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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Statement by Congressman Charlie Stenholm

June 25th, 2002

Visitors entering my Washington office frequently comment on an item which dominates my desk area – right next to the US flag is a framed print which declares in large letters, “In God We Trust.”

The Ninth Circuit Court in California would argue that such a plaque has no place in my official office. I have news for them: I care a lot more about what God thinks than what one circuit court thinks. I am a citizen who believes deeply in the rule of law but I believe even more that this Nation’s trust in God is fundamental to both our past history and our future success.

Today’s news that the Ninth Circuit Court declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because it includes the words “under God” is outrageous and I cannot believe higher courts will allow the ruling to stand.

The author of our Constitution made it clear that they intend the government to be neutral *between* religious factions and denominations. But so many of the precious documents created by our Founders, as well as our

printed and coined money and many other facets of our government are liberally sprinkled with references to God, the Creator, Divine Providence and other evidences of the threads of faith. I believe that it is precisely this undergirding of faith which has kept our country strong throughout its history.

I am pleased that the Senate immediately passed a resolution expressing its strong support for the Pledge of Allegiance and instructing

its legal counsel to intervene in the case to defend the constitutionality of the Pledge. I am hopeful that the House Leadership will follow suit quickly.

Tomorrow morning I will stand proudly in the House Chamber to once again recite the Pledge of Allegiance and I have every intention of including the words “One Nation under GOD.” As the events of the last year have taught all Americans to unite under the banner of patriotism, and as we

Safety Belt Campaign Gets Texans to Buckle Up in Record Numbers

Texans seem to be getting the “Click It or Ticket” message.

For the first time since Texas’ safety belt law went on the books in 1985, seat belt use in the state’s urban areas has topped 85 percent, the Texas Department of Transportation announced today.

approach our Independence Day holiday, I urge every American to renew his or her pledge of the United States of America, united UNDER GOD.

The traffic survey results showing that more Texans are buckling up came less than a month after TxDOT, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration launched the state’s largest ever public education campaign and seat belt enforcement crackdown.

For a two-week period, from May 20 to June 2, an unprecedented barrage of TV and radio commercials, billboards and movie theater slides warned Texans to buckle up or face hefty fines. Thousands of extra law enforcement officers patrolled Texas streets and highways to locate and ticket seat belt violators.

“Our effort paid off, and we’re delighted that so many more Texans got the message to buckle up,” said Sue Bryant, TxDOT traffic safety director. “In cities with “Click It or Ticket” advertising and stepped up law enforcement, we saw significant increases in the number of drivers and passengers using their safety belts.”

In 10 Texas cities, observational studies conducted by the Texas



IN CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM.

In 1776, the Second Continental Congress approved one of the world’s most important documents – the Declaration of Independence. It set an unmatched standard of freedom and equality that inspires the oppressed today, as it did then. Cindy and I join with you in celebrating America’s lasting contribution to independence and freedom.

—Congressman Charlie & Cindy Stenholm

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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.

Celebrate the Red, White, and Blue Safely

Hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and dip, cold watermelon and lemonade, and of course sparklers...those are the things that I think of on the Fourth of July. There are many things to consider while you are enjoying your Independence Day celebration, including food safety, grilling safety, playground and recreation safety, as well as fireworks safety.

To keep food safe, remember the four C's: clean, cross contamination, cook and chill. Be sure to use clean your hands and surfaces for cutting meat and vegetables, as well as serving food. If soap and water are not available, carry along disposable disinfecting wipes to clean your hands and surfaces. Don't cross

contaminate your foods. Keep raw foods away from cooked foods, especially meats. Use a separate plate or pan to put the cooked meat in than you used for the raw meat. Use separate cutting boards and utensils for meat and raw veggies and fruits. Cook the food to the proper temperature. If you aren't sure if it is done, use a thermometer. They make handy BBQ forks with a built in thermometer that are available at most department and discount stores and even the grocery store. A good rule of thumb is to make sure that the juices in chicken run clear and that the inside of hamburger meat is no longer pink. Chill foods properly. Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Carry along separate coolers for cold and hot foods, and pack extra ice to keep those foods colder longer. In the summer heat, food should not set out more than an hour. Try to serve

foods that don't have to be chilled, such as fruits and vegetables and chips. Keep dips and other condiments on ice and store uncooked and cooked meats in the cooler as well.

Use caution when lighting the grill, make sure that you are using the right amount of wood, charcoal and lighter fluid for your fire, and look around for things that may catch fire easily as well as for small children or pets that may get in the way of your outdoor grill. Keep a water hose or bucket of water close by as well as put up barriers around the grill to keep small children away from the hot metal and flames.

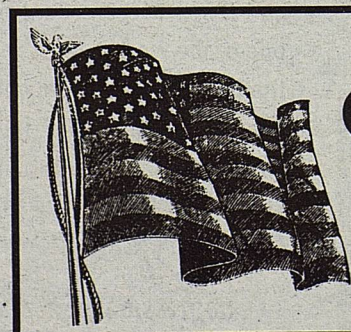
Be sure to keep an eye on everyone in your group. Know the safety rules of the park or area you will be in, if you are at home or at a family member's, set up a few rules to ensure everyone's safety. Have an emergency plan prior to your outing. If you go to a large park or place where you can be separated, have a designated meeting place that everyone knows about. Dress your children in brightly colored clothing so that you can find them easily in a crowd. Don't overload recreational vehicles such as four wheelers or go carts and never, ever let children or other adults ride in the bed of a pick up. It is against the law for anyone under 16 to ride in the bed of a pick up in Texas. Be sure to keep an eye on swimmers, especially small children and those that do not swim well. Don't dive in shallow areas and watch for objects such as broken glass and sharp rocks that may cause injuries. Always be on the

lookout for snakes and other dangers while outdoors. Be responsible and think safety first when enjoying your summer recreation and time outdoors.

Fireworks are a lot of fun and can be enjoyed by all, but they can also be dangerous. Make sure to check for burn bans in your area, and check the city or county ordinances about shooting fireworks. Many places in our area have banned them due to the extremely dry conditions. However, if you decide to go ahead and shoot your fireworks, remember these safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Wet the area you are lighting the fireworks in and keep a water hose and/or bucket of water on hand in case of a malfunction or fire.
- Wear safety goggles and clothing that will not fall into the fire while lighting the fireworks.

By following these few safety hints your July Fourth celebration should be safe and enjoyable. Remember, safety first! Happy Independence Day!



God Bless America!

Tristen & Madison Benavidez are proud to announce the birth of their new baby brother:

Keigan Zayne

Born: June 14, 2002 at 1:55 a.m.

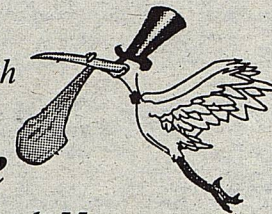
Weight: 7 lbs. 1 oz. - 19" long

Proud Parents:

Peter & Kerri Benavidez, Post

Grandparents:

Alfonso & Maria Benavidez, Borden County
Casey & Pam Zachary, Post



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DISHES left at Church

There are a lot of dishes left at the Gail Baptist Church from funeral meals served the past several months.

If you are missing some, you might check at the church and see if yours might be there.

Please come by and pick them up anytime.

"Click It or Ticket"

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Transportation Institute indicated a safety belt compliance rate of more than 86 percent, up from 80 percent before the campaign was launched. The compliance rate among drivers was 87 percent, and passengers buckled up at a rate of 83 percent.

"If we can maintain at least an 85 percent safety belt use rate statewide throughout the year, we save an additional 241 lives and prevent

thousands of injuries every year in Texas," Bryant said.

Not all motorists heeded the "Click It or Ticket" message, state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies issued more than 61,000 citations for seat belt violations during the special enforcement period. Officers also recovered 45 stolen vehicles, arrested 988 drunk drivers and apprehended 1,110 fugitives.

"Click It or Ticket" campaign supporters included the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Municipal Police Association, the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Sheriff's Association of Texas, hundreds of local law enforcement agencies and scores of community organizations.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 10th day of June, 2002, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.** Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-officio of the Commissioners' Court

with Larry Smith, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 absent. Constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of May 29, 2002 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried unanimously.

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ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY RETIREMENT PLAN

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to make no changes in the Borden County Retirement Plan for year 2003. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to appoint Roger C. Bradford, Jr. as Deputy

Sheriff as recorded in Volume 5, Page 781 of the Bond Book. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Company met with the Court and presented a Program explaining their company and outlining the benefits to Borden County should they locate in Borden County.

TEXAS WIND POWER COMPANY

Mr. Robert Penea, ms. Melissa Miller and Mr. Scott Rowland, representatives of Cielo Wind Power, L.L.C. and Texas Wind Power

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School will receive bids for school busses.

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 "**Bus Bid**". Proposals will be received up to but no later than **1:00 PM on July 11, 2002**. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the 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 proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding 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
Joe Harding, Secretary

BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School will receive bids/quotes for 2 new or used low-mileage cars and 2 to 3 Chevrolet Suburbans, GMC Yukon XLs, or Ford Excursions.

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 "**Vehicle Bid/Quote**". Proposals will be received up to but no later than **1:00 PM on July 11, 2002**. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

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BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School is offering the following vehicles for sale:

1992 Ford - 15 passenger van
VIN# 1FBI531M2NHA25030

1993 Ford - 15 passenger van
VIN# 1FBIS31MXPFA58375

These vehicles may be viewed at the Borden County School through **July 11, 2002**. Bid proposals will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration on **July 15, 2002**. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806)756-4313 no later than **5:00 PM on July 11, 2002**, if you would like to submit a bid on these vehicles.

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BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will sell the following vehicles at the Lubbock Auto Auction located at 1122 East 34th Street in Lubbock, TX. at **10:00 AM on Thursday, July 18, 2002:**

1982 Ford - 48 passenger bus
VIN# 1FDNB6DN3CHA45560

1984 GMC - 72 passenger bus
VIN# 16DK6PIA3EY535

1987 GMC - 19 passenger bus
VIN# 2GDHG31K3H4517223

These vehicles may be viewed at the above address through **July 17, 2002**. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806)756-4313 no later than **5:00 PM on July 17, 2002**, if you would like to submit a bid on these vehicles.

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
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The Jackson Boxing Club

Bob Batton of Jacksonville started training young boxers in 1964. Bob boxed in Golden Gloves tournament while he was in the Air Force.

"But he's always been interested in young people," says Bob's wife Elsie. "He tried to get a Boys and Girls Club started in Jacksonville, but it did not go over. He decided to do something on his own. It all came out of our pocket. We didn't have any backing at all. But he started the Jacksonville Boxing Club."

Jacksonville had no boxing ring, so Bob, who worked at Piggly Wiggly, rented one for his young boxers.

"We would have as many as forty to sixty boxers. All of them didn't end up going to the Golden Gloves, though. Especially after they had their first fight and got hit in the nose. That caused a lot of them to drop out."

Elsie says when she and Bob moved into another house in 1995, the garage became a training room. Still, no boxing ring.

"It's not big enough for a ring. They had to get outside to do their exercises and jump roping."

Bob passes away last year, but the boxing program continues.

"I want to be an example like he was," says Roel Ramirez, one of Bob's protégés. "I want to be encouraging other kids that are coming up."

Roel is a bi-lingual teacher who teaches in elementary school. He got into the Jacksonville Boxing Club because two of his uncles were in it and they said it had

a big influence on their lives.

Roel is now the coach and teachers boxing basics.

"How to keep your hands up, how to stand. Good form is something that many people don't see. Boxing is a skill."

Elsie says the ring was full. "Robert still didn't know what was going on. He was dumbfounded. Then they asked him to come up into the ring. They gave Bob a plaque with names all over it. The announcer said the recognition was long overdue. Bob couldn't believe he had influenced so many lives."

At Bob's funeral, young boxers were pallbearers. They wore jackets they had won boxing.

Members of the Jacksonville Boxing Club won several honors and trophies. Several went to the state Golden Gloves finals. Bob paid their expenses.

Bob's daughter told me "My day didn't have much money but he was the richest man I've known."

FUN VALLEY

2,000,160 Acres to play on

The Famous *Fun Valley Family Resort* in South Fork, Colorado, was evacuated as a safety measure by owner and founder Mack Henson due to the nearby Million Forest Fire which was accidentally set on Wednesday, June 19. This is the first time *Fun Valley* was ever evacuated in its 43-year history. Although the fire was some distance away and never actually headed toward the Resort, Mr. Henson decided to

evacuate in the event things might change. The next day things were back to normal and business was returning.

The fire is contained and other fires in Colorado are not near South Fork or the Rio Grande National Forest. "Due to bad publicity, business is off both in southern Colorado and in the Denver area, but here at *Fun Valley*, the weather is cool and the trout are biting," says Mack Henson, the 82 year

old colorful and legendary Innkeeper. Henson, originally from Abilene, who now lives in Granbury, Texas opened *Fun Valley* in 1959 with two cabins and a miniature golf course. Today, the Huge Resort/Campground located on the South Fork of the Rio Grande River, has 27 lakes, restaurants, entertainment facilities, cabins, motel, 500 unit RV park and has accommodations for about 3,000 guest. Most of the guest and the 100 employees are from Texas and Oklahoma.

Pops in the Park

The Big Spring Symphony and Chorus will perform its Annual Patriotic Concert July 3rd in the Amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring.

The program will conclude with a huge fireworks show, one of the biggest in the Permian Basin.

Food booths will serve a variety of drinks, snacks, and dinner food.


A Flag Parade and a Salute to Veterans will be part of the evening's entertainment.

Also included in this year's event is a video featuring photos taken by rescue workers at New York's World Trade Center on September 11th.

Vendors open at 5:00 p.m. A pre-show featuring a West

Texas Musical Revue begins at 6:30 p.m. The Symphony and Chorus perform at 8:30. The special 9/11 presentation will take place at 9:15, followed by the finale featuring fireworks and music.

Another highlight is a drawing for 25,000 dollars cash, two - five thousands dollar air conditioning systems and a 32-inch Colored TV. Winners must have in their possession a newspaper mailed by Big Spring Radio Station KBST a few weeks ago.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

It was nine o'clock on a gloomy Monday morning, and the elevator was crowded.

As the car started up, the operator began humming a tune. A passenger asked, "What have you got to be happy about today?"

"Sir," he answered, "I've never lived this day before."

Blessed is the man who starts his day with zest, who gives the Lord his best, who takes the time to pray, and who spends some time to play.

You've never lived this day before, so live it rightly and brightly.



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