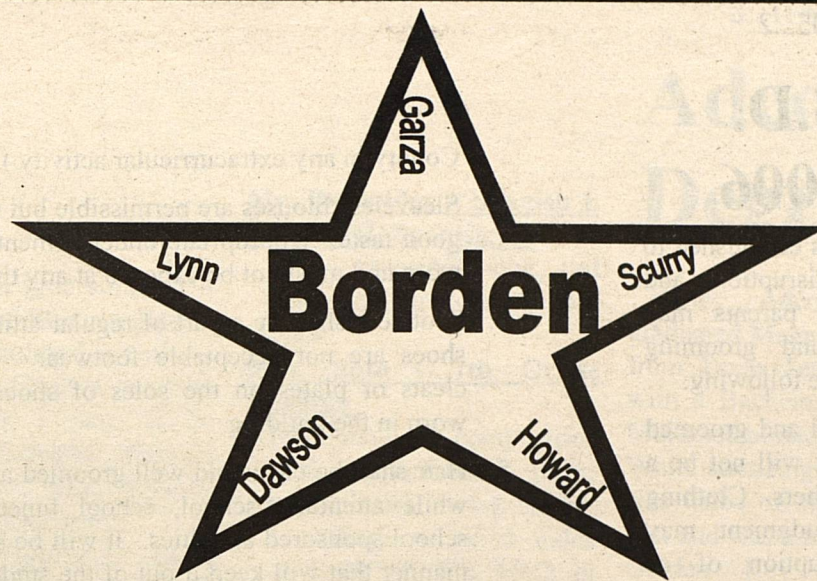


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## We came close to losing the Texas Longhorn

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

For those of us who love Texas history, nothing is more sobering than pausing to consider how close we often come to losing parts of our heritage. This is why I worked hard to secure National Historic Trail designation for El Camino Real De Los Tejas, the network of trails traversing Texas from Louisiana to Mexico. It could easily have been lost if we did not take steps to protect it.

Throughout our history, Texans have had to act to preserve our historical heritage.

The best example of this is the Alamo, which was on the verge of being sold to a group of easterners who wanted to build a hotel on the site. Clara Driscoll stepped in to help at the last minute to buy the property. She, Adina de Zavala and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas preserved the Alamo for all of us.

Another Texas icon, the longhorn steer, also came perilously close to extinction in the early 20th century. After Columbus discovered the New World, the Spanish brought their long-horned Andalusian cattle to the West Indies, but it was not until 1521 that six or seven of them were brought ashore in Mexico. Longhorns first

arrived in Texas when Coronado headed north with 500 head of cattle on his fruitless search for El Dorado. Many of his cattle scattered and formed wild herds which multiplied in Texas. By the 1800s, Mexican cattle ranchers and the first cowboys – known as vaqueros – were herding hundreds of thousands of animals in an area north of the Rio Grande, but generally south of San Antonio and the major mission settlements.

After Moses Austin secured rights for Anglo settlers to come to Texas, the newcomers brought many Northern European breeds to Texas where they bred with the longhorns. This produced the Texas Longhorn, larger and heavier than his Mexican cousin, but still retaining the qualities which allowed him to cover long distances, thrive on poor forage and adapt to extreme heat and cold.

Their endurance and hardiness allowed them to multiply in Texas. As many as 10 million longhorns roamed our state, and their most valuable product not beef, but hides and tallow (the rendered fat used to make candles, soap and lubricants). This changed with the advent of the Gold Rush in California. Several

Texas cattlemen drove herds all the way to California to provide the prospectors with fresh beef. Others drove cattle north to Missouri, while some cattlemen near the coast took advantage of steamships to generate profits by shipping cows to New Orleans.

But the heyday of the cattle drives would wait until after the end of the Civil War when beef overtook pork as America's favorite meat.

## 2005-2006 School Year begins August 17<sup>th</sup>

The 2005-2006 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at Borden County ISD. The school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:33 p.m.

Registration for all students

in grades 7-12 and all new students in grades K-12 will take place at Borden County High School from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### All-School Reunion Information

**What:** Borden County School Reunion (Held every five years)

**When:** August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (Friday night & Saturday)

**Where:** Borden County School; Gail, Texas

**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

Early registration and visiting in cafeteria with light refreshments

**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Registration and visiting in School Cafeteria

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Lunch Reservations Necessary: Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Cost: Adults - \$10; Children below 12 yrs. - \$7.00

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## Borden County I.S.D. Dress Code 2005-2006

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language
2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school
3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.
2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or paramilitary attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.
3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden

County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.
5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids.  
  
Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.
6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.
7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether actively participating or sitting on the bench.
9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

## Athletic Physicals

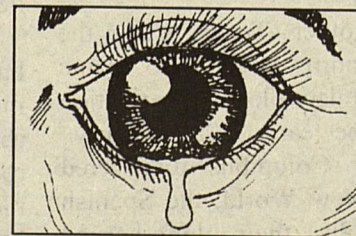
Athletic Physicals are scheduled for Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Abilene, at the Action Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy Clinic at 1717 Pine Street.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by the school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you cannot make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your own expense.

A bus will departure from Gail at 8:00 a.m. and will return around 3:00 p.m. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before leaving. The doctor will not sign it if your parents or guardian has not signed it. You will need to wear shorts and a t-shirt for the physical. You will also need to bring lunch money.

## Attention Football Players

Football Practice will begin on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Any high school player wanting to be apart of this year's 2005 Football team should be at school, ready to get into shape and get the Coyotes back into the playoffs.



Tears, idle tears? Not quite. In addition to clearing your eyes of dust, hairs and such stuff, your tears contain substances that fight bacteria and proteins that combat eye infection.



## Back to School Supply List

**Kindergarten:** Elmer's school glue (**NOT paste**), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 crayons, scissors (**Fiskars for kids**), supply box (**cigar box size**), 4 #2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, baby wipes or wet wipes, big eraser, 1 box of Kleenex

**First Grade:** 2 boxes of 16 crayons, 5 #2 pencils, supply box, scissors (**Fiskars for kids**), 2 medium sized bottles of Elmer's school glue, 2 glue sticks, 1 1-subject spiral notebook (**wide ruled**), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes, 1 box of Kleenex

**Second Grade:** 12 #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's school glue, red grading pencil, notebook paper (**wide ruled**), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of baby wipes or wet wipes

**Third Grade:** 1 spiral (**wide ruled**), 300 3x5 index cards, 1 ruler (**metric and standard**), 4 red pens, 1 bottle of glue and 2 glue sticks, 1 pocket folder, 1 expandable file folder front closure, 2 large boxes of baby wipes, 1 box of Kleenex, notebook paper (**wide ruled**), 24-#2 pencils (**not mechanical**), large eraser, gym shoes, supply box, crayons, colored pencils, scissors.

**NO NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!**

**Fourth Grade:** Crayons, map crayons, box of #2 pencils, 3 red grading pens, loose leaf notebook, 3 folders with inside pockets (**no brads**), **wide ruled** notebook paper, 1 standard and metric ruler, 1 large inexpensive box of baby wipes, 2 glue sticks, 1 eraser, scissors, 2 boxes of Kleenex, gym shoes, 2 one subject spirals, 1 bottle of glue, 1 pkg. lined index cards.

**Fifth Grade:** 1-2 inch 3 ring notebook, 1 pkg of dividers with pockets, 1 red spiral notebook (**wide ruled**), 1 red folder with pockets, wide ruled notebook paper, 1 pkg. of lined index cards, 1 box of #2 pencils, 4 red grading pens, 1 black sharpie (**twin**

**tip**), 2 large glue sticks, 1 8 oz. Bottle of Elmer's glue, 1 box of 36 colored pencils, 1 box of 10 Crayola markers (**broad tip**), 1 pkg. of 50 Crayola Washable Markers (**super tip**), 1 ruler, scissors, 1 pkg of highlighters (**5 colors-green, blue, orange, yellow, pink**), 2 large boxes of Kleenex.

**Sixth Grade:** One 2 inch 3 ring notebook, 6 pocket dividers, 30 regular dividers, 1 package highlighters (**5 different colors: green, blue, orange, yellow, pink**), 1 package map colors (at least 24), 1 spiral notebook (**wide ruled, 70 pages-red colored**), 5 packages notebook paper (**wide ruled**), 3 folders with pockets, 1 package lined 3x5 index cards (**white**), 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 package red pens (**10 at least**), 1 package black pens (**10 at least**), 1 package pencils (**10 at least**), 1 package blue pens (**10 at least**), 1 glue stick (**large**), 1 packages wet wipes, 1 pair good scissors.

**\*\*ONE LARGE SMILE AND A GOOD ATTITUDE\*\***

(7th - 12th)

**Mr. Ard**

**Language Arts 7 & 8:** 2" 3-Ring "Extra Tough" notebook with inside pockets (**to keep in room; no zippers, please**), 8 tabbed notebook dividers, 1 2-pocket, 3-pronged folder (**any color**), 1 composition book (**at least 70 pages with holes; no spirals**), pen pouch (for in-class notebook), loose-leaf notebook paper (**wide- or college-ruled**), black, blue, and red ink pens (**extra red ink pens needed during the year**), pencils, highlighter(s)

**Coach Avery - Social Studies (8th), U.S. History (9th), World History (10th), W. Geography (11th)**

Notebook paper, pens

**Mr. Benavidez - Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III**

1 ½ inch notebook, red pen, dividers, composition book

**Mrs. Soto - 7th Grade Reading**

Dividers-7, composition book w/perforated pages (**no spirals**), 3-ring binder, 1 package of ruled index cards (3" X 5"), black or blue pen, highlighter (**any color**), notebook paper (**wide or college ruled**), red pencil or pen

**Mrs. Key - Algebra I (9th), Geometry (10<sup>th</sup>), Algebra II (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>), Pre-Cal (12th), Computer Applications (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Notebook paper, spirals, notebook, plenty of pencils, red pen

**Mr. Lewis - Science (7th), Science (8th), IPC (9th), Biology (10th), Chemistry (11th), Physics (12th)**

Notebook or pocket folder, pens. **Chemistry:**

Inexpensive calculator

**Mrs. Mayes - Spanish I (10th), English I (9<sup>th</sup>), English II (10th), English III (11<sup>th</sup>), English IV (12<sup>th</sup>), Government/Economics (12th)**

1 ½ inch notebook, red pen, dividers, composition book

**Coach Richey - Math (7th), Math (8<sup>th</sup>), Algebra I (9th), Algebra II (11<sup>th</sup>)**

Notebook paper, spiral notebook, notebook, dividers (**5 or 6**), pencils, red pen, highlighter, dry erase markers (**2 or 3**), compass, protractor (**no pens**)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Inexpensive calculator

**Coach Turner- Social Studies (7<sup>th</sup>), Health (9<sup>th</sup>)**

Spiral notebook and pens

**Mr. Wallace - Ag. Science (8th - 12th)**

8th grade: 3 ring binder notebook, 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper

9th - 12th grade: 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper,

## Adcock receives Degree from Tech

Hailey Adcock recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. While attending Tech, Hailey was listed on the President's List and was a member of the Golden Key International Society.

Hailey is the daughter of Randy and Verna Adcock of Gail and a 2000 graduate of Borden County High School. She is employed by Lamesa ISD, where she will be teaching Special Education at North Elementary.

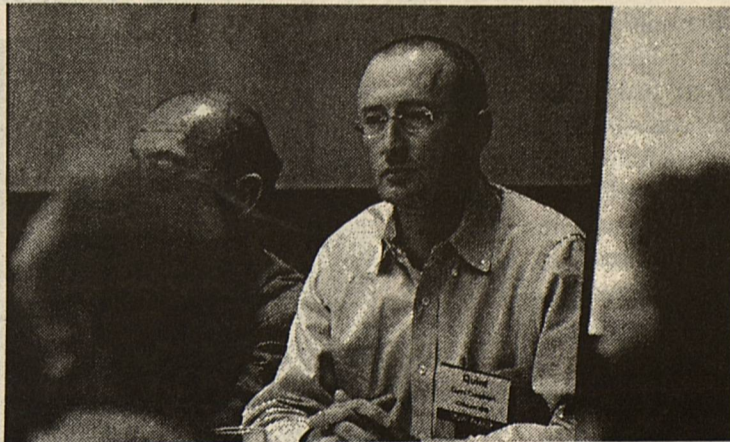


Hailey Adcock

## Rodriguez plays in Six Man All-Star Game

Derek Rodriguez had the honor of participating in the Texas Six Man Football All Star Game held in Lubbock Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rodriguez played the entire game on the offensive side of the ball at end. His primary duty was to block on the offensive line

but he did get one carry of the ball on an end around that was good for six yards. Rodriguez played for the West team and they were defeated 40 to 6 in the contest. Derek had a good game and we are all very proud of him.



**Creighton selected to serve as Chisum ISD board president:** Quint Creighton, a former Borden County residents, was selected to serve as Chisum ISD board president for the coming year.

Creighton is a member of the 2005 Leadership TASB class of the Texas Association of School Boards. He joined other Texas school board members as trainers at the recent Texas Association of School Boards summer leadership conference in San Antonio.

Quint's dad J.O. Creighton, served on the same school board for 13 years, 7 years as president. His parents, Bo and Whiz Creighton moved from Borden County in 1974 when Quint was 10 years old.



# SUMMER SERIES No 5 Lumbering around East Texas

## Tyler State Park

By Mark K. Campbell  
Photos by Paula Campbell

The Texas Pineywoods is one of seven specific geographic regions in the state. The other six are:

- Panhandle Plains
- Prairie and Lakes
- Gulf Coast
- South Texas Plains
- Hill Country
- Big Bend Country

East Texas comprises the Pineywoods. It's a massive forest of softwoods (like pine) that covers four states.

The Big Thicket is considered different from the Pineywoods since the former is filled with hardwoods (like mesquite).

Now you know.

We had planned on taking in a big chunk of the Pineywoods but ended up mostly around Tyler. And that proved to be okay.

### On the way

We were making great time between Canton and Tyler until we saw a sign that said U-Pick 'Em Blueberries. So we had to turn around to pick some, naturally.

Assuming blueberries were only available in plastic containers at Albertson's, we were shocked to see them actually growing on trees. By the thousands and thousands.

The kind lady owner directed us to the back of the orchard where the best berries perched about 10 feet up.

The owner said the farm used no pesticides so my wife began eating berry after berry right off the tree, proclaiming them the best ever in the history of the planet.

We picked half of a bushel basketful – and I only fell off the ladder once – then paid up front.

### The rose garden

Even if, like me, you aren't a flower person, seeing tens of thousands of roses in one place is impressive.

The heat and humidity were also impressive. We wandered around the carefully tended Tyler Rose Garden – which housed much more than the proclaimed 500 variety of roses – not too far from downtown at 420 Rose Park Drive.

The 14-acre garden is right next to a high school football stadium and a bevy of East Texas State Fair booths.

More startling than the number of flowers – thousands were blooming – were some massive trees that towered over the area. One oak was remarkable as were several humongous pines.

Entry to the nation's largest rose garden is free and it's open every day from dawn to dusk. (Go during the

former or you might pass out from heat.) It's packed in mid-October at the annual Texas Rose Festival.

This year's will be No. 72 and features a freaky series of special events – like \$45 to see the "Queen's Coronation" and \$7 for a reserved seat for the annual Rose Parade.

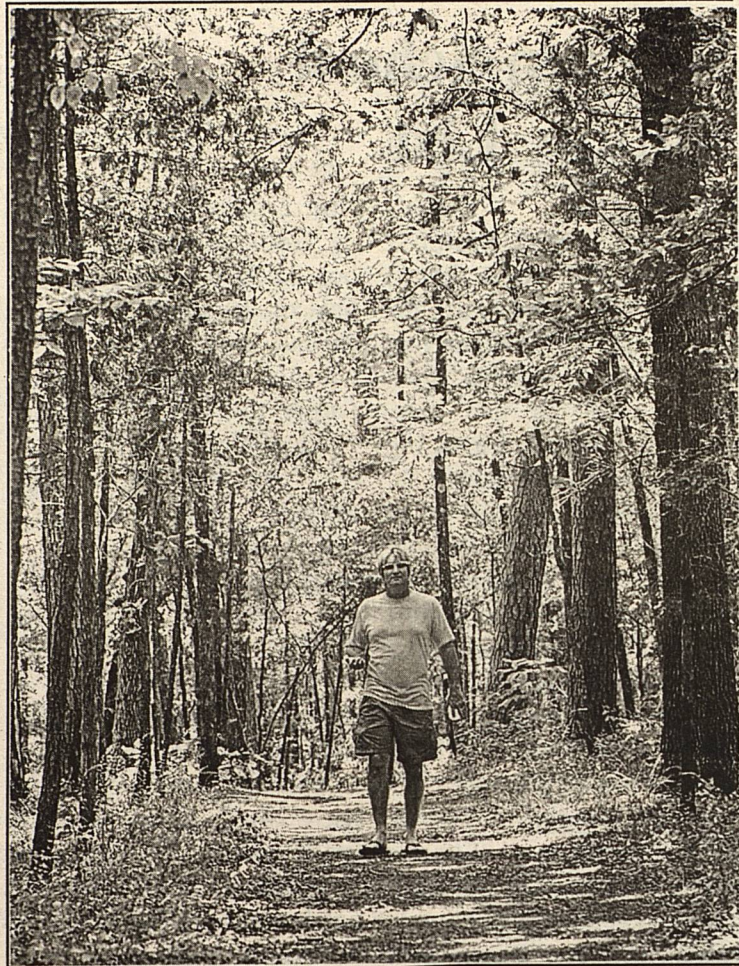
### Tyler State Park

An older park, Tyler opened way back in 1939. It's another Civilian Conservation Corps park.

Its proximity to the Metroplex plus its accessibility off Interstate 20 – just two miles north – makes the park popular, but it's big enough to accommodate hundreds.

Camping is the number one reason folks pour into Tyler SP. While a couple of the campgrounds are closed for repairs, the park offers a whopping 149 spaces and 35 more screened shelters.

One area, Black Jack, excludes tents and is for trailers only. It's on the far southwest part of the park, separated from the lake. On the downside, it's also right



The Whispering Pines Nature Trail is a well-tended path that meanders between towering trees. Just don't trust the information pamphlet; they're all missing five pages.

next to the entrance to a nature trail that mountain bikers flood. They're loud.

The main road that circles the lake is freshly paved and the park is well tended everywhere.

Another enticement to go to Tyler SP is the fishing. While the lake is relatively small at 64-acres, it houses some big fish.

When you pay to get in (\$3 per person) at headquarters, inside you can see photos of several black bass over 10 pounds.

Another nice amenity at Tyler is the hiking trails.

The best one is right at the front entrance called Whispering Pines. It's just

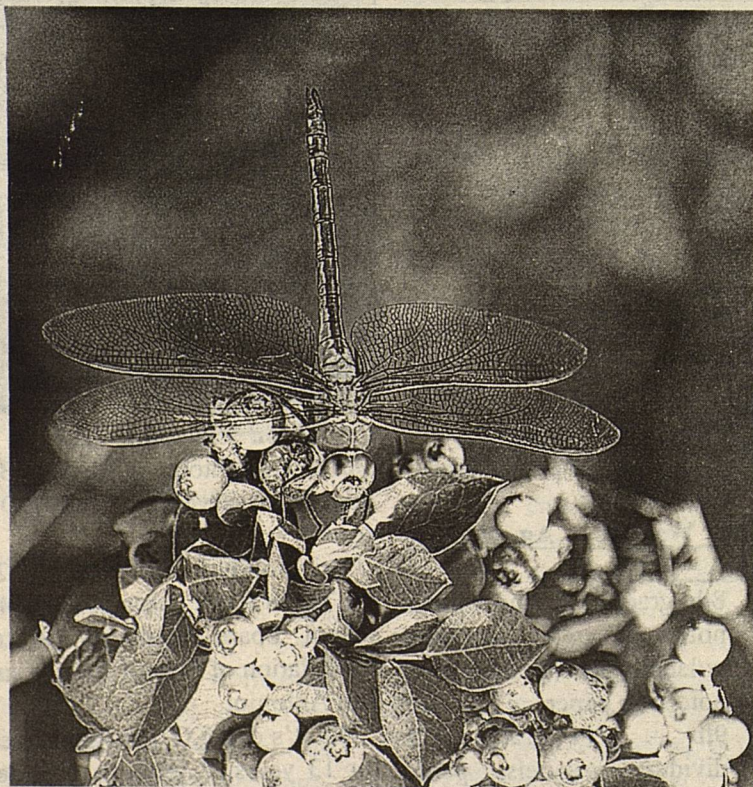
three-quarters of a mile long and you'll stride among some gigantic pines. But don't trust the booklet offered at the trailhead – it's missing five pages.

The far end of the looping nature trail is the best place to stay (off the water) – five screened in shelters (\$20 each) with a restroom and group shelter all in one secluded area.



For kids, through, the main attraction to Tyler is the swimming area. A sandy

stretch – with Destin quality sand – is poured between the bathhouse (with showers) and the water.

The sand continues about



A fragile dragonfly perches on a blueberry tree on a farm between Canton and Tyler.

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If you're the sort of immature person who just *must* swim out to a concrete platform and do cannonballs by the score, rest assured that your wife can stay safely ashore, pretending she's alone.

15 feet out into the water where it's around three feet deep – perfect for kids and for playing water football.

About 80 more feet out – where the bottom had turned to mud – is a concrete platform where diving is not allowed so everyone dives right in. It's around 10 feet deep there.

There's a handy convenience store just outside the park entrance.

#### Lake Fork

We next headed to Lake Fork, the Bass Capital of Texas. But Texas Parks and Wildlife rates the lake "Excellent" for crappie as well.

However, anglers seek the monsters. The heaviest black bass ever caught in Texas came out of Fork in January 1992 – 18.18 pounds.

Sixty-five percent of the top largemouths caught in the Lone Star State originate here, including the top seven on the list.

The lake near Quitman is for serious anglers, guys with depth-finders, 10 rods per person, and a series of lucky gimme caps.

Two things were notable about Lake Fork. One, there were about 10,000 (really) white cattle egrets on an island in the middle of the lake.

Two, the place looks like a Minnesota hunting lodge area with all the "Sportsman

Motels" – replete with stuffed fish and deer antlers – lined along the highway to house hawg hunters. Be ready to talk the talk here.

#### Lake Tawakoni SP

Aside from being just fun to say, we had a heck of a time finding this place. Had we only known that FM 2475 had been blown all the way through to the SP, our map lied.

So we drove through scary areas around the lake. When agencies need to cast *Deliverance 2*, they can call me.

The lake level is way down and what could've been a nice swimming area wasn't because you had to hike 100 yards to where the water was right now.

The park is very near Dallas and it's one of the newest in the TPW system. But it's very sterile.

The camping pull-ins offered some water access, especially spots 50-54.

But Tyler is better. Stop for some blueberries and go do a few cannonballs off the platform. And take some young 'uns with you.

# USHGA Championship Event coming to Big Spring

## United States Hang Gliding Association



Big Spring welcomes the 2005 Hang Glide Event **Sunday, August 7, 2005** through **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**.

A warm welcome is extended to all of West Texas to come and visit this unique attraction including interesting people from all corners of the world. It's free to the public. Visitors can enjoy tent covered seating and exciting hang gliding activities at the Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Air Terminal along with vendor food and refreshments.

The sport of Hang Gliding discovered and adopted West Texas. National level competition is returning this 2005 year. Two consecutive US National Hang Gliding Championships (2003 and 2004) brought international attention to Big Spring. The US Hang Gliding Assn. (USHGA) nominated Big Spring as the location for the 2007 World Hang Gliding Championship. Big Spring won the honor that was desired by many others countries. For only the second time in 30 years the worlds best Hang Gliders will be coming to the United States and to West Texas to compete for the world championship.

How did modest sized Big Spring and its hot days of August win the nomination over the cool Alpine mountains of Austria and Europe? Support by USHGA and athletes of other nations, outstanding Big Spring friendliness and a huge airport with splendid facilities were important.

However, the single most vital ingredient was a natural West Texas/Big Spring asset called thermals. These are chimneys of rising air capable of thrusting a motorless wing and a hang glider thousands of feet into the heavens – up past plains, birds and eagles. Thermals can be ridden for hours. As for a place to establish records – a 432 mile uninterrupted hand gliding flight once came to end in the farmland north of Big Spring.

The sprawling Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airport ground complex combines with a hot seasonal sun creating thermals in great continuous volumes. Following spectacular launches – hang gliders swiftly ascend on these thermals then assembly in colorful waves before beginning the races to accumulate points for world level competition. High density metropolitan landscapes of US coasts and

Europe complicate hang gliding. Unpredictable mountain weather, and crowded skies compromise hang gliding retrievals and restarts. Big Spring's consistent predictable weather, uncongested skies and safe landings at the airport, or in open country side, give Hang gliders opportunities to restart and compete over and over again for valuable points in the same day.

Keep your eye on the sky during these few days – quiet probably – some of the hang gliders will be sailing over you during competition routes. Some might even end up landing in surrounding countryside or open areas if weather and thermal lift becomes uncooperative during flights. In that event, we trust them into your care until such time the "chase crew" arrives.

For more information contact Bobby McDonald, Event Chairperson at 432-263-1234.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2006 BUDGET

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct its annual public hearing for the Borden County Appraisal District Year 2006 Budget at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005. This meeting will be held in the Borden County Community Center at 116 E. Wilbourn, Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows:

Total amount of proposed budget	\$71,006.00
Total amount of current budget	\$68,816.00
Total difference between budges (increase of)	2,190.00

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2006.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the appraisal district office.

Jill Freeman, Chief Appraiser

#### SLOW DOWN! – Watch Out for the Children!

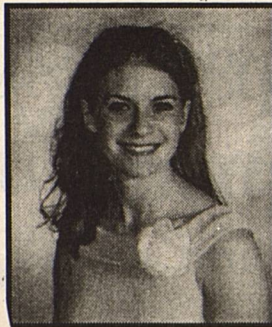
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**Drive Safely**



Watch Out for our Children . . .





## Learning and Living

by Becky Dobyms

*When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!*

- Psalm 119:7

**Correction:** In last week's article I said that The Great Commission was quoted in Acts 1:8. The Great Commission is really

Matthew 28:19-20. Acts 1:8 is often associated and used to clarify The Great Commission. I apologize for the confusion.

## Relativism

What is Relativism?

**rel-a-tiv-ism** (rĕ-l'ĭ-vĭ-z-ĭ-m)

n. Philosophy

A theory, especially in ethics or aesthetics, that conceptions of truth and moral values are not absolute but are relative to the persons or groups holding them.

I hear more and more Christians say things like, "I don't think it's possible for people with good morals to go to Hell, because maybe they weren't raised in a Christian home" or "I think Islam and Christianity are different perceptions of the same thing." And guess what? If you're Christian, *these philosophies are wrong.*

These are worldly conceptions, not Christian ones. I know I sound rude saying that, because it's become unacceptable in our world to say those things. I'm sure many people would say something like this to my assertion: "You don't know what they've been through.

You don't know what it's like. For all you know, you would be the same way." You know, they're right. I don't know. But God does! Because God Himself went through every single type of temptation imaginable, wouldn't he have put an exception to His law into the Bible if one existed? Different people, different

hardships. Different tests. Different lifestyles. Don't you think an all-powerful, almighty God would account for that if it was needed? Of course. But God's law is consistent throughout the Bible. Just because David was a king doesn't mean his adultery was any less wrong. His fame, power, and relatively sinless life were no excuse. Just because Goliath wasn't raised in a Jewish home, it doesn't mean he went to Heaven. He saw what the Jews believed, and he had an opportunity to accept God and didn't.

A lot of people, even some Christians, think that all religions lead to the same God and are just different ways of getting to the same place. Fellow Christians, come on. The Bible doesn't say "I will send more than one Messiah." This is what it *does* say:

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**  
- John 14:6

*No one* comes to the Father except through Jesus. I don't know how it can get any clearer than that. We are all agreed that the Father is God, correct? So Jesus is saying no one comes to God or enters Heaven except through him. Islam and Buddhism and Hinduism and whatever else you can think of are *not* different expressions of the same thing. Why not? Because all these religions

name something you have to do to get into heaven, while Christianity acknowledges that there's nothing we could ever do to be good enough for Heaven. The only chance we have is through grace. How can all these religions be different expressions of the same thing when our core beliefs so differ? Did Isaiah say "they" instead of "he" when he prophesied about the Messiah?

Yes, I know, it's hard to believe that "good" people, even if they are of other religions or not any religions at all, could be going to Hell, especially when they have good morals and high standards. But, you know, none of us are really good. *All* have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. No matter how high our standards are, not a single one of us is worthy of the true perfection of Heaven. Every single one of us deserves to be unhappy. We sometimes forget how merciful God really is. Just look at the world around you, the terrorism, sexual crimes, killing of innocent babies, and overall defiling of God's beautiful creations. We don't deserve any blessings at all. The only reason Christians get to be with God is through his endless love and mercy, even though a lot of us may have worse morals than some of the unsaved! And believe it or not, the majority of people in Hell are probably not serial killers or rapists, but normal, "good" people. As a matter of fact, no path to Hell pleases Satan so much as the "easy" road -

**"the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."** - C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

- because the "easy" road, traveled in a brick house with a white picket fence and a 9-5 job, is the surest path to Hell. It is safest from intervention

Thank you,

Words cannot express what it means to live in a loving community. Your cards, flowers, and prayers meant so much to me. The prayers were felt before and during my surgery. I am up and around so God does answer prayers.

Thanks,  
Ollie Holmes & family



and salvation because as long as Christians see someone who indeed may not be saved, but is still doing good deeds (especially deeds better than our own), we'll be scared to show them the truth due to the fear that we'll look like the bad guys. People with good morals are probably in fact those *most* in need of the Gospel - God can easily use the circumstances of prisoners and other "scum of society" to make them look at their lives from His view. But people with good morals are much harder to reach because their good morals blind them to their need of God's love. The world doesn't help either, since it tells them that as long as they keep being good people they're okay. This brings us back to Relativism.

If you say that someone is allowed to sin or belong to a different religion simply because of circumstances, you're saying the circumstances are more powerful than God. As long as they're saved, God will always, *always* take control of their circumstances. If they're not saved and they have a bad lot in life, then they have a much bigger problem than just their unfortunate plight and that's where we come in as God's hands and feet. If you say that people don't need salvation because they're already "good" and they have a "good life", that's exactly what Satan wants you to say. Take a look at the Bible, the book on which every Christian including you must base life upon, and then see if you still think being "good" is can ever be a replacement for *Christ's Blood*. "Oh, it's okay, Jesus! I don't need you

anymore! You don't have to die on the cross, because I'm being a *good person*." Sure, that will work...right?

Relativism is a worldly view, not a Godly one, and just many of the ways Satan tries to ensnare Christians in his lies. Be aware of Satan working around you, and keep your eyes open and your heart connected to God. Whenever in question about something like Relativism, find your answer in the Bible and God's love, the absolute one and only Truth.

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# - Randy's Roundup - Texas Longhorn

By Congressman  
Randy Neugebauer

## Protecting Americans from Terrorists

Last week, the House voted to extend several key counter-terrorism provisions in the PATRIOT Act. I have looked carefully at the law, and I have given much thought and consideration to the constitutional questions some have raised. Those questions have been answered, and the tools provided under the law are consistent with our long cherished values and consistent with our rights under the Constitution. In fact, there are several areas where the PATRIOT Act goes further than other criminal statutes to protect civil liberties.

The PATRIOT Act requires several layers of oversight and accountability to ensure it is being used in accordance with the Constitution. For example, all searches of an individual's property authorized by the PATRIOT Act must be approved by a federal judge through a court order. The Department of Justice must testify before Congress every six months to report on how it is applying the provisions in the bill. Additionally, Congress has held a dozen hearings in recent months in which experts on the Constitution, law enforcement, and human rights testified.

In light of the recent bombings in London, we need to remember that terrorism is a threat -- and we must not let down our guard. The PATRIOT Act is doing what it was intended to do: helping to keep America safe.

## Leveling the Playing Field for Our Farmers

The House has a full slate of issues to tackle this week. And an issue that is very important to the 19<sup>th</sup> District is the Central American Free

Trade Agreement, or CAFTA. By expanding markets for U.S. agricultural products, Texas farmers stand to gain from this agreement. While other CAFTA countries have sent their products to America duty-free since 2000, U.S. producers have been forced to pay tariffs on nearly all of their agricultural exports. CAFTA will level this playing field by immediately eliminating 50% of the tariffs our farmers pay to export to these Central American countries. All remaining tariffs will be eliminated within the next ten years.

## Improving Access to Quality Health Care

The House will also turn its attention this week to improving health care options for Americans. As many of us understand all too well, the cost of health care in this country is out of control, and the number of uninsured Americans rises each year. House Republicans are committed to creating affordable options to help working families. One such option is the Association Health Plan (AHP). I am a proud co-sponsor of the Small Business Health Fairness Act, H.R. 660, which we will vote on this week in the House.

This important piece of legislation will have the dual effect of increasing access to health insurance and lowering health care costs. Many large corporations have the ability to offer health care for their employees. However, small businesses often can't afford to purchase quality health coverage for their workers. AHP's help change that. AHP's would allow small businesses to band together into associations in order to purchase health care packages at lower costs. The lower costs come as result of increased bargaining power as well as

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Entrepreneur Joseph G. McCoy almost single-handedly revolutionized the Texas cattle industry when he grasped that the railroads allow fast shipment of cattle to the booming industrial cities of the northeast. He commissioned Jesse Chisholm to mark the famous Chisholm trail to make it easier to drive cattle north to railheads he constructed to expedite transportation.

In 1867, O. W. Wheeler and his partners bought 2,400 steers in San Antonio and made the first trip up the trail. By 1871, 35,000 cattle made the long trip up the Chisholm Trail and the

allowing each small business to spread overhead costs across the larger group. This is a common sense policy that has the potential to provide real benefits for many Americans.

--Randy

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numbers of cattle driven on the trail climbed each year. By the time an 1885 Kansas quarantine law banning Texas steers killed the trail drives, more than five million cattle and one million mustang horses had made the trip.

With the end of the drives, which put a premium on the longhorn's ability to walk long distances and endure hardship, other breeds which matured earlier and put on weight faster began to grow more popular. Soon the once-numerous longhorns were reduced to several small scattered herds.

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Forest Ranger William Drummond was inspired by the preservation of the American Bison at the national park. The buffalo, which once numbered over 60 million, had been reduced to less than 1,000 by the turn of the century. Charles Goodnight, who had made his fortune with Texas Longhorns, was one of the key figures in introducing 15 bison to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Reserve

in 1907. In 1927, with the support of many Texas cattlemen, 30 head of longhorns were introduced to the park as well. Today the park maintains a herd of 525 bison and 300 longhorns.

Over time, other cattlemen began raising longhorns, often using animals descended from the Wichita herd. By 1964, the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America was founded in Fort Worth to help promote the breed. Today, the Association reports that more than a quarter million registered Texas longhorns are being raised throughout the country.

Whenever I see a Texas Longhorn, I see a vital part of Texas' colorful history and am grateful for those forward-thinking individuals who took action in the 1920s to save this living part of Texas' proud past from extinction. Part of my goal as an elected official is to save other parts of Texas' heritage as well.

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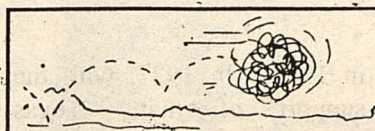
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## Doctors re-attach a 7-year old boy's arm

A Big Spring boy suffered an injury while visiting his father in Killeen.

"I just remember waking up and seeing my arm. It was in a bucket."

That was 7 year old Kirk Simpson's answer to my question, "what do you remember about the wreck?" the accident happened in a Killeen neighborhood on June 6. Kirk was seated in front of his father on an all terrain vehicle when it started to fishtail, then flipped.

"I flipped with it," says Kirk. "I was holding on to the middle of the handle bars."

Kirk's right arm was cut off 4 inches from the wrist. It was lying on the street until a witness picked it up and saved Kirk's life and his arm.

"This 20 year old boy was walking up to Kirk and saw the arm," says Jessi Taliaferro, Kirk's mom. "He figured it was like an organ transplant and immediately put it on ice. And other person called 911. This young man had no medical training. He was a rodeo cowboy. He went to his bag and got a leather strap and tied it up high on Kirk's arm to stop the bleeding and covered the injured arm with a towel. A lady came over and held Kirk until the paramedics came. Response was real quick. A helicopter landed right at the scene of the accident and Kirk was in surgery at Scott and White within two hours. You only have a six hour window to start putting an arm back on. Kirk lost 40 percent of his blood."

Doctors say it was a clean cut. The bones were spliced together with plates and screws and microsurgery connected the blood vessels and nerves. The operation took 8 hours. He is the hospital's youngest patient to receive a re-attachment. Kirk showed his sense of humor after the operation. When doctors asked him to wiggle his fingers, he held up his good hand and wiggled wildly.

I visited with Kirk a month after the wreck. He was calling himself Kirk Skywalker and playing video games using his right foot and left hand. The brave 7 year olds only regret was he would miss a family trip to Schlitterbahn.

"He was wiggling his fingers way before the doctors thought he would," says Jessi. "They say 60 to 80 percent use after a cut like that is good. "Kirk says he'll do better than that. He expects to have full use of his arm. Jessi says the nerves grow an inch a month. "He has no feeling past the cut right now." She is taking Kirk back to Scott and White once a week, making the long trip from Big Spring to Temple.

"Kirk and his dad were both knocked unconscious," says Jessi. "Had they been out in a field somewhere,

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP

A Public Hearing will be held to present the *Initially Prepared 2005 Region F Water Plan*. This plan has been developed under the provisions of Senate Bill 1, 75<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, and Senate Bill 2, 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

The Public Hearing Will Be Held:

**Monday, August 29, 2005**  
At 10:30 a.m.

**Howard College Student Union Building**  
Cactus Room  
1001 Birdwell Lane  
Big Spring, Texas 79720

The Region F Water Planning Group will accept written and oral comments at the public hearing.

Questions relating to the public hearing or requests for additional information should be referred to John W. Grant, Chair, at (432)267-6341 or submitted in writing to the address listed below:

All written public comments are due to the Region F Water Planning Group by 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2005, and may be submitted to:

**John W. Grant**  
Chair  
c/o Colorado River Municipal Water District  
P.O. Box 869  
Big Spring, Texas 79721

Beginning July 28, 2005, a paper copy of the proposed amendment will be available for viewing at the County Clerk's Office in the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Wrinkler.

A paper copy of the proposed amendment will also be available for viewing at the following libraries: Andrews County Library, Brownwood Public Library, Coke County Library, Coleman County Public Library, Eden Public Library, Crane County Library, Crockett County Library, Ector County Library, Howard County Library, Irion County Library, Kimble County Library, Martin County Library, Mason County Library, Buck Richards Memorial Library located in Brady, Texas, Menard Public Library, Midland County Public Library, Mitchell County Public Library, Fort Stockton Public Library, Reagan County Library, Reeves County Library, Carnegie Library of Ballenger, Schleicher County Public Library, Scurry County Library, Sterling County Public Library, Sutton County Library, Tom Green County Library, Upton County Public Library, Ward County Library, and Wrinkler County Library.

## School Zone Safety Tips

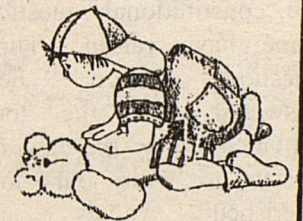


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## Protecting Our Children

### Amusement And Theme Park Safety Tips

(NAPS)—Before visiting an amusement or theme park, riding a roller coaster, or going down a waterslide, families should plan their visit with safety in mind, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) recommends.

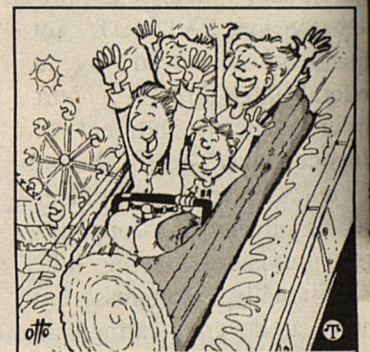
"Sit down together to map out your visit," says Nancy A. McBride, national safety director for NCMEC. "Keep the mood light by talking about all of the fun you will have but discuss safety with your kids before visiting an amusement or theme park. Having a plan before you get there will lessen chances of mishaps later."

NCMEC recommends discussing these safety tips:

**Be able to find each other.** Charge and turn on cell phones and pagers. Make sure children and teens know how to contact parents. Encourage children to wear bright colors so they can be easily spotted and to carry identification. Do not allow children to wear clothing or carry items that display their name.

**Do not go anywhere alone.** Children should not be alone or isolated with anyone, even a character in costume, while at the park. Younger children should be accompanied on rides but if they ride without you, wait in line together, put the child on the ride and meet at the exit. Older kids should take a friend with them on rides and on any other park attractions.

**Discuss how to "Meet Up" if separated.** If your family becomes separated, agree that everyone will go to the closest Help or Infor-



**A little advance planning can help make a trip to an amusement park safer and more fun.**

mation Center. Children should not wander the grounds or parking lots searching for you. If your child becomes lost or needs help, instruct him or her to talk to a park employee wearing a name tag or a mother with children. If you become separated in the park, report your child as missing and be prepared to give an accurate description of your child.

**Have fun and always be aware of your surroundings.** Get information about the park before your visit and review the park layout together. Locate information or security when you get there and report suspicious or inappropriate behavior to authorities.

For more information and to download a free copy of "Know the Rules—For Child Safety in Amusement or Theme Parks" go to [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) or call NCMEC's 24-hour toll-free hotline at 1-800-843-5678.