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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Three Types of People

In the adventure of life there are three types of people:

Those who make things happen.

Those who watch things happen.

Those who wonder what happened.

Although this categorization may be somewhat simplistic, it serves a purpose by highlighting the power of thought and action. Most people would like to consider themselves in the first group. In reality, however, the group who makes things happen is comprised of only a small percentage of the population.

Everyone has the freedom to choose the group they will be in. No one is locked into any specific situation. Movement, up or down, is possible at any time.

Those who make things happen

The people who are proactive have goals, take action, and refuse to give up. They are the ones who make things happen. They don't depend on or blame others. They understand their fate is in their hands. The following story illustrates the characteristics of this group.

In Vermont, there was a farm that had sat abandoned and neglected for many years. The fields were overgrown, rocky and uneven. This farm

was rejected as undesirable by all who had looked at it. The prospective buyers were clearly searching for property that was readily farmable with a minimum of effort. The only indication the property was a farm was the real estate sign. Most of the thousands of people driving past didn't even notice that.

Jim Johnson's ambition was to acquire his own farm. He was tired of farming for someone else and wanted an opportunity to build a future for his family. Jim wasn't afraid of hard work. He was willing to do whatever it took to realize his lifelong dream.

Jim was ecstatic when he discovered the Vermont farm for sale. He couldn't understand why such a bargain hadn't been snapped up years ago. Jim didn't have much money but managed to scrape together some savings, borrowed the rest, and bought his own farm. The day he took title to his land was the happiest in his life.

Working endless hours, seven days a week, Jim cleared and prepared the fields for planting. To his delight, the soil was some of the richest he had ever seen. There were numerous streams on the property

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New York City Proves Memorable for Seniors

Ever see the movie Eat, Pray, Love? The Class of 2011 travelled to New York City for their senior trip. While they were there, they created a new movie...Eat,

Shop, Walk! There were many memorable sights in New York City. Several include Times Square, the Empire State Building, riding on the subway, lunch at Grand Central

Station, a THREE HOUR boat tour, Chinese food, "Wicked" and "The Lion King", shopping on 5th Avenue, NBC Studio tour, shrimp at Bubba Gump Restaurant, the



Borden County Class of 2011

Visiting Times Square in New York City are (back row left to right) Sponsor Sheri Poole, Vivian McMeans, Haylee McDaniel, Kerianne Howard, Krista Tarleton, Phyneshia Rutherford, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey, Bailey Anderson, Machele Barr, Sponsor Darby Key, Kim Thomas, Superintendent Jimmy Thomas, Principle Bart McMeans, (front row left to right) Michael Froman, John Hensley, Zach Telchik, David Rodriguez, Miles Valentine, Joseph McConnell and Tony Soto.

New York City Proves Memorable for Seniors...

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911 Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Chinatown, Italian food at Little Italy, walking through Central Park, and for some, being on an airplane for the first time. There was lots of laughing, eating, walking, picture taking, shopping, and sight-seeing! When asked what their favorite memory or event that happened in New York City was, I got these replies...

Kimberly—Going on top of the Empire State Building and looking out at NYC.

Taylor—Boating around the island. It is amazing! All the many different sights and historical buildings.

Haylee—Being turned loose on Times Square. There is so much fun shopping and being around all the people, & riding the subway. It was interesting seeing all the weird people!

Joseph—What I enjoyed the most was the play "Wicked." I also enjoyed riding my scooter with my friends around New York.

Tony—The sleep. Sleeping on the subway, sleeping on the boats, sleeping during the plays, sleeping while others shopped, sleeping on the plane, sleeping on the bus. But I guess it was all pretty cool while I was awake, too.

David—My favorite memory thing in NYC had to have been roaming throughout Times Square with the class. At one point, I climbed the bleachers all the way to the top and I was able to overlook everything. It was an unforgettable sight with all the lights and all the people from around the world crowding the streets. Amazing!

Machelle—My favorite thing about NYC for my second time would have to be the play "Wicked" and shopping. Also, sleeping on the boat ride. Being with my classmates the second time is better than my first time since I was so little. This trip was by far amazing!!!

Michael—Hanging with my buds in Chinatown haggling for fake merchandise.

John—It was cool to ride

around the city on scooters and long boards, buy Louis Vuitton from the mafia, and get to finally see "Wicked." Good trip!

KeriAnne—My favorite thing was seeing all the breath taking monuments like the Statue of Liberty & St. John's Cathedral.

Phyneshia—My favorite part was going to "Wicked." Must see show! I enjoyed much of the food as well. Corner hot dog stands are convenient when shopping. We saw things in the city that were beautiful, funny, and a tad scary. It was clean in some parts, but had trash in others. The last day in Central Park was beautiful.

Krista—My favorite part was shopping! The amount of stores that they had was amazing. "Wicked" was also a very memorable experience.

Zach—Had a lot of fun on the trip, but my favorite parts had to be long boarding/scootering around NYC the last night of the trip with John & Joseph and going to Chinatown.

Miles—My favorite part of the trip was all of the sight-seeing and shopping. Broadway is AMAZING!

Bailey—Watching "Wicked" and just relaxing with some coffee and a few classmates in the very middle of Times Square the last night we were there.

Mrs. Key—My favorite—the boat tour around NY and spending a little time in Central Park. Most of all, I enjoyed being with the students and seeing their excitement. They were a joy to be around. And lastly, walking the many miles with Mrs. Poole shopping & laughing!

Mrs. Poole—I agree with Mrs. Key—seeing 15 students from Borden County in Times Square was pretty cool! One thing I found amusing...when we were on the ferry on our way back from the Statue of Liberty I walked about 5 feet to a trash can. When I turned around I ran into them because all 15 students had followed me! I don't know if they

thought I was going to jump overboard or that maybe I had insight into being the first one off the ferry! I told them I felt like a mother duck with her ducklings! It was pretty funny.

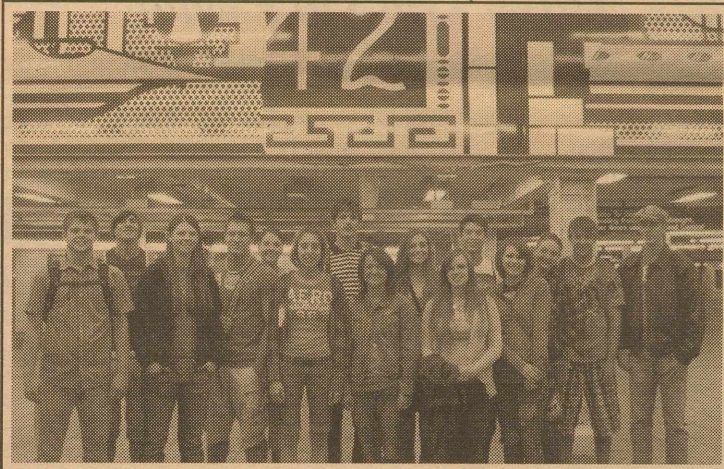
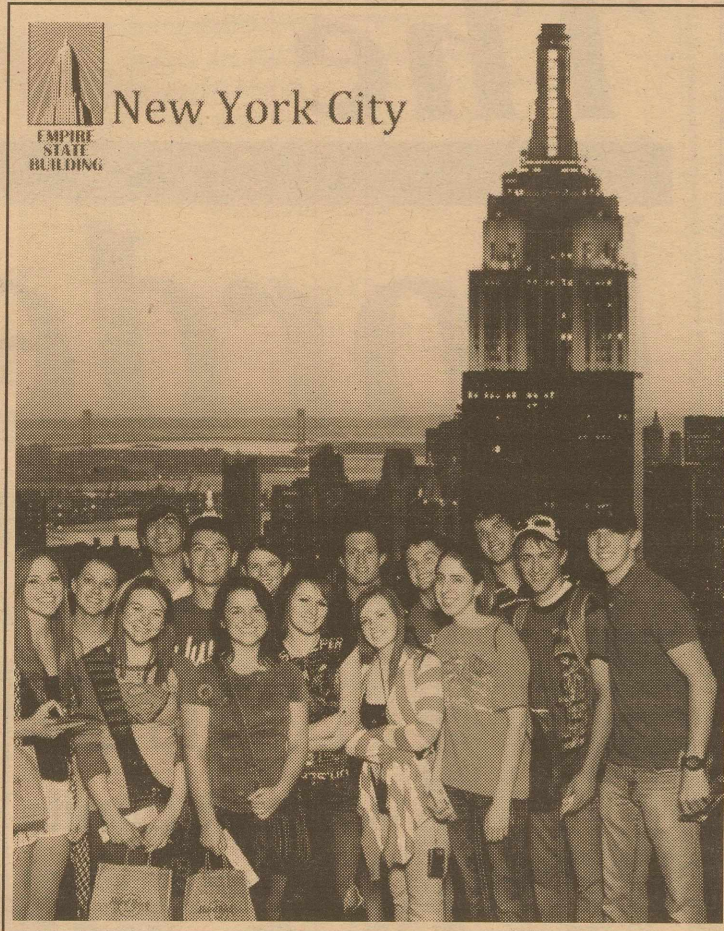
As you can see, we all had a great time! The bright lights of New York City were awesome, but when we came around Gail Mountain at midnight, the darkness and the peace and quiet was a welcomed sight!

The Senior class of 2011 recently returned for New York city. While there they visited Times Square (front page), the Empire State Building (top), rode the subway (middle) and visited Central Park (bottom).

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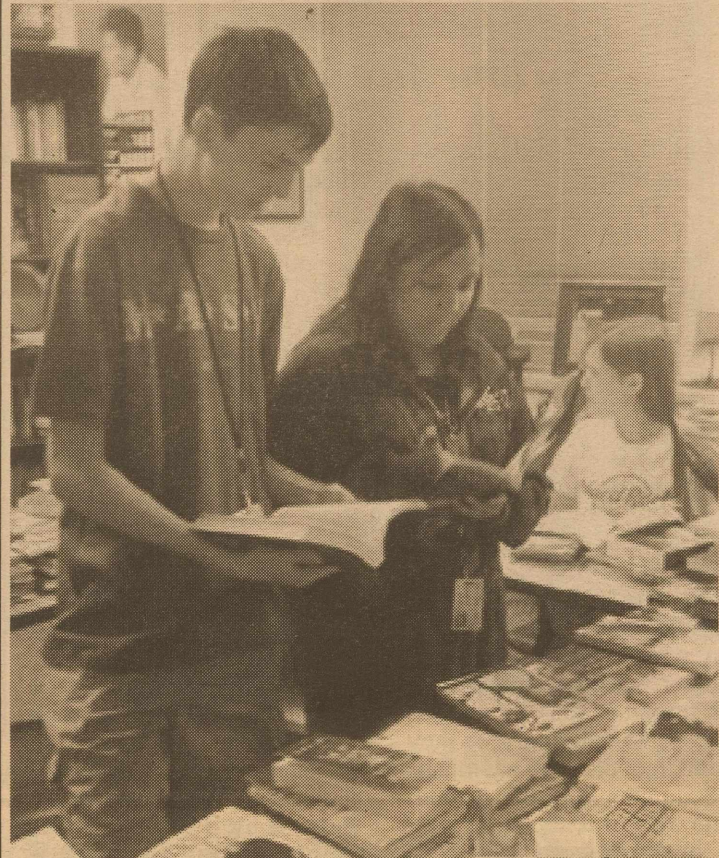
To the Borden County community
for generously supporting our fundraisers for
Speech and Debate camp!

Zach McMeans: Outstanding CX camper

Tye Basquez: 3rd place LD debate (novice and veteran combined)

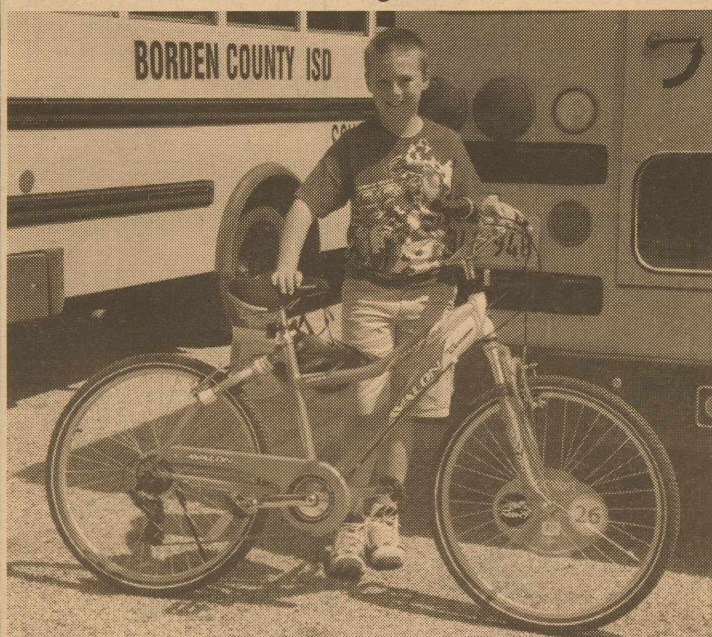
Celina Guerrero and Cassie Gaines: semi-finalists in poetry competition

Speech and Debate Camp



(Above) Junior, Celina Guerrero seaches for poetry selections while attending the WTAMU Speech camp in Canyon. (Below) Sophomore, Zach McMeans was named Outstanding CX camper at the Gup P. Yates Speech camp. Pictured with him is Katy Crutcher of O'Donnell who received the Outstanding Inter. camper.

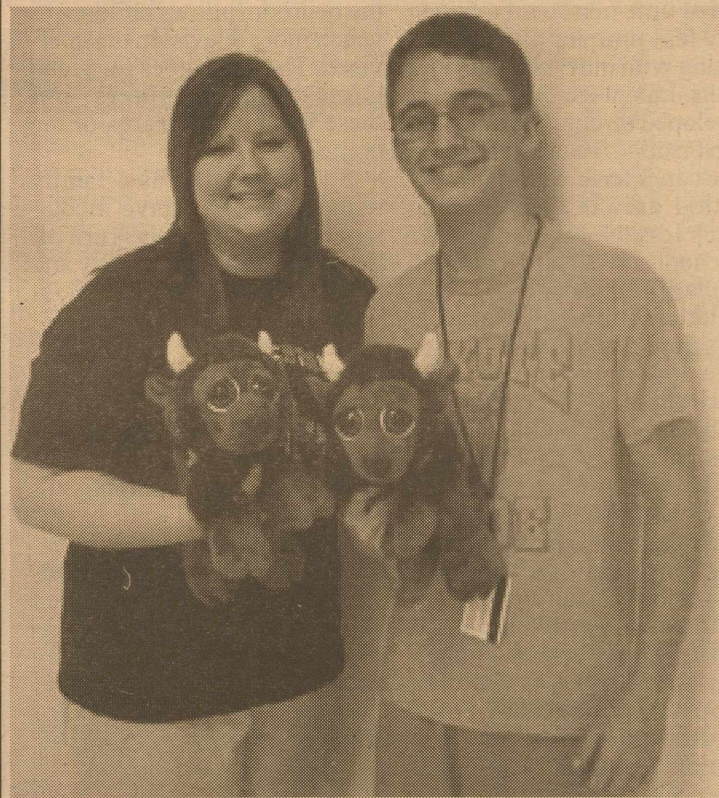
New Bicycle



5th grader, Blaine Culver won the drawing for this new bicycle. The drawing is based on Accelerated Reading points. Each student is allowed one entry per 50 points.

Lost and Found

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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Tame the Tube

With the extreme heat, we are finding ourselves inside more than normal and as a result children and parents are spending more time in front of the tube.

Children spend more time sitting in front of electronic screens (screen time) than in any other activity besides sleeping. This means they spend more time in front of screens than they do in school. The average time spent with various media (television, computer, video games) is more than five hours per day. Even the very youngest children, preschoolers ages 6 and younger, spend as much time with screen media (TVs, video games, and computers) as they do playing outside. That means several hours of inactivity and, in the case of television viewing, hours of exposure to advertising for high-fat, high-calorie foods. Many of these ads are aimed directly at children. Too much screen time affects children's brains and bodies.

Children who spend a great deal of time in front of a screen have less time for playing and talking with other children and adults. Language skills are best developed through reading and conversation. Excessive screen time can interfere with growth in this area. Children who watch less television do better in school and perform better on standardized tests.

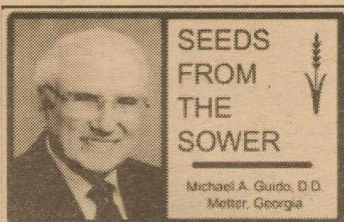
Perhaps most alarming is the effect of too much screen time on children's bodies. Most children do not get the recommended amount of physical activity each day, and one reason for this is the number of hours spent inactive in front of a screen. There is a link between overweight in children and television viewing. Children who watch more TV tend to be heavier than children who watch less TV. Children who live in families in which television viewing is a normal part of the meal routine eat fewer fruits and vegetables and

more pizzas, snack foods, and sodas.

Ways to Limit Screen Time

1. Plan how much TV you and your family are going to watch. Limit screen time to one to two hours a day. Planning the amount of television you watch and selecting certain shows helps you to get the best out of what television has to offer.
2. Set clear limits and be a good TV role model. Setting limits for the whole family is important. Children need to be taught how to have a good media diet.
3. Choose not to keep the TV on all the time, and instead tune into specific shows. With cable channels numbering well into the hundreds, you could surf for hours and never watch a show. If the TV is on, this is likely to happen. However, if you have a TV plan and you know what shows you are going to watch, the set goes on when that show is on and off when it is over.
4. Get the TV out of the bedroom. Having a television in the bedroom allows children to watch more television unsupervised. The same goes for video games and computers; put these in a common area of the home.
5. Eat together as a family without the TV. Have media-free meals as a family. Turn off the TV, cell phone, pager, and MP3 player, and talk about your day.
6. Make a list of activities you want to do instead of watching TV. Get help from the children to create fun activities to do instead of sitting in front of the television, computer, or video games.
7. Watch with your children. Discuss the shows and the advertising. Help your children learn about the tactics advertisers use to sell unhealthy foods.

Source: E-Extension <http://www.extension.org/pages/23941/tame-the-tube>



When Leonardo da Vinci was painting the Lord's Supper, an aide carelessly spilled the paint.

The artist threw down his brush and bitterly berated the boy. Brokenhearted, the boy ran out of the studio.

The artist picked up his brush and started to paint the face of our Lord, but he couldn't. His creativity was gone!

Running to the boy, he said, "As Christ forgives me, I forgive you. Come back. My mistake of anger was worse than your mistake of spilling paint."

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Obituary

Alta B. Franks
1933 - 2011

Alta B. Franks went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 13, 2011 at her residence in Midland.

Alta B (Stephens) Franks was born September 7, 1933 north of Gail, Texas in the Mesquite Community to Lefty and Loys Stephens. Her grandparents were George L. and Callie Stephens and C.A. and Zuma Bearden. All were residents of Borden County at that time. She attended school at Mesquite through the 8th grade and then to O'Donnell where she graduated in 1950. She was baptized in a stock tank between Gail and Mesquite in 1942. The family moved to Lamesa in 1951. Her parents became long time barbers in Lamesa. Her dad, Lefty Stephens, was a well-known baseball pitcher in that area. She was introduced to Ken Franks of Ackerly by a mutual friend in 1951. They were married on January 25, 1952. This was the beginning of a long and happy fifty-nine year marriage. They lived in Lamesa until the fall of 1957. She worked as a nurse and at Dotty Dan Manufacturing while Ken served overseas in the military. Upon moving to Lubbock, she worked while Ken went to Texas Tech. They moved to Big Spring in 1960. She obtained both her beauty operator's license and her real estate license while living in Big Spring. She worked at both professions before they were blessed with two sons. Steve was born in 1962 and Kent in 1964. The family moved to Midland in 1971. She lived in Midland almost forty years. From 1984 until 1994, they owned and operated Honda, Kawasaki of West Texas. Alta was an active part of that business and made many friends. She was known as a flashy dresser and loved her sports cars. She was blessed with two grandsons, Cole and Kyle Franks of Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Ken; two sons, Steve and wife Brenda Franks and Kent and wife Peggy Franks all of Midland; grandsons, Cole Franks and Kyle Franks both of Midland; aunts, Thala Garner of Levelland, Lena Arp of Brownwood and Ethyl McKee of Idaho; and numerous cousins and friends.

Services were held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. John Gerlach, Past of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland officiating. Alta was a long member of Crestview Baptist Church. Burial was held at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa. Her cousin, John Stephens of Borden County officiated at the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79704.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.



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Hobson Named to President's List

Krystal Hobson, a 2009 graduate of Borden County High School and daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson, has been named to the 2011 spring semester President's List at South Plains College.

To be named to the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

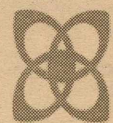
Krystal is enrolled in the R.N. program at S.P.C.

Thought for the Day

Before returning to sleep, it is wise and necessary to review the actions and mercies of the day past, so that you may be thankful for all the special mercies and humbled for all your sins. This is necessary in order that you might renew your repentance as well as your resolve for obedience, and in order that you may examine yourself to see whether your soul grew better or worse, whether sin goes down and grace goes up and whether you are better prepared for suffering, death and eternity.

-Richard Baxter

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Dare to Live...

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providing an endless source of irrigation. After several years, Jim's farm had become one of the most prosperous in the state.

Those who watch things happen

As Jim transformed his farm, many of the town's people marveled at his good fortune. They remarked to each other how he was blessed to have been in the right place at the right time to have such an opportunity fall into his lap. People dreamed about what they could accomplish if they had only possessed Jim's talent and luck.

There were simultaneous feelings of jealousy and admiration. Jim's success caused others to wonder when their own ships would come in. It was so frustrating to watch someone else make it while opportunity passed them by. While Jim toiled, people would meet after work and wonder why some people got all the breaks.

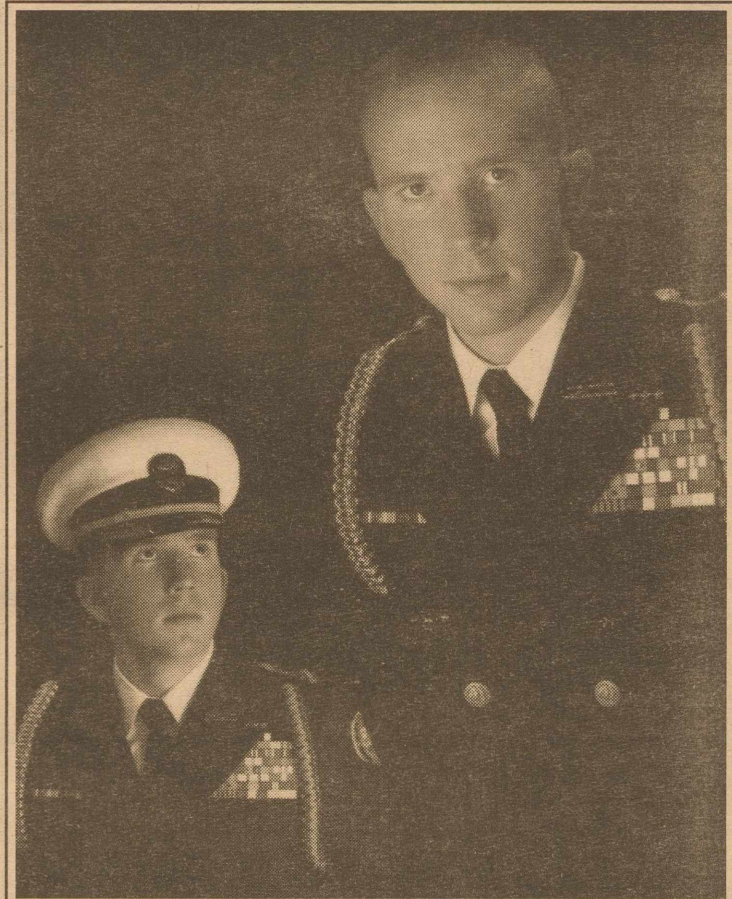
Those who wonder what happened

There were other people who swore Jim's farm sprang up overnight. They couldn't even remember what existed prior to Jim's farm. They were in awe over the money and manpower that must have been required to create such a prosperous farm. These people knew they would never have access to the vast resources required to construct such a venture.

Jim's farm was further proof of what they had always been told: "It takes money to make money," and "Success only goes to those who are already successful."

Attitude and action are your admission to the group of doers. You already have the ticket in your pocket. You just have to commit to using it.

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Spencer Austin Kitten

Kitten Graduates With National Honor Seal

Cadet Lieutenant Commander Spencer Austin Kitten, commanding Officer of Lubbock High's Naval Junior Reserve Officers training Corps (NJROTC) UNIT, graduated from Lubbock High School on May 28, 2011 with a National Honors Seal. Spencer's GPA was 4.09, placing him in High Honors among his classmates. During his tenure as Commanding Officer, his unit placed at many drill meets. A drill meet is an event involving several JROTC units that compete with each other in a competition with skills in academics, drill, and physical fitness and are weighted to determine the best overall unit. Lubbock High received 3rd place overall out of more than 60 teams at the State competition at Texas A&M University. C/ LtCdr Spencer Kitten was the Drill Team Commander as well as the Marksmanship Team commander for his unit. He has been involved in NJROTC since his freshman year. Spencer's other achievements include being

chosen for Good citizen Certificate by the DAR (Daughter's of American Revolution) to represent Lubbock High School. He received the Stephen Decatur Award for demonstrating the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment as shown by performance of duty, academics and military bearings and leadership. He was also recognized by the Order of the Daedalians for outstanding performance as a cadet in NJROTC and awards in Naval Science I through IV and also special recognition in Armed Drill among many other awards. Spencer was selected from the Naval Review Board in Pensacola, Florida for a full scholarship from the United States Navy to attend Texas A&M University and will study Civil Engineering. He is the son of Edward and Suzanne (Walker) Kitten of Lubbock, Texas. His sister, Erin MacKenzie Kitten is a senior at Texas A&M. His grandparents are Bob and Cookie Dyess of Borden County, Gail, Texas.

Legal Notices

Disaster Declaration for Borden County

WHEREAS, Borden County has not had rainfall for an extended period of time, creating hot and dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, the hot and dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast moving wildfires; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent", and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires; and

WHEREAS, a declaration issued under Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code may include a prohibition or restriction on the sale or use of all fireworks within the county; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that a declaration includes a provision related to fireworks, any portion of the provision that exceeds the restrictions authorized by Local Government Code §352.051 is effective only for 60 hours, unless the county judge requests and the governor authorizes an extension of the broader fireworks restriction.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Ross D. Sharp of Borden County do hereby declare a local state of disaster on the treat of large wildfires in Borden County, Texas.

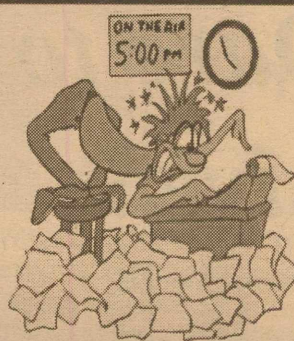
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court, or in the event the declaration pertains to fireworks, no more than 60 hours unless an extension of the restriction on fireworks has been received from the governor.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, and the sale and use of all fireworks, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 14th day of June, 2011.

Ross D. Sharp
County Judge



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STATE OF TEXAS X
COUNTY OF BORDEN X

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Borden County; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th of June, 2011, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Borden County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Borden County.

- A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in anyway use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Borden County.
- B. This Order does not prohibit:
 1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
 2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).
- C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2011, BY THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Ross D. Sharp

Ross D. Sharp
County Judge

Attest: *Joyce Herriige*
Joyce Herriige

Joyce Herriige
County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

June 16, 2011

The Honorable Ross D. Sharp
County Judge
Borden County
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

Dear Judge Sharp:

We have received your Disaster Declaration for Borden County and your request for an extension of the restrictions that exceed the restrictions authorized to counties in Section 352.051 of the Local Government Code. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has reviewed the request for an extension and recommends that it be granted.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 418.108(i) of the Government Code and based upon TDEM's recommendation, the request for an extension is granted as follows:

Those restrictions that exceed the restrictions authorized to counties in Section 352.051 of the Local Government Code, which are contained in the Disaster Declaration for Borden County issued by Ross D. Sharp, County Judge of Borden County, on June 14, 2011, are extended through 7 a.m. on July 5, 2011.

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McAllen's Patio Restaurant on Guerra Street

Arturo Guerra is the fourth generation of his family to inherit a building in downtown McAllen that was built in 1912. He is a former district judge and is extremely proud of his heritage. His great grandfather was sheriff of Starr County and his grandfather sold a herd of mules in San Antonio, brought the money to McAllen and opened a general store. "They flourished in the business," says Art. "Their store provided necessities primarily for the Hispanic community. They sold coffee and flour in big sacks and had lots of merchandise." The Guerras became extremely successful and constructed several buildings on a street in downtown McAllen that was renamed Guerra to honor them.

After retiring from the bench, Judge Guerra recalled a lifelong dream: "From my very young years, before I was educated, I always thought it would be nice to have a neat little restaurant. It was something that I always wanted to do before I moved on."

Just about that time, the city of McAllen was revitalizing downtown in an effort to make it more of an entertainment destination. The city offered tax incentives to property owners who would update their buildings and put businesses in the ones that were vacant. City Hall would also provide good lighting and security officers. When Judge Guerra heard about this, he was intrigued. He contacted his cousin Che and together they restored the building and opened an upscale restaurant. The street is now called 17th and is one of the hot spots in the valley.

"When we opened our doors, there were only four venues that were entertainment oriented," says Art. "Today there are more than thirty-eight and more permits are pending before the city. You could have literally given this property away three or four years ago. You cannot touch a piece of property on this street today."

The restaurant is a huge success. Expansion is already underway. The name of the restaurant is THE PATIO ON GUERRA and features prime beef, seafood, continental cuisine, live music and a bar with an extensive selection of wines. Arched brickwork provides a warm, historic ambience. It opened on October 15, 2008, exactly 100 years after that original general store opened. "The stars aligned for me," says Art. "That's all I can say. It is beyond our expectations. And we're most proud because this is our heritage."

Judge Guerra was born into ranching and maintains a large spread in the valley. He practiced law thirty years and served ten years as a state district judge. After retiring, he worked for a while as general counsel for a non-profit organization. He was looking around for something to do when the restaurant opportunity presented itself. The building had been vacant for three years and he was concerned about its structural integrity. During restoration, which took nearly a year, he kept as much of the original structure as he could. He put on a new roof. "We were hell-bent on delivering top notch food, the best servers, and plenty of atmosphere."

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News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Cotton Industry Success Depends on Dedication and Service of Volunterr Leaders

By Shawn Wade

The success of the High Plains cotton industry, like any group effort, is directly tied to the willingness of qualified individuals to volunteer to serve in various leadership positions.

To identify these volunteers the High Plains cotton industry caucuses each year with other cotton groups within Texas to identify producers interested in serving as a volunteer leader.

In preparation for this year's caucus Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., encourages all qualified individuals interested in representing the High Plains as a representative to the Cotton Board, National Cotton Council of America (NCC) or Cotton Incorporated to contact PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett to request additional information and learn more about the opportunities that exist for volunteer service.

PCG officials note that each year a variety of volunteer positions within the NCC and Cotton Incorporated are filled directly through the industry's caucus process.

In addition to naming representatives to the NCC and Cotton Incorporated, PCG and the Texas cotton industry also work together to identify and nominate qualified individuals to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for possible appointment as a Member or Alternate on the Cotton Board.

Qualified individuals interested in serving on the Cotton Board, which oversees the highly successful U.S. Cotton Research & Promotion Program, are also encouraged to contact Verett at the PCG office in Lubbock, Texas to request additional information. PCG's telephone number is 806-792-4904.

To be a qualified producer nominee for the Cotton Board, an individual should be actively engaged in cotton production at the time of nomination, be committed to the mission of the Cotton Board and

the Cotton Research and Promotion Program and have demonstrated leadership skills and experience.

Through the nomination process the Cotton Board encourages groups given the responsibility of identifying candidates to promote diversity and ensure equal opportunity and inclusion for all individuals who qualify as a producer nominee for consideration by the Secretary.

"Whether it is a nomination to serve on the Cotton Board or appointment to a leadership position within the National Cotton Council or Cotton Incorporated, the membership of

Plains Cotton Growers has proven to be fertile ground for leaders within our industry," Verett said. "Our industry owes much to the dedicated men and women who step forward to serve their fellow producers. We look forward to extending that tradition of leadership in the years ahead."

Editor's Note: The Cotton Board seeks to promote diversity and ensure equal opportunity and inclusion for all those who qualify for nomination and appointment to the Cotton Board regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, disability, socio-economic status, religion or sexual orientation.

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of June 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD**, **DEPUTY** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, **MONTE SMITH COMMISSIONER**, Precinct No. 1 absent and Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent due to Annual Clerks Conference, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Present were Ben Smith, County Attorney and Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of May 24, 2011 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the order by the Commissioner's Court to ban certain fireworks. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISASTER DECLARATION FOR BORDEN COUNTY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the Disaster Declaration for Borden County. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

COUNTY OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORTS

After examining the monthly reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the said reports. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 BUDGET

Commissioner Reyes made

a motion to table this item at this time. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF USED VEHICLE

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to purchase a used vehicle for use in Precinct 3, Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE APPLICATION

No action taken.

PIPELINE CROSSING APPLICATION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve pipeline crossing on county road 257 in precinct 2. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EVENT CENTER/ RODEO ARENA ROAD

Discussion-No action taken.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were presented to the court.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve soil conservation work for application filed by Ricky Day in Precinct 2 at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Belew made a motion to table applications for soil conservation work received for Precinct 1. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED



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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were presented.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MIN-UTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th day of June 2011.

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~Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

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