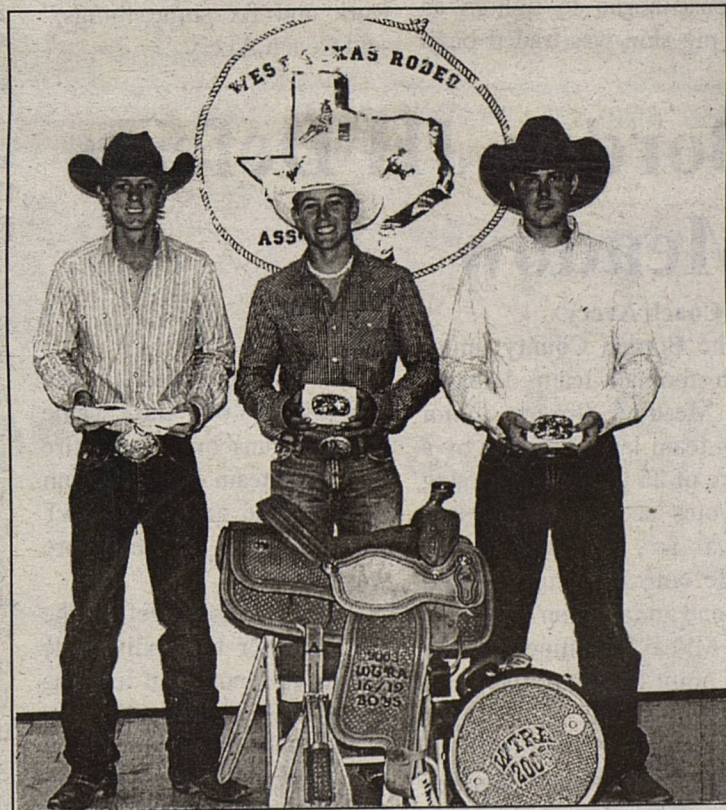
generosity, sending \$1.3 million and over 400 volunteers from 15 states to help Jarrell recover.

Dealing with these disasters has made Texans both tough and compassionate. Whenever people encounter adversity, they are forced to make a decision about how to respond. So often, Texans have stood tall, displaying virtue in the heat of the moment. When battered by a hurricane, Texans have increased their resolve, battling the elements to survive. When threatened by funnel clouds, they have reacted with bravery and risked their lives to save the lives of others. And after the moment of danger has passed, they have showed kindness and generosity in helping neighbors get back on their feet.

Recently, hurricane Katrina barreled up the Gulf Coast, striking our neighbors, and dealing them a powerful blow. Approximately 80 percent of the city of New Orleans was covered in water, and thousands of people suddenly found themselves homeless and with no one to turn to. In the midst of this great misfortune, my heart was warmed by the many Texans who opened their arms and their homes to

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Local Cowboys Successful at the Wet Texas Rodeo Association Finals



Congratulations to Symeron Rinehart and Rowdy Clary. Symeron won the saddle for the 2005 16-19 All Around Roping Champion at the WTRA Finals on August 13th, consisting of tie down, breakaway and ribbon roping. He also won the tie down buckle. Rowdy won a rope can for 3rd place 16-19 All Around Roper. He also won the ribbon roping buckle. Also pictured is Justin Smith from Water Valley, who won the buckle for Reserve Champion 16-19 All Around Roper and the buckle for the breakaway.

This past weekend, Rowdy and Symeron participated in a 00 U.S. Calf Roping in Lubbock. Rowdy had the fastest time of the day with a 9.8, resulting in a win for the 3rd round. Symeron placed 2nd in the same round, and 4th in the average, which consisted of 3 rounds and a short. Good job, boys!

Coyote Football



Coyotes upended by Broncos

By Coach Avery

Last Friday, August 2nd, the Coyote varsity football team hosted the Meadow Broncos.

The game ended early in the fourth quarter via the 45 point rule, 47-0. The Coyotes never were able to muster any offense at all and keep the ball away from the Broncos. The Coyotes also had 4 turnovers which did not help matters at all. The Broncos took the ball first and completed a 9 play drive for their first TD from the one yard line. Then the Coyote defense began to tighten as the pig skin was traded back

and forth about 3 times each. Late in the second period of play the wheels started to fall off for the Coyotes as they allowed three touchdowns with less than 4 minutes left in the half. Coyote turnovers and the inability to move the ball also aided in their demise. The Broncos scored twice more in the third period and ended the game with a 19 yard field goal. "The Broncos are a good team and they had a good defensive scheme. They will be a play-off team and the Coyotes need to go to work and fix some things," said Coach Avery.

Borden JH Defeats Meadow

By Coach Avery

The Borden County junior high football team defeated the Meadow Bronco junior high team last Thursday by a score of 25 to 6. These young Coyotes scored in just two plays as Michael Cooley made both long runs to find the end zone. Flynn Chapman hit Miles Valentine for the one point PAT and the score was 7-0.

The Coyote defense of Chapman, Cooley, Valentine, Karl Lamming, Brendan Tarleton and John Hensley stopped the Broncos on their first possession. On the next drive in just one play Cooley passed the ball to Tarleton for a touchdown from 35 yards out. The PAT failed.

The Coyote defense held the Broncos again and on the third possession of the game Hensley carried the ball over the line for a TD. The PAT was no good making the

score 19-0.

On the Coyotes fourth possession of the game Hensley runs over the entire defensive team for a long run into the end zone. The PAT was not good and the score was then 25-0.

With 53 seconds left in the third quarter the sixth grade defensive team went into the game. This bunch of boys held the Broncos out of the end zone until there were 36 seconds left in the game. These guys did a great job keeping the Broncos in check for the rest of the game. The sixth graders consist of Shane Howell, Austin Fields, Austin Tyler, Chance Taylor and Chris Teel.

Others that saw action in the game were Derek Tatum, Tony Soto and David Rodriguez.

The Coyotes next game is at home with the Ropes



Welcome Exes!

Friday, Sept. 16th.

Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Meal: 5:30 p.m.

School Cafeteria

Sponsored by Class of 2006

Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

BORDEN CO. vs GRADY

Homecoming Dance: County Show Barn

Sponsored by Parents Club

Borden JV comes up Short against New Home Leopards

By Coach Richey

The Borden County JV team consisting of Juniors: Dore Rodriguez, Asa Rutherford, Zane Williamson; Sophomores: Logan Howard, Quentin Shafer, Miller Valentine, Pasqual Espinoza; Freshmen: Jake Cooley, Clay Harding and Cory Teel. Opened the 2005 football season by hosting the New Home Leopards. The Coyote JV got their initial touchdown of the season on a kick-off return by Jake Cooley who traveled 65 yards to pay dirt. Unfortunately, it was not until the third kick-off of the game by the Leopards, who held a 12 - 0 lead at the time. After a conversion run by Quentin Shafer, the Coyotes only trailed 12 to 7 in the first quarter. The Leopards added another score moments later to take a 19 to 7 lead just before half. In the second half, the Coyote defense lead

by the play of Zane and Dore shut down the tight set the Leopards were utilizing only to have them switch to a spread offense that caused some major difficulties for the home team. But, the Coyotes did manage a couple of Rutherford touchdown passes to classmate Zane Williamson that covered 29 yards and the other to Quentin Shafer that covered 26 yards. As an end result, the Coyotes found them-

selves on the short end of a 32 to 19 score.

The Coyote Junior Varsity did some very good things throughout the contest, but a few mistakes on the offensive side and this game could have been much different. The Coyotes showed a lot of heart by not letting up and building on the spark that freshman Jake Cooley provided with the kick-off return. Good job guys.

JV falls to 0-2 with tough lose to Meadow Broncos

By Coach Richey

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Traveled to Meadow, to take on the undefeated Broncos. The Coyotes got off to a very slow start, as a dropped 4th down pass ended a short-lived successful drive. The Broncos wasted little time in converting the Coyote

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Eagles on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 PM. Ya'll come on out and support your Coyotes.

Heart and home...

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



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Panhandle-South Plains Fair Items Needed

Anyone that needs assistance in entering handmade items or goods in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336. Entries must be submitted on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, September 21. For more information, visit the fair web site at <http://www.southplainsfair.com> or contact the Extension Office.

Medicare Part D Update at next Senior Citizen Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share). We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, followed by a brief program by the Area Agency on Aging. They will be providing an update on Medicare Part D. Following the program, we will enjoy games and more fellowship!

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make

arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

For more information about the update on Medicare Part D, contact Raynetta Williams with the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging @ 800-491-3696.

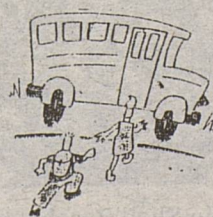
4-H News

4-H Penny Drive for Hurricane Relief Fund

Borden County 4-H will be sponsoring a penny drive at school and at local businesses to help support the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund with the American Red Cross.

There will be jars placed in each home room from PreK-12 and one placed at the store, courthouse and Extension Office from Wednesday, September 7th through Tuesday, September 13th. We hope that this will allow everyone an opportunity to contribute to the relief fund, whether in a small or big way. For more information, contact any 4-H member or the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

School Started Drive Carefully!



JV falls to Broncos

misfortune by taking a quick 6 to 0 lead. After a quick 3 and out series, the host team built on their lead by going up 12 to 0. After another

poor offensive series, the Coyotes got a lift by converting a solid hit by Zane Williamson and the fumble recovery to see a glimmer of hope. But, the Coyotes were in the giving mood themselves and they quickly turned it back to the Host Broncos. Moments later, and still in the first quarter, the Coyotes were down 20 to 0.

That is where this contest stayed until midway through the 4th quarter, the Broncos got another score to take a commanding 26 to 0 lead. Just before the end of the game, Quentin Shafer took off on a 54 yard run to the Meadow 3-yard line. On the next play, Quentin topped the century mark in yards with a 3-yard touchdown run to give us a final score of 26 to 6.

The Coyotes made a tremendous comeback with their effort over the last 3 quarters. It appeared that the smaller Coyotes were a little intimidated early, but showed

a lot of heart by bouncing back and tying the host broncos over the last 3 quarters. The Coyotes will next play host to the Ropes Eagles on Thursday.

Gail FFA Begins Cookie Dough Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially started its' first fund-raiser of the year with a cookie dough/cobbler sale. The sale began on August 22nd and will conclude on September 7th. The following items and flavors will be available:

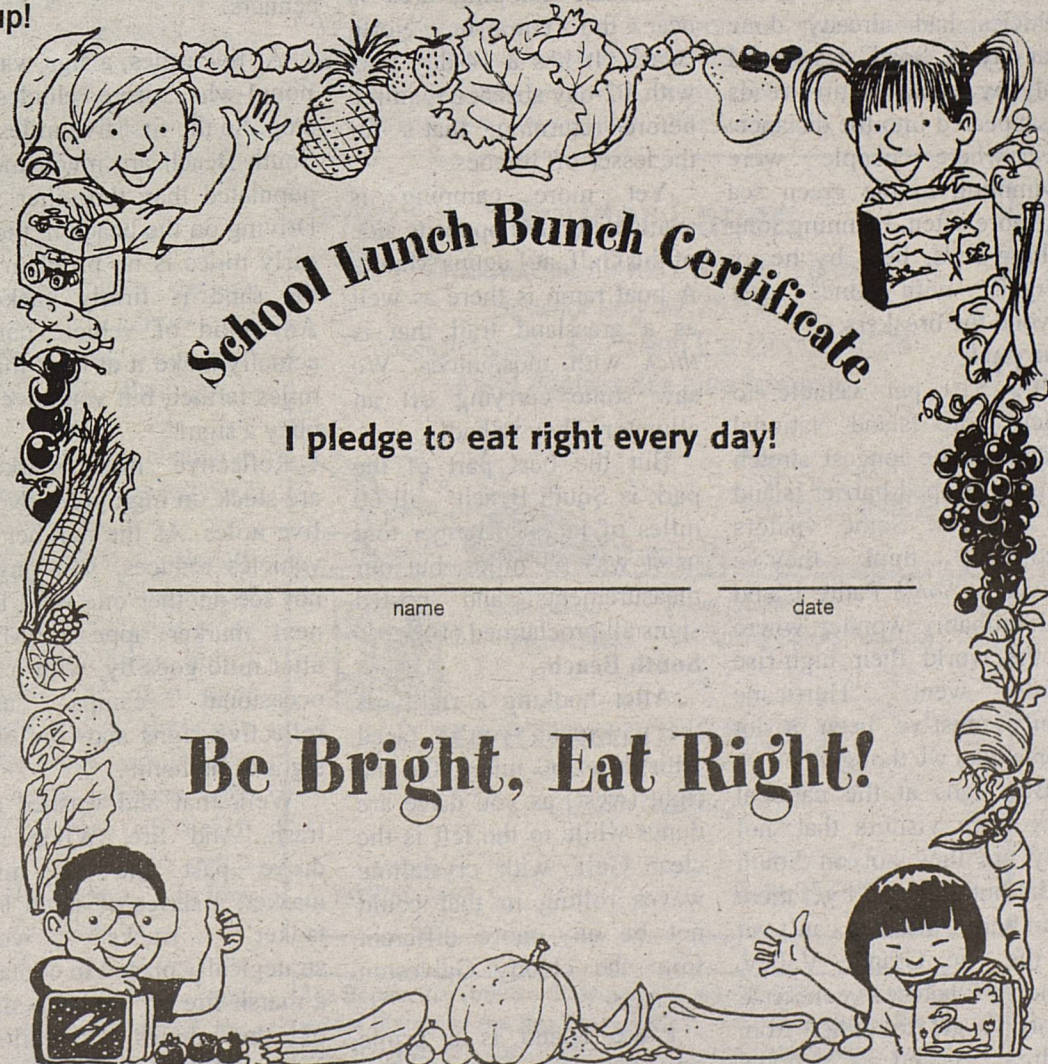
1. Chocolate Chunk
2. Chocolate Chunk Pecan
3. Chunky M & M Delights
4. Oatmeal Raisin
5. Peanut Butter
6. Snicker Doodle
7. White Chocolate Macadamia
8. Twice Chocolate Walnut

9. Pecan Cobbler - 2 lbs.
10. One dozen Cinnamon Rolls

All items will cost \$13.00 and customers may pay upon delivery in late September. Anyone wishing to purchase these items may contact a Gail FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4378 (Home) or 806/756-4313 ext. 7 (Work)

The Gail Chapter wishes to express a big "Thank You" to those who have supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with our community in the future.

You can be a member of the School Lunch Bunch! Write in your name and today's date. Then color the foods around the certificate, cut it out, and hang it up!



Watch the Borden Star for more Nutritious Activities brought to you from the School Lunch Bunch!

SUMMER SERIES No. 9

On a (near) deserted island

By Mark K. Campbell

Photos by Paula Campbell

We weren't going to make it.

The ranger at Padre Island National Seashore warned us to avoid driving at night. Here it was, almost 8 p.m. with sunset due in around 30 minutes.

And we were 47 miles from where we started – 47 miles of beach with a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour, provided you can scoot through the loose sand.

Originally, we had planned on just checking out the first five miles of the beach; we'd drive the entire stretch, 60 total miles (one way), the next day. Those first five miles of Padre Island National Seashore are accessible with any kind of car or truck or bike. However, the next 55 miles are accessible only with 4-wheel drive vehicles.

So we eased onto the packed sand as scores of vehicles had already done that day. A "road" designated only by a pair of tire treads disappeared into the distance. Everywhere people were swimming in the green sea or, more often, manning long fishing rods, bent by heavy weights with lines cast beyond the breakers.

The park

It's \$10 per vehicle to enter Padre Island National Seashore, the longest stretch of undeveloped barrier island in America. Some visitors incorrectly think they've arrived at *South* Padre Island and probably wonder where in the world their high-rise condo went: "Hurricane Emily must've been a lot worse than we thought."

But signs at the national park warn visitors that, not only are they not on South Padre but they can't get there from here. And they can't get to the Rio Grande Valley, either. It takes a concerted effort to get to either from Padre Island National Seashore; you have to

backtrack to near Corpus Christi then bow back and travel parallel to the coast, a trip that takes over 120 miles – even though, after 60 miles of beach driving, South Padre is just right over *there*.

There's a nice swimming area with an expansive bath house at park headquarters, Malaquite Beach. Most day visitors stop here. There's a park store with drinks, floats, and souvenirs as well as showers and an information center with exhibits.

Campers are welcome at Malaquite Beach. Fifty sites, for \$8 per day, can accommodate RVs. Like all other camping at Padre Island, a 30-day maximum is enforced; you have to leave for 48 hours before paying for another 30 days. This presumably is to thwart homeless folks who happen to own RVs.

Another camping area is near the entrance, North Beach. It has a 14-day max with a 2-day absence required before returning; that's for the lesser-off hoboes.

Yet more camping is available on the opposite side of the Gulf, at Laguna Madre. A boat ramp is there as well as a grassland trail that is *thick* with mosquitoes. We saw some carrying off an alligator. They're bad!

But the best part of the park is South Beach – all 60 miles of it. (The ranger told us it was 63 miles, but our measurements and posted signs all proclaimed 60.)

South Beach

After hooking a right off the pavement, you're faced with those 60 miles. On the right (west) as you drive are dunes while to the left is the clear Gulf, with crystalline waves rolling in that could not be any more different from the cloudy Galveston breakers.

Padre Island is a prime spot for shore anglers. The ranger told us the stretch



A sea gull refuses to admire the acrobatic antics of a show-off black skimmer as it zips along the surface at shocking speed.

really gets more populated as groups of anglers tailgate together, creating impromptu fishing camps. Five or six 4x4s will hug the dunes – the high tide covers the road for a spell daily – erect tents and canopies then fly personal flags: state, UT, or pirate banners.

At five miles, a sign warns non-4-wheel drive vehicles to stop. So the first five miles of South Beach are much more populated than the other 55. Driving on the beach in those early miles is no problem as the sand is firmly packed. Any kind of vehicle could actually make it at least three miles farther, but you have to obey a sign!

Reflective mile markers are stuck on high poles every five miles. As the number of vehicles reduces, you might not see another one until the next marker appears. Mile after mile goes by, with only occasional camps and reflective signs showing any signs of humanity.

Well, that and washed up trash. And fire. When we drove past the 15 mile marker, a series of small FD tanker trucks were strategically placed to contain a marsh fire on the back side of the dunes. Prevailing winds blew inland so the smoke was no problem.

Shell city

Between miles 10 and 30 are a pair of unforgettable stretches of beach, Little Shell and Big Shell.

Little Shell comes first. On the drive to Little and Big, the seashore is littered with shells. But then comes Little Shell beach about mile 10.

Here, shells are so thick that you can't see the sand. On the shore and shimmering under the perfectly clear water are thousands of shells of every color, almost all worn smooth. We had never seen anything like it.

We filled a long Subway bag full and it was like a drop from a mammoth bucket. Shells were rose and white and yellow and green and shades of a score of other colors. A long stretch of

beach was piled with the ocean gifts, shells stacked on shells stacked on shells.

Then, miles farther down, the same phenomenon occurred but this time with big shells. The same colors in the same startling quantity – however the shells were much larger with most of them unbroken. You eventually start culling shells that would make you leap for joy on any other Texas beach.

It was all we could do to tear ourselves away from these two beaches.

Onward

We drove on. Finally, a "washout" – where the Gulf pushes through the dunes toward Laguna Madre – made us stop.

Through the gap, we could see a giant white dune



At Big Shell Beach, the pickin's are terrific as shells are scattered along the shoreline and in the water.



Everything stretches on forever at Padre Island – the beach, the sky, the sandy road, and the sea.

shining like it was crystallized. You aren't supposed to leave the beach to drive so we hiked through the washout and found a slew of debris that had washed ashore.

Wading past that – the ocean dumps a lot of junk along the 60-mile stretch of beach – we scaled the dune that gave us a view of the marshy inland side of the island. The glimmering sand was coarser than that found elsewhere; at times, the dune glowed like a giant oyster.

We drove on, 35, 40, 45, 50 miles. And still the "road" stretched on. We were determined to go the distance. Just past mile. 50, remnants of a shipwreck are just offshore. A guy in a red kayak was paddling toward it. A chunk of the *Nicaragua* stuck up about 200 feet off the beach.

Forging on, we negotiated a couple of thick stretches of sand, deep enough that, in one, we slowed to 8 mph before getting through. We had brought a shovel and bucket to fetch water to harden sand if we got stuck. However, we made it through every stretch.

Finally, we spied a long rock jetty. That was the 60 mile spot and yet another fishing camp had been set up there. A group of families waved as we turned around.

Fishing

We decided to try our hand at fishing. So far this summer, turtle heinie was all I had managed to catch so

surely I'd have luck with an ocean full of fish before me.

Earlier at a retail store, we had purchased a slew of "saltwater" fishing gear and piled it into the cart. Our scattershot purchases were the equivalent of someone giving you a bunch of nuts and bolts and metal and saying: "Make me a car."

Anyway, I had my mother-in-law's Zebco that she won as a gag gift years ago (I had left my elaborate \$19.96 Zebco at home); my wife's rod was a bit snazzier. I put on a high-dollar wire rig with some kind of fake bait – a nut and a bolt – and hurled it into the sea. Wading out, I cast and retrieved 50 times. Never got a bite before the brittle line eventually snapped mid-cast.

Meanwhile, my wife, wandering on the shore and, casually shell-searching, caught a fish on her third cast using a rattling artificial bait. She passed the pole to me and I never got a bite. Again.

The summer ended with on a single foul-hooking of a turtle in the Llano River. Even with my lucky hat.

Critters

We swam in the 88 degree water that was so clear you could easily see your feet on the sandy, shell-scattered bottom several feet below.

Naturally, we thought about sharks. Aside from a few attacks on humans along the Texas coast, other factors were at work. There's nothing like watching a shark special on the Discovery

Channel – how many Shark Weeks do they have? – then dashing into the sea.

At Padre Island National Seashore, we saw lizards, wave-darting fish by the hundreds, three coyotes, and birds galore. For some reason, white and black pelicans segregate at Padre; the whites hang out at Laguna Madre – when they're there – while the ever-present blacks prefer the Gulf.

Especially intriguing was a skimmer. This bird – black on its back with a grey-white belly and orange bill – zips along the waterline near the shore at incredible speeds. Mouth open, it skims the surface, scooping out whatever it is that skimmers eat.

They aren't numerous, but we saw two. We had to speed along at 40 mph on the deserted beach to get ahead of one avian daredevil just to get a couple of photo shots off. The skimmer zoomed by, leaving a straight line along the water with his open bill.

Fortunately, we did not see the two kinds of rattlesnakes that live on the island nor come upon any Portuguese Man 'o Wars that occasionally float in from the depths.

Getting back

Since was had stopped once more to admire the shells and dunes, swim and get shut out fishing, it became evident that we would not have any chance at all to return to the paved road 47 miles away by dark.

So we traveled cautiously back. The warden had warned us of trying this since we were newcomers, but it wasn't bad. The deep sand spots were still in the same places and I was enough of a veteran – that happens after about 80 miles of beach driving – to know to get a good head of steam up before reaching those spots.

A coyote ran across the road to the dunes and hundreds of crabs dared me to run over them. Some, unfortunately, were unavoidable, even after 80

Thank you,

Dear Borden County Family,

We've always known how special our community is, but these past two weeks have really proven that truth to us.

The many, many calls, visits, cards, food, and, especially prayers have been overwhelming. The outpouring of love we have felt during this tragic time in our lives has shown us that Borden County people truly strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus. So many of our family members have been awed by your giving. There are no words that can express our gratitude, so please know that this "thank-you" comes from the very depths of our hearts. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we face the difficult days ahead.

*In Christ's love,
The Family of Caden Nowlain*



miles of sand driving experience.

The fire still burned, the Texas flags still flew, and people still laughed and waved as we drove by.

But most memorable of all on the trip back was the darkness. In the miles between camps, no light was visible anywhere. Only a billion stars in a jet black sky stood out. At some points on Padre Island, we were in the

darkest non-cave place we had ever been. You feel *tiny*.

There's no light anywhere, which is why sky gazers camp at Padre Island. So do birdwatchers during the birding season. And anglers and swimmers, of course.

Finally, our tires hit the pavement eight hours after we had left it. Those were eight hours of the summer of 2005 very well spent.



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their fellow Americans. Public institutions, many churches and charities, and numerous individuals provided food, shelter, and money for those escaping the hurricane's devastation. In one story that was particularly touching, a Texas couple who had just moved into their new home took their old home off the market in order to provide shelter to a family of nine in the months ahead. In another part of Texas, one company offered about 40 vacant apartments in a retirement community, plus food, transportation, and house-keeping for no charge.

Know that when I am working in Washington, you repeatedly make me proud to be from the Lone Star State. I am honored to be your senator. When I am working with other senators, it is not unusual for me to look over and see a confident gleam in their eyes because they know that, when the chips are down, they have a true friend in Texas.

There are still ways that you can help our neighbors who have been hurt by hurricane Katrina. While all assistance is appreciated, generally donations of money are more helpful than donations of food and clothing. Money can be used to buy

exactly what is most urgently needed, including perishable food and medicine. Donations of money also save the costs of transporting goods to where they are needed most. Some reliable charities include the Salvation Army (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/USNSAHome.htm>), Church World Service (<http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/>), and the American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>). Donations of time and energy also provide important assistance and give you a meaningful connection to those you are helping. As of this date, three of our major cities are setting up huge sites for hurricane evacuees. To volunteer, call your local Red Cross office.

Finally, do not forget to be prepared for a natural disaster yourself. Be sure you have survival kits in your home and car, and you refresh them from time to time with new food and batteries. For specific suggestions on what to put in survival kits, go to <http://www.fema.gov/rrr/emp/rep.shtm>. Also, be sure that you follow the directions of local government officials, especially their warnings to evacuate when necessary.

Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



press and TV crews were and he said, 'you're no big deal.'
"You are no big deal, Mr. Reid.

"I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty of doing. It seems to me you hate the one thing that to us is most precious. You hate our freedom. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here, in this society, the very wind carries freedom. It carries it from sea to shining sea. We Americans are all about freedom. We will bare any burden, pay any price, to preserve our freedom.

"See that flag, Mr. Reid. That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag stands for freedom and it always will.

"Mr. Custody Officer, Stand him down!"

Some words from a Judge

People say significant things all the time and usually they go unnoticed. This came to my attention the other day and I have used it in a couple of speeches.

Remember the guy who got on a plane with a bomb built into his shoe and tried to light it?

Did you know his trial is over?

Did you know he was sentenced? Did you see or hear any of the Judge's comments on sentencing?

Prior to the sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant if he had anything to say.

Richard Reid admitted his allegiance to Osama Bin Laden and defiantly stated, "I will not apologize for my actions. I am at war with your country."

Judge William Young, in his Boston courtroom, then said: "Mr. Reid, the court sentences you to life in prison. In my court, life sentences are real life sentences.

"Mr. Reid, we are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is all too much war talk here.

You are not any enemy combatant. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not meet with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice.

"So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I've known warriors. You are a terrorist, a species of criminal that is guilty of multiple attempted murders.

"In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the

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Texas Railroad Commissioners urge Texans to practice gasoline conservation

Energy saving tips offered

Texas Railroad Commissioners Victor Carrillo, Michael L. Williams and Elizabeth Ames Jones urged Texans to practice gasoline conservation measures in the coming weeks and months to reduce demand and help mitigate price increases caused by Hurricane Katrina.

"Texas is the nations' largest producer of petroleum and natural gas as well as the number one consumer of these commodities, so conservation measures practiced collectively by Texans should have a positive impact," said RRC Chairman Carrillo.

Commissioner Williams said, "Everyone wants to do their part to pitch in with relief efforts and donations for Hurricane Katrina" victims, and one simple way each Texan can help is to conserve gasoline, whether by carpooling or combining errands into one trip."

Commissioner Jones said, "By moderating and curtailing demand for gasoline, each Texan can help alleviate one major factor that contributes to driving gasoline prices upward."

The Texas Railroad Commission regulated the Texas oil and gas industry (exploration and production), gas utilities, pipeline and rail safety, safety in the liquefied

petroleum gas industry, and the surface mining of coal and uranium. The RRC does not have authority to regulate gasoline prices.

Gasoline Conservation Tips

♦ **Drive Sensibly:** Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. Sensible driving is also safer for you and others, so you may save more than gas money.

♦ **Observe the Speed Limit:** Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.15 per gallon for gas. Observing the speed limit is also safer.

♦ **Remove Excess Weight:** Avoid keeping unnecessary items in your vehicle, especially heavy ones. An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your mile per gallon by up to 2 percent. The reduction is based on the percentage of extra weight relative to the vehicle's weight and affects smaller vehicles more than larger ones.

♦ **Avoid Excess Idling:** Idling gets zero miles per gallon. Cars with larger engines typically waste more gas than do cars with smaller engines.

♦ **Use Cruise Control:** Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, will save gas.

♦ **Use Overdrive Gears:** When you use overdrive gearing, your car's engine speed goes down. This saves gas and reduces engine wear.

Thank You!

Dear Friends of Borden County,

Thank you for all the cards, visits, food, and most of all, your prayers for Michael after his accident. We are so blessed and grateful to be a part of such a giving and caring community. We also want to express our appreciation for the Borden County Emergency Team. Each one of you is very special to us for all you did for Michael.

Sincerely,
Ken & Layne Froman
and Family



I don't know why it is we are in such a hurry to get up when we fall down. You might think we would lie there and rest for a while.
—Max Eastman

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Borden County Commissioners Court

conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

Borden County

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.9% percent

on September 1, 2005 and September 7, 2005

The Borden County Commissioners Court

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held

on September 12, 2005

at Borden County Courthouse

Borden County Junior Livestock Association General Meeting to Be Held Next Week

The BCJLA will be holding its annual General Association meeting on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Community Building next to the Sheriff office in Gail. The BCJLA encourages all families that will be participating in this year's county show to attend.

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-- Randy's Roundup

*Remembering one tragedy,
Responding to another*

Sunday marks the four-year anniversary of the worst attack on American soil in our country's history. On September 11, 2001 and the Army are flowing in from days that followed, many of us across the state. I am proud of sat glued to the television the Texans and all Americans seeking information and answers concerning what had happened in New York and Washington. To this day, we remember the planes flying into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. We remember the stories of bravery and heroism that detailed the rescue efforts at Ground Zero. And we remember how the country came together in that time of loss and proved the resiliency of the American people.

And just a few days ago, another tragedy reached our shores in the form of Hurricane Katrina. Once again, a region of our country has experienced unimaginable loss. We may never know the full extent of the death and destruction that this storm has wrought. Once again, television images are searing into our collective conscience unforgettable images. As we are looking back four years from now, we will remember the flooded streets and the stranded families. We will remember the helpless feeling of watching our fellow citizens wading through shoulder-high water with no possessions and nowhere to go. But just as we remember the good and the bad of 9/11, we will also remember the courage and generosity of Americans that have come to the rescue in the wake of Katrina.

Once again, the American people have answered the call by contributing to the recovery efforts in any way that they can. Unsurprisingly, Texans have been at the forefront of this wave of compassion. They have opened their wallets as well as their hearts to help the victims of Katrina. The Astrodome is now home to thousands of refugees from the Gulf Coast region. Lubbock

are taking in refugees as well. And monetary donations to the Red Cross and the Salvation Army are flowing in from across the state. I am proud of the Texans and all Americans who have answered the call to help those in need.

It may take a many years to bounce back from this tragedy. But we will bounce back. That is what America does. Despite our differences, despite our partisan divisions, houses will be rebuilt, lives will be put back together, and we will move forward.

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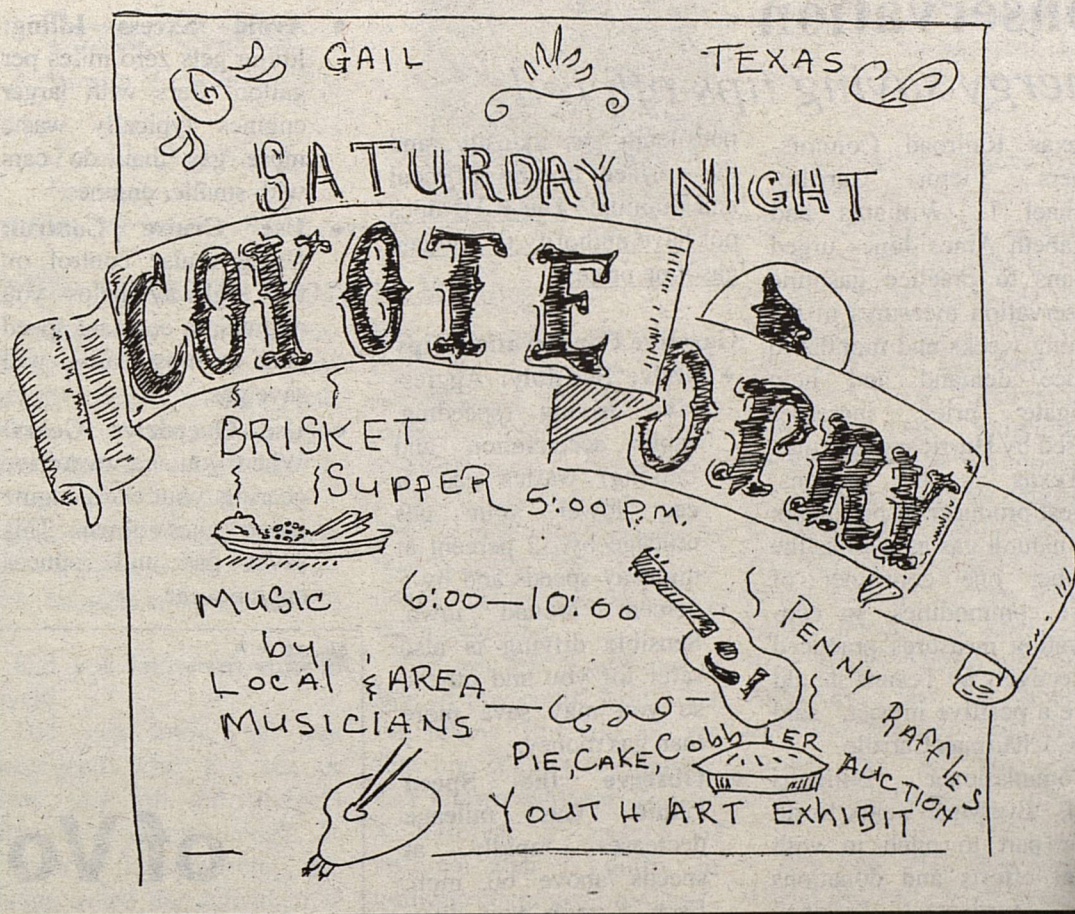
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I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

—Abraham Lincoln

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Coyote Varsity Football Schedule for Fall 2005

Scrimmage:

Friday, August 19th, Aspermont & Motley Co.

@ Aspermont 6:00

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 26 th	New Home	There	7:30
Sept. 2 nd	Meadow	Here	7:30
Sept. 9 th	Ropes	There	7:30
Sept. 16 th **	Grady	Here	7:30
Sept. 23 rd	Wellman	There	7:30
Sept. 30 th	OPEN		
Oct. 7 th	* Westbrook	There	7:30
Oct. 14 th	* Loraine	Here	7:30
Oct. 21 st	* Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 28 th	* Highland	Here	7:30
Nov. 4 th	* Trent	There	7:30

*District Games ** Homecoming

Junior Varsity and Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Team	Time
Aug. 25 th	New Home	Here	JV	6:00
Sept. 1 st	Meadow	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 8 th	Ropes	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 15 th	Grady	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 22 nd	Wellman	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 29 th	Trent	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 6 th	Westbrook	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 13 th	Loraine	There	JH	6:00
	Highland	Here	JV	TBA
Oct. 20 th t	Ira	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 28 th	Highland	There	JH & JV	6:00