

THE BORDEN STAR

VOLUME XXVIII

February 23, 2000

Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

BHS Downs Robert Lee to move to Quarterfinal Round Experience, Defense Keys to Lady Coyotes' Area Victory

Let's be honest. Most of us were a little concerned when it was 7-0, 1:55 left in the first quarter, and the Lady Coyotes had not scored a point.

Let's be even more honest. We shouldn't have doubted. This is the team that has overcome so much adversity this year that a

seven-point lead is just one more hurdle to overcome.

This team—the 2000 Lady Coyotes—honestly know how to win, have the heart to win, and displayed the gutsy defense that it will take to win in this season of sudden-death playoffs.

Robert Lee came to Sweetwater ready to play,

a young team that will give teams plenty to worry about next year, too. The Lady Steers jumped on BHS from the get go, scoring a three-pointer with only 10 seconds off of the clock as the game started.

And it wouldn't be until 1:54 that the Lady Coyotes would find the range, when Junior Valerie Wootan scored on a put back to make it a 7-2 advantage for Robert Lee.

The next four baskets were made by BHS to give the girls an 8-7 margin at the end of one. Only one other time this

Cont. to pg. 3

Senior FFA Student Nabs Reserve Champion in Class at San Antonio Stock Show

She's a top reserve on the Lady Coyote basketball team, often coming off the bench to play some defense or hit a three-pointer.

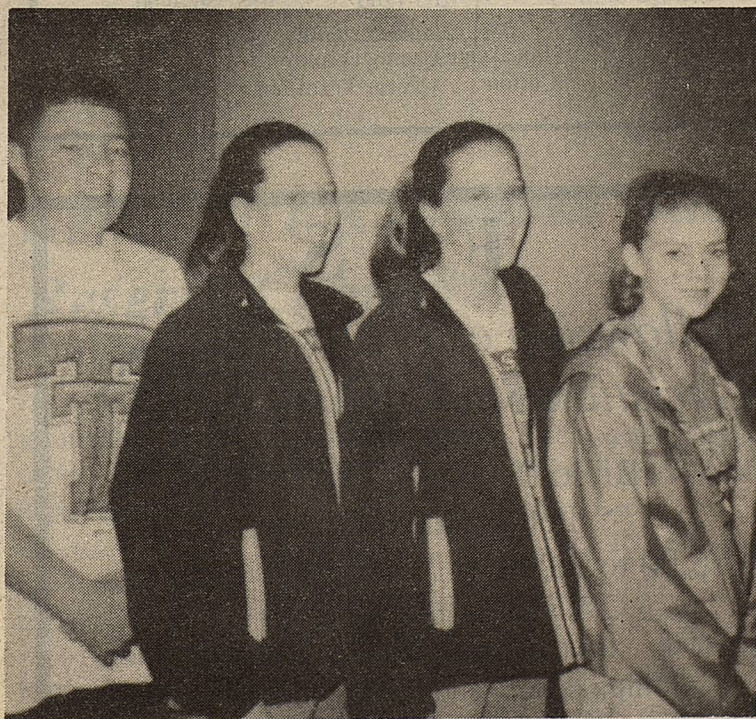
Now she's also a top reserve—along with her steer Big Red—after an exciting run at last week's San Antonio Stock Show.

Senior Kaci Poole, daughter of Dennis and Sheri Poole, reaped the benefits of lots of hard work through the years when she got to "walk the walk" Friday night at the stock rodeo.



After judges had looked over close to 1300 steers, the few had been chosen and Kaci was one of the few.

Cont. to pg. 3



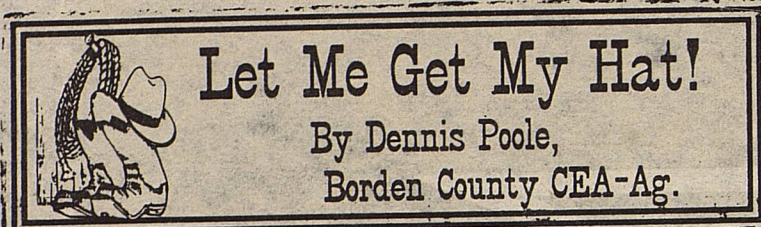
Free Throw Winners: Borden County ISD was well represented by these students who participated and place in the Lamesa Knights of Columbus free-throw shooting contest. Pictured left to right are Kyle Pinkerton, Dalene Kempf, Bobbie Kempf and Emily Mayes. They will compete in the regional competition March 5th in Lubbock.

LADY COYOTE BASKETBALL

Coyote Fans, be sure to come to the McMurry University-Kimbrell Arena in Abilene this Friday and Saturday to root for the Lady Coyote Basketball Team. The Lady Coyotes advanced to Region II-A competition by defeating Windthorst 67-54. The Lady Coyotes will play Menard on Friday, February 25, at 3:00 p.m. The regional championship game will be played on Saturday, February 26, at 1:00 p.m.

The Girls' State Basketball Tournament will take place in Austin on March 2-4. The 1-A girls' semi-final games are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2. The 1-A championship game will be played at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4.

LET'S SUPPORT THESE GIRLS ALL THE WAY TO A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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

San Antonio Results:

Several 4-H and FFA exhibitors attended the 2000 San Antonio Livestock Exposition this past week. Results are as follows:

Lambs:

LaShae Johnson

5th place Med. Wool

Also exhibiting lambs were Kate Wallace, Shawna Kempf, and Miller Valentine

Steers:

Kaci Poole

1st MW Simmental and Reserve Breed Champion

Tanner Poole

1st place LW ABC American Cross

J. Ryan Gicklhorn

3rd place LW Charolais

Kalli Poole

8th place LW Chianina

Tyler Wallace

9th place HW Santa Gertrudis

Exhibiting swine were: Rowdy Clary, Alexis Brooks, Megan Brooks, Heather Brooks, Kalli Poole, Miller Valentine, Tyler Wallace and Kate Wallace.

Congratulations to all exhibitors! Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the animals for showing and transporting them to the stock show. Thanks to all the parents and exhibitors for helping in the many efforts that go along with a major stock show. Good luck to those that are preparing for the Houston trip!

Thank You!

The Officers and Directors of the Borden County Junior Livestock Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and businesses of the Borden County-Gail area that made our 2000 stock show and premium sale successful.

Billy Gannaway
Chuck Kimmel
Dirt Dobber Services
Frank & Joyce Herridge
Joe Canon
Melba Canon
Mr. & Mrs. Mickey McMeans
Rocker Ranch
Terry Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Toby Sharp
Mr. & Mrs. Chet Dye
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Thomas
The Borden Star
Mr. & Mrs. Van York
Brent Murphy
Ernest Reyes
Joe Pat Harding
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Wolf
Joe Don Zant
Bob & Terri Buchanan
Don & Johnnye Smith

Fluvanna
Mr. & Mrs. Don A Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Max Jones
Hurston Lemons, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Miller
Gavitt Creek Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Beaver
O'Donnell
49 Ranch
Farmers Co-op Assoc.
First Nat'l Bank O'Donnell
Ledbetter Pecan Co.
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Kingston
Mr. & Mrs. Juve Balaque
Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Hensley
Mr. & Mrs. Monte Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Clayton
Mrs. Jo Hensley
O'Donnell Oil & Butane
The Trinity Company
Wayland Taylor Inc.
Woolam Gin

Menu

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

February 28th

March 1st, 2000

MONDAY: Pizza, Corn Spinach, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Tamales, Beans, Salad, Tortilla Chips, Apple Cherry Surprise, & Milk

Breakfast: Eggs & Ham, Toast, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Rib Patty on a bun, Chips, Salad, Fruit, & Milk

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: March 2

No School

FRIDAY: March 3

No School

HOLIDAYS

Spring Break

March 6th - 10th

TEN STAR ALL STAR BASKETBALL CAMP

Applications are now being evaluated by The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan; Tim Duncan; Vince Carter; Jerry Stackhouse; Grant Hill; Bobby Hurley; Antawn Jamison; Christian Laettner; Tom Gugliotta; and Trajan Logdon.

Camp locations include: Commerce, TX.; Riverside, CA.; Babson Park, FL.; Atlanta, GA.; Champaign, IL.; Fort Wayne, IN.; Atchison, KS.; Georgetown, KY.; Northfield, MN.; Raleigh, NC.; Boiling Springs, NC.; Rochester, NY.; North Canton, OH.; Farmville, VA.

College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form call (704)371-8610 ANYTIME.

Borden County School Reunion

Time for ex-Coyotes to Howl again!

The five-year all school reunion for the Borden County ISD will be held in Gail, August 4-5, 2000.

Make plans to attend this exciting event and bring all your family, ex-classmates, ex-teachers, and interested friends with you.

For the Memorial List, the committee needs information on deaths of any Borden County ex-student, teacher or employee. Please send their

name, year of their death and if a student, their graduation year.

If you haven't sent your address or if you know the address of someone who would like further information about the reunion, contact as soon as possible, the Borden County ISD Reunion Committee, o/o Judy Kingston, Rt. 1, Box 118, O'Donnell, TX 79351 or call (806)439-6686.

Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation

We're hand-pickin' our most valuable resource

HIRING SOON!!

Seasonal Positions

- *Assistant Field Unit Supervisor (some exp. required)
- *Airport Recorders
- *Ground Observers
- *Trappers
- *Mist Blow Operators

At least 18 years old & valid driver's license and be insurable under foundation fleet insurance policy.

No experience necessary. Outdoor work. Ag background helpful. If you applied or worked during 1999 you must complete a new application for the 2000 season.

For more information, apply in person:

Lamesa	Big Spring	Stanton
1211 CR 19	1301 W. 1-20	708 N. Lamesa Hwy.
Lamesa, TX	Big Spring, TX	Stanton, TX
806/872-0778	915/263-1200	915/756-3900

www.txbollweevil.org

Equal Opportunity Employer
Cotton... a Texas Tradition

F C S

Fellowship of Christian Students



Bible Devotion, Prayer Band,
Fellowship and Food!

6:00 to 7:00 p.m Wednesday evenings

F.C.S. will meet in student's homes
in the community each week

All high school and jr. high students come,
join in on this special time each week.

This Week: Holly's House

Drive Safely... Our children are playing

Experience, Defense Keys to Lady Coyotes' Area Victory

Cont. from pg. 1

year have the Lady Coyotes been held to just eight points in a quarter.

The two teams traded baskets during second period action, but when Senior Adrianna Baeza made the second of two free throws at 5:31 remaining before half-time, the Lady Coyotes took the lead and would not relinquish it. Not that the rest of the game was easy. It remained a battle until the fourth quarter.

While good defense and minimum turnovers (the girls only had 8 turnovers in the entire game) kept BHS going, the team struggled with shooting and offensive rebounding. This allowed Robert Lee to hang around and keep the game close. At half-time, the score was 22-16, BHS.

To start off the third period, Senior Julie Mayes got the Lady Coyotes going with a basket that gave BHS an eight-point lead. But, Robert Lee answered back with two straight buckets to close the gap to 24-20.

Senior FFA Student Nabs Reserve Champion

Cont. from pg. 1

The evening included a meeting and a picture taken with State Representative David Counts of Knox City, who represents Borden County in Austin.

Her Simmental had been selected Thursday in his class as the reserve champion which qualified him and Kaci for the big show on Friday.

The show, however, kept Kaci away from her

The defense stiffened, and Robert Lee would not score in the last three minutes of the third quarter. Julie closed out the quarter with no time remaining by making two free throws that gave BHS a 35-22 lead.

Senior Lindsey Smith, who has hit 74 three-pointers this season, nailed her first three-pointer of the night to open the fourth quarter and give the Lady Coyotes their biggest lead of the evening, 38-22.

From that point on, the defense continued to force turnovers and grab rebounds that finally allowed BHS to pull away in what was a hard-fought contest.

As the number four ranked team in the state in Class A, the Lady Coyotes will be the target from here on out, facing teams that want to knock them off. Friday night was just a taste of that.

But any team that can lose four players in one year and still have a 27-3 record must have something special inside

other role as a Lady Coyote. The team played Friday night in Sweetwater against Robert Lee.

"I kept looking at my watch. At 7 o'clock I was walking my steer into the arena and thinking about the girls," she said.

All went well for both Kaci and the Lady Coyotes, as they emerged victorious, making it possible for her to join them in Tuesday night's



AREA CHAMPION'S: Lindsey Smith, Valerie Wootan, Hailey Adcock, Adrianna Baeza, Kaci Poole, Rebekah Hensley, Holly Thomas, Shaina Isaacs, Crystal Dye, Julie Mayes and Rika Copeland.

that pushes them on.

That something special is what coaches can't coach and often fans can't see—these girls have hearts of champions because they have persevered. They deserve a gold medal just for that.

game against Windthorst.

Kaci has been a fixture in the stock show business for some time, having shown steers since the third grade. Her previous top finish had been a reserve at the Houston Stock Show when she was a fourth grader.

A typical routine for the past nine years has been to work with the steers every day, tying them up, making them gentle and grooming them for not only stock shows in January-March but also for fairs in the fall at Abilene, Lubbock, and Odessa.

It's a family affair, as Kaci has lead the way for her younger brother, Tanner, and younger sister, Kalli, who also enjoyed some success at San

GAME STATISTICS

BHS vs. Robert Lee

Mayes	20 pts., 8 reb.
Wootan	12 pts., 11 reb.
Baeza	8 pts., 2 assists
Smith	7 pts., 5 steals
B. Hensley	4 pts., 3 assists
Dye	1 steal, 1 reb.
Adcock	defense
Thomas	defense
Copeland	defense

HOLIDAYS

Friday, February 25th
Thursday, March 2nd
Friday, March 3rd
Spring Break-March 6-10
Classes will resume
Monday, March 13
Have a great vacation.

Antonio. Tanner had a first place finish in his class of lightweight ABC's and Kalli finished 8th in her lightweight class.

Next year Kaci plans to continue helping her siblings with their animals, but for now she's got her sights set on one more juggling of stock show/basketball. She hopes to have the same "problem" in two weeks

when the Houston Stock Show is scheduled for the same time as the Girls State Basketball Tournament.

Last year Kaci did both. She hopes that is exactly what happens again this year. And if all goes as planned, she can leave Austin a champion and arrive in Houston to show a champion. Hey, dreams can come true.

Congratulations

Lady Coyotes

Go for the Gold!



Moore-Rains Insurance

France Rains Moore

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

Discovery could mean new treatment options for hearing loss

The discovery of mechanisms that affect the structure and function of the ear's outer hair cells could result in new treatments for hearing loss.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine have discovered that electromotility, the pumping motion of the outer hair cell as it works to amplify sound waves, alters the cell's membrane.

"Our findings indicate that as the outer hair cell pumps up and down, the cell's membrane ripples, much like a pleats of an accordion as it is played," said Dr. William Brownell, lead investigator of the study that appears in the Jan. 28 issue of the journal *Science*. Previously, the membrane was thought to be a smooth surface.

"Such dynamic changes have never before been demonstrated in any type of cell or membrane," said Brownell, a professor in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Communicative Sciences at Baylor.

The research team pinpointed the changes in membrane rippling while subjecting outer hair cells to a variety of mechanical, electrical and chemical stimuli.

"Understanding the process of outer hair cell electromotility is the key to understanding the loss of hearing associated with aging," said Dr. John Oghalai, an otolaryngology resident at Baylor. "In addition, the techniques we used might be applicable to investigations of membrane and protein interactions in other cells such as skeletal or heart muscle cells."

The researchers believe that this discovery could narrow the search for the

gene that controls the "motor" within the outer hair cell. This motor enables the cell to lengthen or shorten in response to sound waves.

"Further study of the motor may allow the development of drugs capable of protecting outer hair cells from damage. This might be a treatment for patients who have begun to experience hearing loss," Oghalai said.

Humans have roughly 12,000 cylinder-shaped outer hair cells in each ear. According to Brownell, the outer hair cell is essentially a micromachine that acts as an amplifier within the inner ear, enabling us to hear very quiet sounds and discriminate between sounds of different pitch. These delicate hair cells are vulnerable to disease, aging and environmental stress ranging from antibiotics to persistent loud noise.

More than 28 million Americans suffer from impaired hearing, usually the result of the deterioration of the outer hair cells. Currently, these individuals have limited options: a hearing aid or a cochlear implant. Although these devices can help with speech perception, sound quality is much different than normal hearing.

"Our discoveries might one day point the way to extending the cell's natural lifetime or developing new types of devices to help patients. For example, microelectrical machines, or bionic outer hair cells, might be able to replicate the pumping actions of the outer hair cell," Oghalai said.

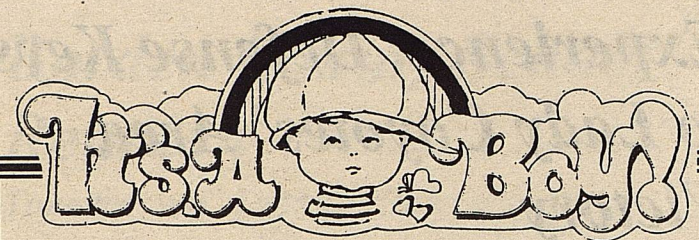
Hong-Bo Zhao, an instructor at Baylor, and J. Walter Kutz, a Baylor medical student, also

Plains Community Center News

The directors of the Plains Community Center met and discussed plans for a pot-luck dinner at the Center. "The Spring Fling" will be held Sunday, April 9th, at 12:30 p.m. More information will be in later issues of *The Borden Star*.

Mindy Briley has accepted the role of director for the PCC. She will take the place of Juanda Hancock who has moved from the community. We will miss Juanda, but know she would approve of Mindy's input into the continuing work of the PCC.

contributed to the study, which was funded by the Jake and Nina Kamin chair and research grants from the Deafness Research Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.



Kable Bonner Kleck

Born: January 20, 2000.

Weight: 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Parents: Hopper & Robby Kleck

Grandparents:

Sid & Connie Hart

Mike & Glenda Kleck

Great-Grandparents:

Patsy Underwood

Bill & Doris Kleck

Hunting Lodge

House in Spur, Texas ready to be converted into Hunting Lodge. Large common room ideal for parties, dominoes, visiting and relaxing after a long day of hunting. Bedrooms will accommodate 8 - 16 or more, 2-1/2 baths, kitchen and dining area combined.

Across street from video store.

Priced to sell at \$19.50 a square foot.

Call for appointment to see possibilities.

Bob Dyess (806)439-6624 or

Bill Dyess (254)772-2392

Drive Safely

Watch for our Children

Take
Stock
in
America

Buy

U.S.
SAVINGS
BONDS





Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Thurber's Back Road

The Thurber Smokestack is a landmark. It's located along Interstate 20 about halfway between Fort Worth and Abilene and stands as a monument to the coal industry which was active around Thurber a hundred years ago.

Thurber coal made possible the expansion of rail lines through the southwest. Thurber brick paved miles and miles of Texas highways and streets as Americans discovered the pleasures of automobile travel.

In its heyday, Thurber was a bustling city of 10,000 and was considered the most modern city in Texas. Every house had electricity and indoor plumbing at a time when such amenities were rare. Residents enjoyed the recreational facilities, bands, celebrations, baseball teams and an opera house which attracted some of the greatest singing stars of the era to its stage. Bocci tournaments were big events.

Thurber's 2500 coal miners were predominately Eastern European immigrants, mostly Italian and Poles. They provided a cheap labor force that made Thurber one of the world's leading coal producers.

In 1921, Texas oil replaced coal for railroad fuel and Thurber became a ghost town. The once vibrant city has been reduced to a few derelict buildings and blackened earth mounds which mark the location of old mines.

The cemetery at

Thurber is hard to find. Unless you've got somebody showing you around, you're liable to miss it. I had the best: Leo Belinski, a man who grew up around Thurber, left to earn a PhD. And follow scholarly pursuits, then returned home to work n restoring some Thurber buildings and chronicle the town's history. He has written a book, "Back road to Thurber".

The cemetery has three sections: Afro-American, Catholic and White Protestant. Each section has its own entrance. An eight foot weather-worn wooden cross marks the grave of Anthony Bascilli. This man dug his own grave, lined it with bricks and marked it with the cross. To ensure that those shoveling dirt in his grave would be careful, he hid pints of whiskey in the dirt he dug out.

A new suit and new shoes were placed in the foot of his casket. Apparently Bascilli wanted to be presentable on resurrection day.

More than half of the 1,000 graves in the Thurber cemetery are children less than two years old. Little babies were sometimes buried in shoeboxes. There were several instances when one family buried three children in one year. One burial plot has graves for three children who all died within a few days of each other. Diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough and malaria were common diseases back then.

Because of rocks in the

cemetery, digging was hard and sometimes dynamite was used to blast out graves. When one heard an explosion from the direction of the cemetery, the question "Who died?" was asked around town.

Some years back, cemetery gates were opened to permit cattle to graze in the cemetery. The resulting damage is now being corrected.

There's more to Thurber than just an old brick smokestack.

LVN

Our agency is looking for a caring, compassionate LVN and certified aide to provide quality care to our patients. Apply at
Covenant Home Health
Care,
309 S. Broadway in Post,
TX (806)495-3533.

Borden Co. EMS

Numbers:
806/759-5111
Alternate No.
806/756-4311

POLITICAL CALENDAR March Democratic Primary 2000

Justice of the Peace:

Jane Jones
Shirley Bennett
Dorothy Wilson

County Sheriff

Tax Assessor/Collector:

Billy Gannaway
Chuck Kimmel

County Commissioner:

Precinct #3

Ernest Reyes
Joe Harding

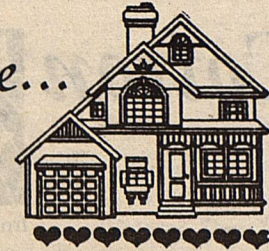
County Commissioner:

Precinct #1

Doug Isaacs

Heart and home...

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



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

FCE Study Group Meeting

There will be a FCE Study Group meeting on Monday, February 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building in Gail. This month's program will be on Carbon Monoxide.

Training Scheduled for Severe Weather Spotters

Officials with the National Weather Service office in Midland will be conducting their annual SKYWARN Spotter Training Class in Gail on Monday, March 6th.

The basic training class, which lasts about two hours with a 10-minute break, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Community Building in Gail. The public is invited.

Drive Safely



Watch out for the Children . . .

Important Voter Information!

Applications for Early Ballot by Mail for the General Primary and the Runoff Primary are being accepted in the County Clerk's Office

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| February 28 | Early Voting By Personal Appearance Begins |
| March 7 | Last Day to receive application for Ballot by Mail. |
| March 10 | Last Day to vote by personal appearance |
| March 13 | Last Day to register to vote in the April 11 runoff primary election. |
| March 14 | PRIMARY ELECTION DAY! |

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

The Republican Party Polling Place for the March Primary will be located at the Community Building in Gail from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. March 14th.

The Borden Star (USPS' or PUBLICATION NO. 895-520) is published weekly except Christmas and New Year's week for \$12.00 per year by the Borden Star, P.O. Box 137, Gail, Texas 79738. Second-class Postage paid at Gail, Texas. POSTMASTER: Send Change of Address to the Borden Star, P.O. Box 137, Gail, TX. 79738

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

High Plains Facing Serious Moisture Deficit

February 11, 2000
By Shawn Wade

A familiar problem is facing producers as they try to prepare for the 2000-growing season. In the face of severe moisture shortage High Plains cotton growers are doing their best to take advantage of every drop of this region's most precious resources.

In general the Texas High Plains is anywhere from 2 to 10 inches short of the moisture needed to fill the five-foot root zone soil profile. A full moisture profile is the key to a good crop start and achieving average or above average yields.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service surveyed moisture conditions during the November/December 1999 time period.

The survey again shines a light on a primary problem producers have been dealing with for some time - inadequate moisture. The only cure is a return to average rainfall and to some extent the timeliness of those rains.

The HPUWCD recommends producers carefully evaluate their soil moisture situation and plan any pre-plant irrigation and tillage operations to best take advantage of irrigation efforts or rainfall events between now and planting.

Additional information, including a regional soil moisture survey map, is available from the HPUWCD at 806/762-0181 or on the Internet at: www.hpwd.com

USDA Makes Generic Certificates Available

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced the marketing certificate program for cotton. Initially the availability of generic certificates for cotton, provides upon request in lieu of cash payments, will be limited to the Step 2 program participants and gradually expanded by the start of the 2000 marketing year.

The program will be administered in the same manner as prior certificate programs and will provide for the following: 1) commodities can be redeemed from the loan at a globally competitive price, i.e. the Adjusted World Price in the case of cotton, and 2) marketing loan gains associated with the redemption of commodities using generic certificates will not count against the marketing loan gain payment limit.

Additional information concerning the availability and use of generic certificates will be included in "Cotton News" as it is released by USDA. USDA staff are currently in the process of working up procedures for other aspects of the generic certificate program.

Schedule of Events

Feb. 22	Sandy Land Cotton Conference, Seminole
Feb. 23	2 nd Annual So West Crops Production Conference & Expo. Lubbock Mem. Civic Center, Lubbock
Feb. 24	Soil Fertility Day, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview
March 6	House Agriculture Committee Field Hearing, Lubbock
April 6	PCG 43 rd Annual Meeting, Lubbock
April 6-7	TCGA Convention & Trade Show, Lubbock

MAY 6, 2000 BORDEN COUNTY ISD SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, May 6, 2000, is the date that has been called for the Borden County ISD Trustee Election. The terms of Mr. Randy Adcock and Mr. Mike Valentine are up for election. Both of these individuals have filed for a place on the ballot. Important election information is as follows:

2/21/00	First day to accept application for a place on the ballot
3/7/00	First day to accept applications to vote early by mail
3/22/00	Deadline for filing a candidate application
	First day for early voting clerk to begin to mail early voting by mail ballots
3/27/00	Deadline for write-in to file declaration of write-in candidacy for school trustee election
4/7/00	First day election may be canceled if each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed
4/19/00	First day of early voting by personal appearance
4/28/00	Deadline for early voting clerk to receive application for a ballot by mail

SW Crops Production Conference Feb. 23rd.

The Second Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo will be held February 23 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The conference begins at 9:00 p.m. and is free to all interested parties. A total of 4.75 Continuing Education Units for private/commercial pesticide applicators are to be presented to participants. All growers are invited to attend.

House Ag Committee Hearing Locations

Locations and dates for

Go Lady Coyotes

TAKE CHARGE

the hearings are designed to focus on the specific concerns of producers within each of the Plains. Midwest, Southwest, Northeast and Western regions in March, April, and May. Hearings with firm dates are: March 6 in Lubbock, Texas; March 17 in Memphis, Tennessee; and March 18 in Auburn, Alabama.

Hearings will then

move to the following cities: (listed alphabetically): Boise, Idaho; Kutztown, Pennsylvania; Peoria, Illinois; Raleigh, North Carolina; Sacramento, California; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and West Chester, Ohio. All field hearings will be carried through the Ag Committee's web site: (<http://agriculture.house.gov>) on the Internet.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for repair and replacement of lighting and electrical components to the Borden County I.S.D. school auditorium.

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 "Auditorium Lighting". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2000. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. 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 proposals 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. 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

Five Bestselling Audio Books picked for top listening excitement

From a wild, high-tech, explosively funny, perilously fast trip through time to the middle of an age-old mystery, from a combustible mix of Washington law and power to wolves, love and conflict in the Rockies, and the current activities of Hannibal Lecter, here are five top, best selling audio books chosen by Dateline News Service reviewer Linda Jerome to provide hours of richly exciting – and sharply memorable – adventures in listening.

1) *A Very Strange Strip*, by L. Ron Hubbard and Dave Wolverton (multi-cast performance, Bridge Audio): When ex-West Virginia moonshiner-turned U.S. Army private Everett Dumphree is misclassified as an expert truck driver and assigned to a top secret mission, he finds himself driving a new, state-of-the-art all terrain vehicle, a truckload of contraband Russian developmental weapons, a temperamental time machine and three beautiful Indian women through a series of fantastic, high-tech experiences that might be called the ultimate off-road adventure. These four vividly-drawn characters

– and the listener – trek through this fun, fast-moving journey like there's no tomorrow. Wherever that may be.

2) *Flood Tide*, by Clive Cussler (Simon & Schuster Audio, read by Bruce Greenwood): Cliver Cussler's action hero, Dirk Pitt, takes a well-deserved vacation and winds up smack in the middle of one conspiracy and an age-old mystery. Pitt matches wits with a Chinese shipping tycoon who desires to topple the U.S. government with a nefarious plot. Great story-telling from a master.

3) *The Testament* by John Grisham (read by Frank Muller, BBD Audio): The lives of three people – one of the richest men in America, a reclusive, eccentric, self-made billionaire looking for a way to die; a high-powered Washington lawyer, living a self-destructively shattered life; and a woman who has embraced a life of selfless service – are intermeshed and changed by a strange secret.

4) *The Loop* by Nicholas Evans (read by John Bedford Lloyd, BBD

Audio): When a pack of wolves, protected as an endangered species, returns to the town of Hope, Montana, old hatreds and desperate fears are rekindled that ravage the fabric of a family, the town itself and the lives of 29-year-old wolf biologist Helen Ross, the man she love and his father, the powerful, fascinating rancher who bitterly opposes her.

5) *Hannibal* by Thomas

Harris (read by the author, BBD Audio): In a world rashly careless of his presence, Dr. Hannibal Lecter is still dangerously at large, seven years after his tumultuous conversations with FBI special agent Charice Starling and his escape from custody. But Agent Starling remembers him vividly, as does Lecter's sixth victim, Mason Verger, who conducts a brutal,

secret empire from the respirator he cannot leave, and feverishly plots Lecter's destruction.

So, here are five top audio books – from hair-raising time travel to a plot to topple the U.S. government, from Washington intrigue to wolves in the wild – That reviewer Linda Jerome promises will capture your ear – and your imagination.



Charlie's Weekly Round-Up

by
Congressman Charlie Stenholm

February 11, 2000

Playing Without A Plan

I once had a friend who was enormously proud of his six-year old daughter, to whom he had taught the game of chess. It was a major feat for a six-year old to remember how to manipulate all 16 chess pieces in those unpredictable forwards, backwards and diagonal maneuvers. Both Dad and daughter had a right to be proud.

Still, moving various pieces across a checkered board is hardly what the game of chess is really about. What distinguishes the way a six-year old child and a chess master play the game is their ability to think ahead, to measure the consequences of every move, to recognize not only what is gained but also what is lost with each new position. A true chess master has learned that an impulsive action which appears to give advantage in the short run actually can turn out to be the fatal step which leaves his prized Queen piece vulnerable to capture 12 moves later.

Today, Republicans are celebrating what they see as a brilliant victory in the first step they made in this year's budget game. They believe they have politically captured the piece called "Marriage Penalty Relief."

Make no mistake, it's a great pawn to capture in the political game. The so-called marriage penalty is a foolish result of our federal code which currently tallies a higher tax burden for two individuals if they choose to marry and file their tax forms jointly rather than filing separately as individuals.

That's wrong. Everyone on both sides of the aisle sees it as wrong and agrees that it can and should be fixed.

But the way the House started out to

fix it is wrong, too. In crafting a \$182 billion proposal outside of a budget framework which forces Congress to consider all of the many priorities which must be financed, this first move of the game has left many other pieces extremely vulnerable.

What about debt retirement, which by itself would end the consumption of nearly a third of all federal tax dollars now needed for interest payments? What of Social Security and Medicare which currently are unprepared for the onslaught of retiring Baby Boomers? How about keeping our rural hospitals open, making medicines more affordable, strengthening our national defenses, supporting our veterans? And what of the small businesses which need tax relief of their own? Where do all of those concerns come in if you look at politically popular tax cuts in a vacuum rather than as part of a whole budget?

I do care about the 57,000 couples in our District who pay a marriage penalty. But I also care about the 67,000 households who depend on Social Security, the 250,000 children under age 18 facing a crushing debt if we don't meet our responsibilities, the 107,000 families who are home owners and could benefit greatly from lower interest rates, the 253,000 workers who are depending on a strong Medicare program to help with health care expenses when they retire.

Fortunately, the "game" has just begun this year and there remains time to recover from our first mistake. I pray we do. Personally, I don't want to see the heartbroken look on so many faces, including my grandsons, if we play it wrong and I must declare "Checkmate" on all their futures.

Branon Funeral Home

Serving in this area since 1922

Phone:
806/872-8335

403 N. Austin
Lamesa, Texas

Medications can bring comfort to patients experiencing pain

Pain, It can be a simple as a headache. It can be a discomfort following surgery. Or it can be the lingering reminder of cancer. In all of these conditions there can be comfort and relief through the use of pain medications.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association recognize the importance of pain management and urge patients to always discuss their health concerns with their doctor.

"Patients should not feel like they are complaining to their doctor about pain," says Dr. Greg Guzley, a San Antonio oncologist. "There are effective medications which can relieve pain."

The uncomfortable feeling of pain is the body's way of alerting you that something is wrong. It's the body's way of sending a message to your brain. There are both drug and non-drug treatments available that can be successful in preventing and controlling pain.

Many times patients believe they will get "hooked" on the medication prescribed to them for pain. Dr. Guzley reminds patients that the risk of addiction when these medicines are used to control pain is so low that no patient should have to suffer pain because they are afraid to take the medicine. "These are strong medications and when used correctly can provide the necessary relief," he adds.

Patients should talk to their doctors about the pain they will experience following surgery for from illness or disease. Pain control can provide comfort while healing, speed recovery and improve results of surgery.

If your are scheduled for surgery, talk to your doctor about the following.

- How much pain will there be and where will it occur?
- How long will the pain last?
- What are the options for pain control?
- When will medications be administered?

- Notify your doctor about your pain.
- "Patients should be advocates," says Dr. Guzley. "Some patients assume they are going to experience pain, because they have cancer or some other chronic condition.

The reality is that a vast majority of patients with chronic pain (Better than 90 percent) can have their pain controlled well enough for them to lead a comfortable life." Dr. Guzley adds there are physicians who specialize in pain management and are knowledgeable in prescribing the medications.

Texas

Medical

Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

END OF GAME NOTICE

Scratch'em while you can.



Heroes Aren't Born. They're Trained.

Save The Day. Learn CPR.

Witnessing one or more of the warning signs for a heart attack is a red flag for a medical emergency and your cue to call 9-1-1 first. By performing CPR you could save the day and sustain a life while EMS rushes to the scene. Every minute counts and your immediate action could mean the difference between life and death. Don't wait. Sign up for the American Heart Association's CPR Heartsaver course today.

To learn more about CPR, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at www.americanheart.org/tx

American Heart Association
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

HEART ATTACK & STROKE
Read the signs. Raise a flag.

On April 1st, 2000, three Texas Lottery instant games will close – One-Eyed Jack, Money Tree and Super Tic Tac Toe. You have until September 28, 2000, to redeem any winning tickets for these games. You can win up to \$2,000 playing One-Eyed Jack, win up to \$500 playing Money Tree and win up to \$20,000 prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery redeemable at one of the 24 Texas Lottery call the Texas Lottery Customer Service



SCRATCH OFFS
TEXAS LOTTERY

More prizes.
More winners.
More fun!

Overall odds of winning One-Eyed Jack, 1 in 4.70. Overall odds of winning Money Tree, 1 in 4.79. Overall odds of winning Super Tic Tac Toe, 1 in 3.51. Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. © 2000 Texas Lottery.