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## Spring Rains Could Spare Texans From Scorching Summer Heat

Spring rains across much of the state could spare Texas from another brutal summer. Texas got an estimated 8.5 inches of rain from March through May. That's more than three times the amount from those months in 2011 when the state endured its driest year on record.

Although parts of west Texas are still battling drought, weather officials say this spring has left most of the state in position for lower temperatures and improved rainfall chances compared to last summer.

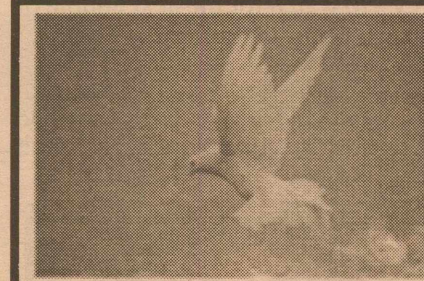
"This is just what Texas needed," National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said in a Houston Chronicle article. "The rains will prevent another outlier event from happening again this year."

Weather experts predict a higher than average chance for rain in Texas through August. That's welcomed news for the state's farmers and ranchers, who saw more than \$7 billion in losses due to last year's drought.

The probability of an El Nino weather pattern that would bring above normal rainfall is about 50 percent starting late this summer.

"We're pretty happy about it, of course," said Yvonne Dupre, a water conservation coordinator in Dallas. Things were a little dicey last year.

Reservoirs in large metropolitan areas were nearly depleted last year. Portions of South and West Texas still are struggling to climb out of what was the worst drought on record.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Defeat

You can defeat a problem or be defeated by one. You can suffer a defeat, pick yourself up and become stronger, or give up. Defeat impacts people differently depending on their attitude toward it.

Defeat can propel one to achieve success or it can be an excuse for failure. Defeat can be no more than a minor annoyance or it can be a life-changing event. As with many things, defeat is what you make it.

Defeat can be an invaluable tool to identify areas that need improvement. Strengthening weaknesses is essential to improving your ability to overcome adversity. In order to avoid repeating a mistake, you have to identify its cause. Defeat will do this.

Defeat plays a key role in success yet its power is misunderstood. Do you defeat problems or does adversity defeat you? Defeat is the springboard that can propel a person to attain their goals. Defeat is a seed to be cultivated by definiteness of purpose.

Granted, no one wants to be defeated. Defeat is commonly associated with failure. Defeat carries with it the potential for

ridicule and scorn. Fear of defeat limits people, preventing them from achieving their potential.

Defeat is never failure unless you give up. Your mental attitude is what whips you. Defeat is like water. You need a certain amount to stay alive. Too much or too little can have deleterious effects.

Experiencing a setback doesn't mean you are defeated. Only the act of giving up causes you to be defeated.

Just get up one more time than you are knocked down and you will keep moving forward.

Fear of defeat causes paralysis that prevents you from taking steps to achieve a goal. If you never even begin a journey your chances of completing it are zero. Once you start, each step brings you closer to your destination.

You can trip and fall many times and still complete your journey as long as you get up each time. But if you fall and decide not to get up, you are defeated and will not reach your destination.

With the right mental attitude, defeat can be transformed from adversary to ally. Defeat serves to identify weaknesses that can be cor-

rected. This is the only way you grow stronger. As you get better and improve, your areas of weakness will change.

Everyone experiences defeat. A novice may be tripped up by the most basic challenges. A seasoned expert will stumble on more complex issues. For example, consider a downhill ski racer. When a person is first learning how to ski, he will start on the smallest hills.

He will fall during the most basic maneuvers. Techniques that an expert will execute without any effort appear beyond the beginner's reach. If a beginner is afraid of falling, he will never attempt any technique that will lead to his improvement.

As a skier improves, he will master increasingly difficult terrain. To become a top competitor, a skier must continually push himself. Both the novice and the expert skier will fall. But the expert will fall in response to much more difficult challenges.

Any skier who is afraid of falling, will never improve. This doesn't mean being reckless and taking stupid risks. It

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# Several Coyotes Earn All-District Honors

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

Several Borden County players were recognized among District 3-1A's best as the league announced its baseball honor roll.

Borden County sluggers getting first-team all-district are junior pitcher Tanner Richey, senior infielder Collin Telchik and sophomore outfielder T.J. Basquez. Coyotes making second team all-district are senior Austin Tyler at first base and sophomore outfielders Tristan Benavidez and Kurt Shafer. Borden County juniors getting honorable mention all-district are Helio Rosales and Jared Smith.

Tanner Richey should be one of the players to watch next year at Gail after having a big year at the plate as well as on the mound for the Coy-

otes this spring.

Richey hit a whopping .701 after coming up with 47 hits in 67 at bats. Out of those 47 hits, 28 were singles, 15 were doubles and four triples. He also drove in 26 runs. On the mound, Richey went 5-4 with 60 strikeouts and a 3.22 ERA.

"Tanner had one of his best years hitting. He did a great job of putting the ball into play, Borden County coach Trey Richey said of his talented son. "He was pretty salty in the outfield, too. He made some pretty nice diving catches.

BC's Collin Telchik also had a big season at the plate, hitting .544 after coming up with 37 hits in 68 at bats. Out of those 37 hits, 10 were doubles, four were triples and one home run.

"Collin was real consistent at the plate, too," Coach Richey said.

"This was one of his best years all the way around. He also had to step in and play in different spots. He had to do just a little bit of everything. He pitched well at times, too."

Telchik had two wins, two saves and 36 strikeouts.

Basquez should be a player to watch for the next couple of years after hitting .443 with 25 RBIs.

"We were also pleased with the kind of year that he also had across the board," Coach Richey said of Basquez.



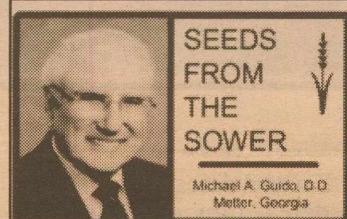
## Proulx Named to President's List

Kimberly Proulx, a 2011 Borden County graduate, has been named to the President's List upon completion of her freshman year at the University of Texas at Permian Basin in Midland.

Students must maintain a 4.0 average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

She will return in the fall to continue her education in Multidisciplinary Studies.

Miss Proulx is the daughter of Robert and Arica Proulx of Gail.



A little girl was trying to hug her father, but he was too tall. "Bend down, Daddy," she cried, "so I can reach you."

Before God sent His Son into the world, He too, seemed beyond our reach. God the Father became God the Son and lived among us so we could come to know and understand Him. God became Man in the Person of His Son.

Like us, He was born of a woman. But unlike us, He had no earthly father.

His life, which began without sin, was lived without sin. He went about doing good for all - healing the sick and providing hope for the crises of life. After all of the good that He did, He voluntarily went to the cross and died for our sins, expressing the love of God, His Father.

He's the same today. Right now, as always, He's reaching out to us with His enduring and unending love.

This is a great time to reach out to Him and tell Him we love Him and are thankful for all He's done for us.

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### I Was Taken to the Cleaners

I own a white silk sport coat. It's beautiful and I wear it sparingly. It can pass for a dinner jacket. A few weeks ago I was to speak at an event where most of the people at the head table would be wearing dinner jackets. I got out my beautiful silk coat and showed it to my wife and asked her if it looked OK, since it had been in the closet all winter. The coat looked OK to me, but my wife found a spot about half the size of a pinhead, maybe even smaller. She suggested I send it to the cleaners to freshen it up a bit. Being one to follow my wife's suggestions, I dropped it off at a local cleaning establishment. The girl who took my coat told me it would be ready the next day. That would be a Wednesday. I was to wear the coat for a speech on Saturday. When I went to pick it up at about 3 o'clock on that Wednesday I was told the coat wasn't quite ready, but I could get it the next day. I explained to the girl about needing the coat in just a couple of days and she assured me it would be ready on Thursday. No problem.

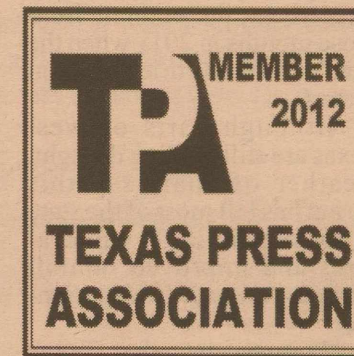
At this particular cleaner, when you pick up your cleaned items, the person delivering them at the drive-thru opens your back door and hangs them on the built-in hook. The customer doesn't have a chance to inspect them. On Thursday around noon, I got the coat, paid the cleaning bill and brought it home. I took the coat out of its cellophane bag and showed it to my wife. The spot was still there.

I took the coat back and told the man at the counter that I wanted my money back because the spot was still there. He looked at it and said, "Somebody else worked on it besides me. I can get it out." I told him not to bother, and to just give me my money back. He insisted I leave it so he could try his hand at getting rid

of the tiny, hardly noticeable spot. I reluctantly left the coat. He told me it would be ready in a couple of hours.

When I went to get the coat this time, I looked at the coat before the clerk had a chance to hang it up by the back door of my car. The spot was still there and in addition there were some black smudges on the coat. I pointed out the new spots. She said she was sorry, that accidents happen. I told her she had ruined my beautiful silk coat. I asked to speak to the manager. It was the same guy who said he could take out the spot. I pointed out the new black spots, which were quite noticeable. He took the coat and said it would be ready tomorrow. That would be a Friday.

You know what's going to happen next. The spots remained and there was a new spot on the lapel. In addition to the horrible black smudges that looked like someone had taken a print cartridge and rubbed it on the coat, there was a noticeable pink area apparently from a cleaning substance. I just decided to make a game out of it now. I took the coat home and vowed never to go back to that dry cleaner. My wife looked at the coat and said, "Why don't we just paint tumbleweeds on it?" I figured she was making a game out of it, too. She took the coat, got out some cleaning supplies, worked on it for about 30 minutes and removed all the spots, including the original one. What a gal. I wore the coat to the speech.



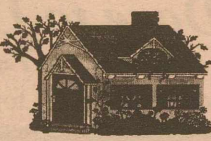
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**Heart and Home ...**

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## Are You Safe in the Sun?

Who doesn't enjoy basking in the warm West Texas sun? We all do! Many of us spend the majority of our time outdoors, which means we are at a greater risk for sun damage or skin cancer. Therefore, we need to protect ourselves from the sun. There are a few simple things you can do to protect yourself from the damaging rays of the sun.

Minimize sun exposure between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. when the sun is strongest.

1. Wear a hat, long sleeve shirts and long pants when out in the sun.

2. Apply a sunscreen before every exposure to the sun, and reapply frequently and liberally every two hours as long as you stay in the sun.

3. Remember to wear sunscreen even on overcast or cloudy days. The sun can be just as damaging on these days as on a sunny day.

4. Beware of reflective surfaces such as sand, snow, concrete and water since these can reflect more than half of the sun's rays onto your skin.

5. Last but not least, remember this slogan. SLIP on a long-sleeve shirt, SLAP on a hat, and SLOP on the sunscreen!

### Keeping Swimwear in Tip-top Shape

Chlorine from pool water can cause both fiber damage and color loss in swimwear. To keep your swimwear in good condition, follow these simple steps:

- Rinse the chlorine from swimwear immediately after swimming to avoid color loss.

- Launder or thoroughly rinse items that are frequently wet by pool water, including clothing, towels and outdoor furniture. The chlorine left by the pool water can cause permanent damage if it's not washed out.

- Don't lay towels that are wet with pool water on other textiles, such as beds, carpets or upholstery.

- Line dry or lay your swimwear flat to dry. Don't put it in the dryer.

Source: *The Soap & Detergent Association*

# Bringing History Back to Life

The intersection of Highway 180 and FM 669 has a new look thanks to local residents Buster and Jean Taylor's desire to preserve some Borden County history.

The Rock Station—on the southwest corner of the intersection—was built by Borden County pioneer Dewey Everett in the 1930s and later owned by the Dorward Family. Since 1989, Jean Taylor has rented the structure first from Ophelia Dorward Blackard and then from her surviving daughter Clint.

In January of 2012, the Jean bought the Rock Station. The Dorwards also asked if she

might be interested in purchasing the drug store, another Dorward Family building.

"I wanted to see if it could be saved," Jean said. "Since the store was established in 1901 as the *Dorward Drug*, I

couldn't see it being named anything but that."

The restoration began in February and was completed in April.

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According to the Taylors, because the Dorwards contributed so much to Gail and to Borden County, Jean and Buster are proud to preserve a part of the Dorward Family history.

In both stores, Jean has lots of merchandise in the form of antiques and gift items.

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## Attention Borden County Parents

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2012-2013 school year are required to show evidence of new vaccinations upon entering school in the fall.

Two doses of Varicella, one dose of Meningococcal and a TDAP booster are the new requirements for this grade level.

You may choose to have your child immunized at the health department or by your family physician during the summer; however, evidence of completed vaccinations will be required upon the first day of entry into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

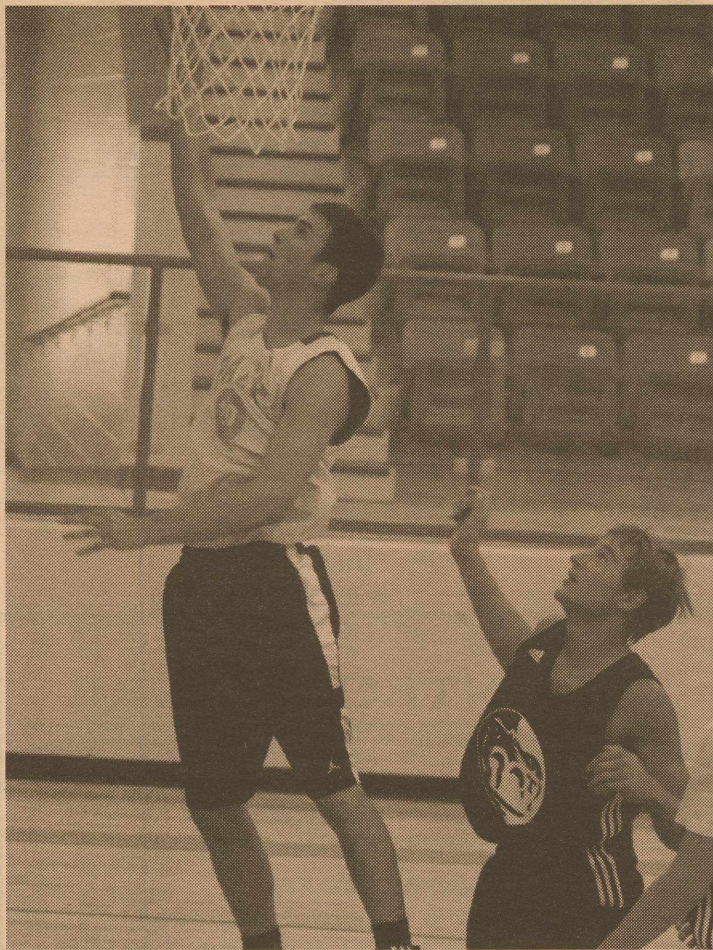
Please present an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the school secretary or school nurse upon entering the first day of school.

Please let me know if you any questions.

Thank you,

Kim Thomas R.N.

## *Smalltown Team Camp*



Borden County hosted the Smalltown Team Camp this week. Pictured is Tanner Richey scoring for the Coyotes against the Trent Gorillas.

## THANK YOU FOR READING THE BORDEN STAR

### *Dare to Live...*

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would be lunacy for someone to attempt an expert slope the first day they are on skies. Conversely, the person who is afraid is unwilling to fall at all and will never put on a pair of skies.

Don't be afraid of defeat. Utilize it to identify those areas in need of improvement. Defeat is simply a sign that you are on the path to your destination.

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### *Thought for the Day*

*Jesus, please teach  
me to appreciate  
what I have before  
time forces me to  
appreciate what I  
had.*

*-Susan L. Lenzkes*

## BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

### STAGE 2 RESPONSE - MODERATE WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS

**Goal:** Achieve a 15 % reduction in total water use.

**Water Use Restrictions:** Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- a. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for commercial and institutional customers, and Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays for residential customers and irrigation of landscaped areas if further limited to the hours of 2:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- b. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or their vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- c. Use of water to fill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- d. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the Borden County Water System.
- e. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  1. The wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  2. The use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  3. The use of water for dust control;
  4. The flushing of gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  5. The failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).