

# THE BORDEN STAR

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## BHS Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorian for Class of 2000

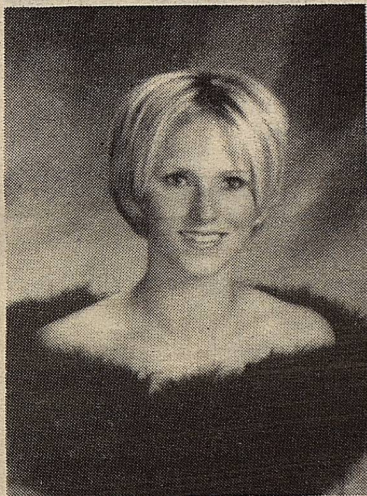
Mr. Chet Dye, principal of Borden County High School announced this week the valedictorian and salutatorian for the 1999-2000 graduating class.

Jana Himes, daughter of Jack and Terry Himes, was named Valedictorian. Jana has maintained a grade point average of 100.80 for the four year period in high school.

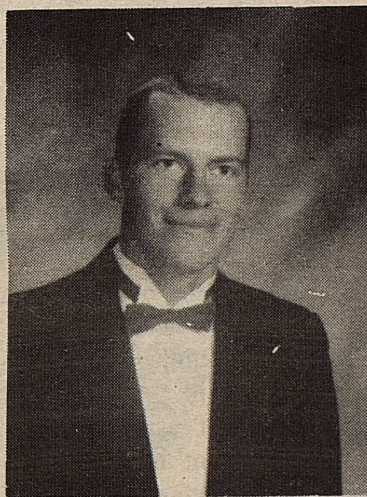
Jana has been a member of the National Beta Club for four years in her high school career. She participated in UIL literary meets in Feature Writing and was a Regional Qualifier for 2 years. She was a Class officer her junior and senior years. She was a regional qualifier in track for 2 years and she was voted *Most Likely to Succeed* by her peers. Jana was also a member of the Lady Coyote basketball team for 2 years.

Jana plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall and to pursue a Master's in Accounting.

Nicholas Flanigan, son of Nancy Gordon of Post and the late Mike Flanigan of Keizer, Oregon, was named Salutatorian of the 1999-2000 graduating class. Nick has maintained a grade point average of



Jana Himes



Nicholas Flanigan

97.25 throughout his high school career.

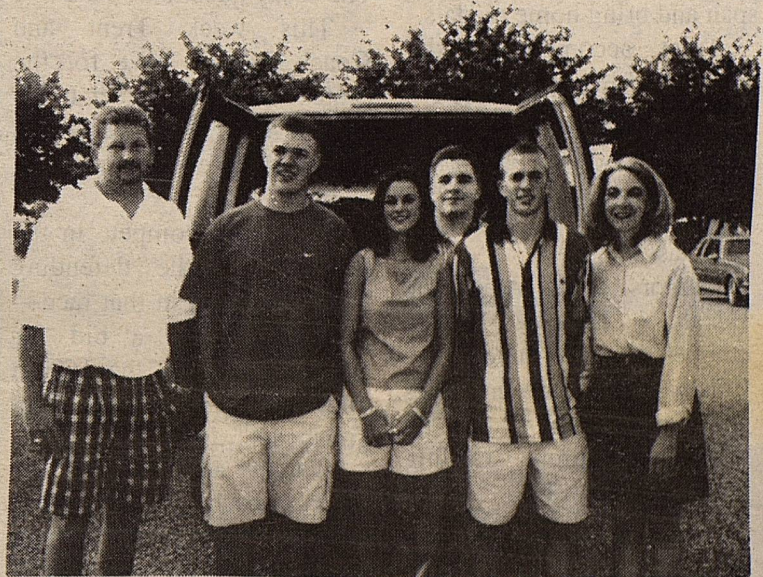
While in high school Nick has been a member of the National Beta Club for the past four years. He was chosen 2nd team All-District football and Honorable Mention All-District basketball. He was a UIL Regional Qualifier in Current Issues and Events. He was a member of the FFA Public Relations Team which placed 1st in Region and 2nd in State. He was also very active in other

Leadership teams and contests involved in FFA. Nick was voted *Most Likely to Succeed* by his class mates.

Nick plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall.

Baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 21st, 2000, in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercise will be held Friday, May 26th, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. in the school auditorium.



**BHS STATE TRAVELERS:** Three BHS students and three sponsors, traveled to Austin last week-end to participate in UIL State Competition. Pictured (L. to R.) Coach Trey Richey, Ross Aten, Bekah Hensley, Darrin Ard, Trent Pepper and Sue Jane Mayes. See story on page 2.

### 1999-2000 Awards Banquet Honoring the UIL Achievements of Borden County High School Students

Tuesday, May 16th, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.

School Cafeteria

Ticket Price: \$6.00 each

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Superintendent's office. Please be sure to **RSVP** no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 15th by calling 806/756-4313 if you wish to honor these students with your presence.



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**NO SCHOOL:** Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** 12:30 - Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Also PRE-SCHOOL Day)

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

## Keeping Track of Trent Pepper

# BHS Student brings home two medals from State UIL Literary; Returns to Austin this week for chance to win two more in track

Not since Tammy Miller (Valentine) and Kelli Williams(Edwards)performed the feat in keyboarding, shorthand, and tennis back in '84, '86 and '87 has a BHS student done what Trent Pepper is trying to do in 2000—attend both the State Literary and State Athletic Contests within a week's span and bring home medals.

Trent accomplished the first part of his goal May 6 in Austin as he won 2<sup>nd</sup> in persuasive speaking and earned a 4<sup>th</sup> place state-finalist medal in calculator for Class A.

Juniors Ross Aten and Bekah Hensley also competed at the State Meet, finishing 9<sup>th</sup> in current issues and events and 4<sup>th</sup> in the preliminary prose reading round, respectively.

Trent's silver medal was a result of a first place finish in his preliminary round followed by a 1, 2, 2 ranking in the finals.

In the preliminaries, Trent gave a speech on gun control in the United States while in the finals chose a topic relating to the break up of Microsoft.

In persuasive speaking, a contestant has 30 minutes to prepare a speech over the chosen issue, using information from files compiled throughout the year.

In addition to the silver medal, Trent finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the calculator competition in Class A, scoring 270 points. Calculator is a timed contest (40 minutes) in which students must complete stated problems along with equational problems and are racing against time to answer as many questions as possible.

Coaches for Trent in these two events have been Mr.

Darrin Ard in speaking and Mr. Trey Richey in calculator.

Mr. Ard also coached Bekah in her prose reading ("Miss Mississippi" by Fannie Flagg) while Ms. Sue Jane Mayes sponsored Ross in current issues, a 60-minute contest made up of 40 multiple choice questions and one essay question.

This week Trent and Coach Richey leave for the State UIL Track Meet to be held in Mike Meyers Stadium on the University of Texas campus.

Trent will compete in the 3200m run—the defending state champion in that race—and also make a bid for another medal in the 1600m run, a race in which Trent finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 1999.

Tammy and Kelli are now moms—each with three children—and probably have not met Trent Pepper, residents of Borden County nope that the three will have some things in common once

this week is over: good memories of Austin the first two weeks in May.

### SEE TRENT RUN

For those traveling to Austin this weekend to watch BHS student/athlete Trent Pepper defend his state crown in the two-mile race, below is the information needed:

#### Class A Running Events

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

3200m run

Friday, 9:00 p.m.

1600m run

Mike Meyers Stadium

Take 26<sup>th</sup> St. Exit off of I-35

turn left on Red River

parking lots on right

track due east of Memorial

Stadium

Session Cost: \$8 adult, \$4

students

Class A running events will coincide with Class 4A, meaning that when Class A runs an event in both boys and girls, that same race will then be run by boys and girls in Class 4A.

## Pre-School Day

Pre-school day has been set for Friday, May 19th. If your child will be five (5) years old on or before September 1st, 2000, he/she may attend school in the fall of 2000.

The day will begin at 7:55 a.m. and dismiss at 12:30 p.m. This will be an early dismissal day for the entire school.

Your child will be able to meet their class-room teacher, Mrs. Smith, their principal, their P.E. Coach, music teacher and everyone that will be involved with them in their school day.

A social Security card, immunization records, and a birth certificate are needed for pre-registration.

Lunch will be provided by the school for all pre-schooler children.

We are looking forward to visiting with you and your child. For more information call: 806-756-4313.

## Drive Safely



Watch out for the Children . . .

## Going To State: What It's All About

by Sue Jane Mayes

After having spent the past three days with three of BHS's state-qualifying students in UIL literary events, some observations came to mind that are worth sharing.

It's worth noting that through the years, we have left many, many excellent students home who did not qualify.

Getting to State, whether it's in literary competition, athletics, FFA, or band, is sometimes a matter of being in the right region at the right time, sometimes the result of having a judge's subjectivity work for you, and sometimes a result of just plain hard work.

That's the next observation—hard work inevitably pays off. Eventually, those who invest are those who will earn.

Let's describe what hard work is for those who may not know.

Hard work is participation—the kind of participation that requires extra.

Hard work is doing all of this in addition to doing the regular class work required by English teachers, science teachers, history teachers, math

That's what the extracurricular and vocational programs in Texas are all about. There is something for everyone: academics or athletics, music or judging poultry, spelling or tennis, literary criticism or basketball, computer applications or throwing the discus.

A challenge to us all, as a community of parents, teachers, and students and those who encourage from the wings—use the gifts that God has given you:

as a parent, to nurture your child and find something he or she likes

and wants to do. as teachers, to see the potential in every student and to be steadfast in every effort to help him or her reach that potential.

Finally, as students, to realize that these times go by so quickly for you to go and do and learn—don't settle for less.

Next year, let's all invest some hard work, not just so we can send students to a state event. That's not what this article is all about.

It's about placing our students in positions where they can achieve and feel success in some area of their lives.

That is what education is all about. teachers, and Spanish teachers.

Hard work is discipline, budgeting time, and making sacrifices.

It is necessary to achieve, whether it is a goal of a state medal or a goal of turning in a good research paper or of doing a good job mowing the lawn.

Too many students stayed home this weekend who could have been on this trip to Austin. BHS is blessed with talented students in grades 9-12 who have the tools.

Those tools come with the set—it's often just a matter of a teacher tapping in to a student's talent or a student being assertive enough to say "I want to try this event or I want to get better at what I've chosen to do."

At the awards ceremony Saturday for the speaking events, a young man—a young, black man who looked chiseled from stone—walked down the aisle to receive a first place gold medal in prose

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## Protecting Employees & Teens from Danger in Summer Jobs

Thousands of Texas employers will soon be hiring teenagers for summer jobs that include driving vehicles, using power tools or doing similar work. And although many of those employers may not know it, they could be breaking the law.

Some jobs are too dangerous for workers under the age of 18. They are therefore restricted or prohibited by state and federal law. To help employers and workers comply with the laws, the Texas Workforce Commission and U.S. Department of Labor are offering easy-to-read materials on child safety. The free materials, which will be offered year round, are part of the agencies' joint Spring Into Safety campaign, which takes place this month.

Some 67 young people aged 17 and under are killed on the job in the U.S. each year, according to DOL's Bureau of Labor Statistics, and more than 210,000 14- to 17-year olds are injured, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

In Texas, more than 450 employer violations were cited last year, according to TWC statistics.

"It's up to all of us - employers, parents and teens alike - to reduce these numbers," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "At TWC, we want to accomplish this by educating everyone involved."

Parents need to know which jobs are prohibited, too.

"Check out where your teens work and what they're being asked to do," said Commissioner

Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "Make sure they know which jobs are unlawful and that it's OK to say no to dangerous work."


"We encourage teens to enter the workforce, where they gain values,"

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**Junior High Coyote Pup Ceerleaders for 2000:** (L. to R.) Cassidy Rinehart-8th grade; Emily Mayes-8th grade; Mandy Vasquez-8th grade and Micah Peterson-7th grade.

**BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**"PROJECT GRADUATION"**



Parents and friends of the 2000 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for "Project Graduation". Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration for graduation night.

This project helps make this very important event in the lives of our children SAFER and helps to make a very memorable evening for all. Your gifts and donations will be greatly appreciated and will help make this night even more exciting.

You may send your donations to: "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or contact any senior parent or the school.

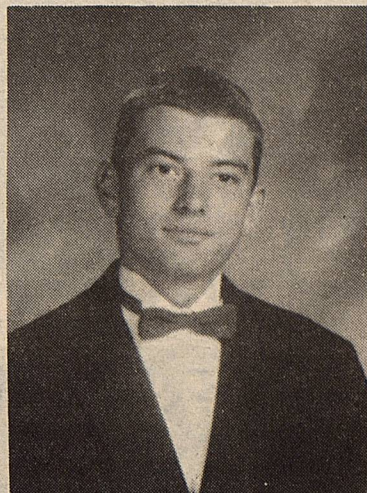
Sincerely, Class of 2000 Senior Parents

## Going To State:

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 reading. Yeah, prose reading.

This same young man has been offered a football scholarship to two schools back East and will soon decide which he will attend—and on a journalism scholarship as well.

## Scholarships Awarded



**Robert Stamper**



**Shaina Isaacs**

Robert Stamper, a senior at BHS, and the son of Gregg and Beth Stamper of Gail, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 2000-2001.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 2000-2001, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates.

BHS Senior, Shaina Isaacs, daughter of Doug and Debby Isaacs of the Plains Community has been chosen as one of the ten Poka Lambro Scholarship

recipients. Each year Poka Lambro awards students from surrounding areas scholarship to be used at the college of their choice.

In celebration of their 50th Anniversary, and due to additional funds received this year, Poka Lambro awarded ten \$2,500 scholarships. This year's Poka Lambro Scholarship recipients along with Shaina Isaacs are: Casey Bearden, Dawson ISD; Kyla Brown, Dawson ISD; Autumn Day, Meadow High School; Amy Goode, Dawson ISD; Kristen Gray, Plains High School; Kathy Ownes, Loop High School; Jamie Sharrick, Lamesa High School, Aaron Vogler, Klondike High School; and Scott Olivan, O'Donnell High School.

Congratulations Robert and Shaina.

## Lunch Room Notice

Beginning Monday, May 15th thru Friday, May 26th the menu will be **Cook's Choice** as food will be used to clear out supply for end of school.

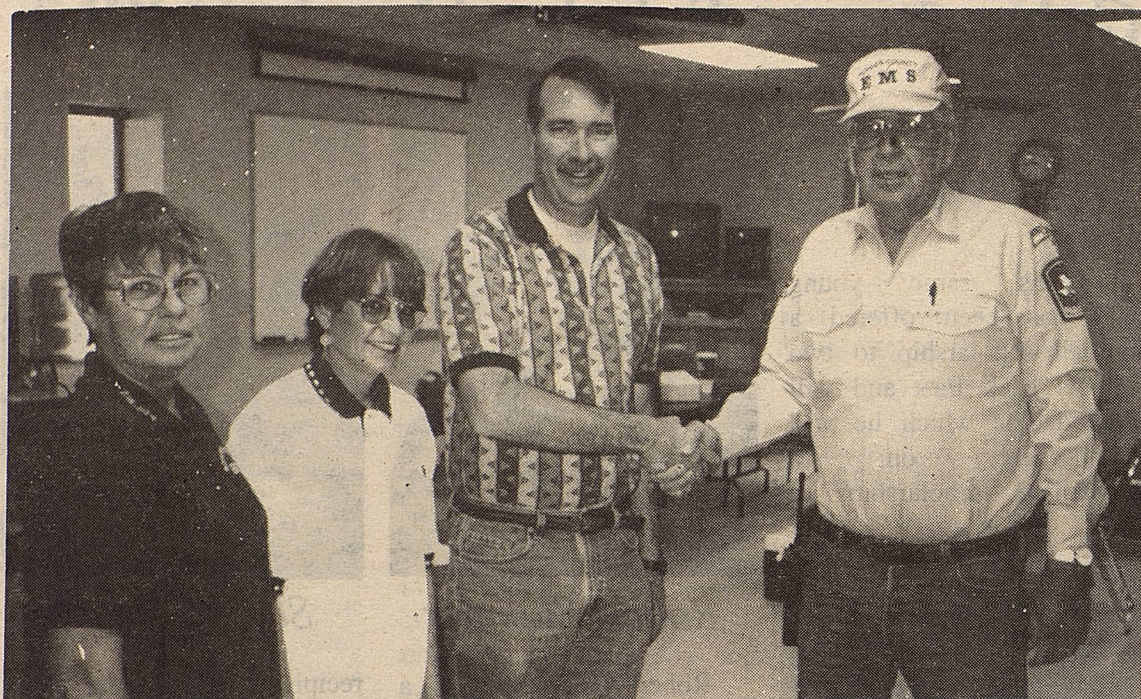
### LUNCH/BREAKFAST CHARGES:

If you have lunch and breakfast charges, please contact the school and find out how much you owe. Beginning Monday, May 22nd **NO ONE** will be allowed to charge their lunch or breakfast. Please

have your money daily or pay for the entire time. Refunds will be given at the end of school if you have paid too much. Your charges need to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Thank You!





## Computer donated to Borden Co EMS

Mark Cochran and Cindy Reyes, with UOCAL 'Spirit of 76', donated a computer to the Borden County EMS. Kent Holmes and Nelda Burnett accepted the computer on behalf of the Borden County EMS. In 1998, Texas Department

of Health issued a statement that all emergency services had to report all trauma runs to Austin. This computer will allow the Borden County EMS access to the department without having to 'borrow' a computer for

their reports. Special Thanks goes to Mark and Cindy for all they have done to help the Borden County EMS Service.

Pictured: (L. to R.) Nelda Burnett, Cindy Reyes, Mark Cochran and Kent Holmes.

## Protect Your Largest Organ - Your Skin

Our skin is the largest organ in our body and plays a valuable role in our survival. It not only covers the internal organs and protects them from injury and bacteria, our skin regulates our body temperature and helps rid our body of excess water and salts. It also provides for pain, temperature, and touch sensation - all three of which are clearly present after we experience sunburn.

As the summer months draw near, the American Cancer Society is encouraging us to remember the importance of our skin and to protect it from the sun's damaging rays.

"Most of the 1.3 million cases of skin cancer diagnosed yearly in the US are considered to be sun-related. Those most at risk for skin cancer are

people with light skin, fair hair, light color eyes and those who burn easily. However, darker-skinned people can also develop skin cancer, including malignant melanoma, the deadliest form," says Dr. Ramsdell, MD, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society in Texas.

To reduce your risk for skin cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends avoiding midday sun between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest. When outside, protect your skin by wearing protective clothing, including a hat and using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a skin protective factor (SPF) of 15 or

higher that will block both UVA and UVB type rays.

### Know the Facts about Skin Cancer Information from the American Cancer Society

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. One out of every five people in the US will develop skin cancer during their lifetime.

Because we live in a southern state where the sun is stronger, the number of skin cancers diagnosed is higher than in most other states. This year an estimated 3,400 Texans will be diagnosed with the most deadly form of skin cancer - malignant melanoma.

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## Three Borden County EMS-P's attends class in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)



EMT-P's Carrie Hart, Nelda Burnett, and Buddy Wallace attended a sixteen hour course in Advanced Cardiac Heart Life Support (ACLS) at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring. This class was conducted by Scott and White of Temple, Texas and included lectures and Skill Stations. The Skill Stations tested basic life support through recognizing heart rhythm strips and giving medications. Among the 30 in attendance were doctors, nurses and paramedics from surrounding areas. Kent Holmes EMT-P also recertified as an instructor for ACLS during this time.

Pictured: (L. to R.) Carrie Hart, Nelda Burnett and Buddy Wallace.

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## Gourmet Gardens

When I first met Barbara Bradshaw she was living in a modest house in a corner of a farm field near Rusk, barely making enough money to feed her children. That was in 1986. My, how times have changed.

Now she runs a business that is expected to gross over two million dollars this year. Dozens of salesmen sell her products all over the world.

Upon meeting her for the first time, I found out quickly that she was made of good stuff. She had grit, guts, stamina. She was smart. She convinced the Texas Sesquicentennial committee that the dolls she was making ought to be the official doll of the state's 150th anniversary celebration. She only made 500 of them and they sold for ninety dollars. She gave me one of those dolls, even though at the time she could barely afford to do so. That doll is one of my real Texas treasures.

Barbara married Bill Bradshaw, who has a combination Christmas Tree and blueberry farm between Rusk and Jacksonville. She started making blueberry jelly in a big pot, stirring it with a wooden ladle, putting it up in jars and selling it at a small shed on the premises. That was the beginning of Gourmet Gardens, her company that now produces all sorts of chow-chow, salsa, pickles, peppers, beets and other foods that people just love.

"Our business has doubled the last four

years," says Barbara, "except for one year when it tripled. It's overwhelming."

She manufactures sixty items, adding a few new ones each year. "They're all old fashioned items. We don't create things that are exotic. I love exotic foods, but the average person doesn't want to buy something exotic. They want to buy the old fashioned stuff, just like grandma made. Sometimes at market a person will come up to me and tell me nobody can make pickled beets like their grandmother did. I get them to try, my beets and they say Wow! that's pretty good."

She says people in Washington state just love east Texas chow-chow.

Barbara sells tons of garlic. "We do pickled garlic. They'll look at the jar and say what is this? I suggest they try some and they're hesitant at first, but they take a bite. They buy the jar and come back the next day for another. It has a really good taste to it. "It's pickled and doesn't taste like a regular piece of raw garlic. It's good for you. We even tell our

## New Sky Boxes To Enhance Rodeo

The Big Spring Rodeo will have a new look for the June event. The rodeo board has added sky boxes over the bucking shoots. The four new boxes measure 10x12 feet and feature wooden paneling, lights and ceiling fans. They will have refreshment trays, stools and chairs to accommodate twelve people. Two boxes will be located on each side of the announcers booth. Access

customers they can use the juice in the jar to marinate steaks for cooking on the grill. It's healthy."

She started selling the garlic a year and a half ago. "We started making the garlic items and they immediately became our biggest sellers. Now garlic is ten percent of our sales. In the last two weeks we've got in 7500 pounds of peeled garlic.

Five different freight lines haul merchandise from her place every day.

One of her new items is cobbler in a jar. "It has the crust already cooked in it. All you do is open it up and eat it, or you can take the lid off and microwave it for sixty seconds and then pour in on a plate and put ice cream on it, or you can put it in the back window of your car and drive around until you find a Dairy Queen."

is off the West bleachers by new ramps and stairs. Carey Burchett and Jimmy Johnson have worked with the rodeo board to build the boxes. Plans call for Jack Cathey to bring in a large crane to lift the boxes into place the week of May 7th.

The board has replaced all the electrical wiring and connections in the arena. This is in addition to the new restrooms and fencing which was completed in '99.

This year's Big Spring Rodeo Theme is "THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME, EVERYNIGHT".



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**Please call Jimmy Thomas at 756-4316**

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# Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of April, 2000, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **LARRY D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **VERNON WOLF**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, Jr.** Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

constituting a quorum, when the following

proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of April 10, 2000 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

## Booklet May Help Sleepless Americans

Its is estimated that a third to a half of all Americans suffer from some sort of sleep disorder. Statistics show that one of the highest causes of automobile accidents are related to sleepiness, lack of concentration, and falling asleep behind the wheel. Not getting a good nights rest also contributes to poor work production, accidents, and impacts on quality of life. It may also cost Americans 18 billion dollars in health care costs annually.

The Sleep Research Institute in Washington, DC has revised their booklet, "Getting The Sleep You Need". The booklet gives information and

suggestions on what to do when you can't sleep.

"Many people have trouble sleeping and don't know where to turn for help", says Tor Stave, Assistant Director of The Institute. "We've published a booklet that can help them with their situation."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5. to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #SL-950, P.O. Box 692624, Boston, MA 02269-2624. Consumers can also get this information from The Institute's Internet web site: [www.institute-dc.org](http://www.institute-dc.org)

## Protect Your Largest Organ - Your Skin

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Exposure to UV radiation through sunlight or tanning booths increases the risk of all skin cancers.

Besides skin cancer, the sun's UV radiation also increases the risk of cataracts and certain other eye problems, and can suppress the immune system.

People with a lot of moles or who have moles that are large have an increased risk of malignant melanoma. Risk of malignant melanoma is greater if there is a family history (mother, father, brother, sister, child) of the disease.

People that have been treated with medicines that suppress the immune system may also have an increased risk of melanoma.

Exposure to certain chemicals, such as arsenic and coal tars, or to high dose x-ray treatment have been associated with skin cancers.

Sunscreen is necessary even on cloudy days when 70-80% of the harmful rays can go through cloud cover.

The sun's rays can burn in up to 3 feet of water and can reflect off sand, water, concrete and similar surfaces.

Certain medications can make your skin more sensitive to sun damage.

Both basal and squamous cell cancers are typically found on exposed parts of the body such as the face, neck, forearms and scalp. Malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, may be found on skin that is always covered.

Malignant melanoma, like basal cell and squamous cell cancers, is almost always curable in its early stages. Melanoma is much

more likely than basal or squamous cell cancer to spread to other parts of the body. Although melanoma skin cancer can develop in the childhood or teenage years.

African-Americans and other dark-skinned people usually get skin cancer on the lighter (less pigmented) areas of their body such as palms, soles of their feet and fingernails.

Self-exams of the skin are recommended every one to three months. Any suspicious skin problems should be checked by a dermatologist.

For more facts on skin cancer and how to reduce your risk call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or [www2.cancer.org/skinGuide/index.html](http://www2.cancer.org/skinGuide/index.html).

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# Protecting employers & Teens from Danger in Summer Jobs

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knowledge and experience," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "But at the same time we want to ensure that employers understand the law and provide teens with a safe working environment."

Attached is a list of jobs prohibited to teens and the sources to contact for further details.

### Prohibited jobs:

Seventeen hazardous non-farm jobs, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, are prohibited to teens under 18 years old.

Generally, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

1. Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth aged 17)
2. Roofing operations\*
3. Excavating operations\*
4. Power-driven wood-working machines\*
5. Power-driven bakery machines
6. Power-driven paper-products machines\*
7. Power-driven paper-products machines\*
8. Power-driven hoisting equipment
9. Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines\*
10. Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears\*
11. Meat packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing).
12. Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
13. Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
14. Coal mining
15. Logging and saw-milling

16. Exposure to radioactive substances and to ionizing radiation

17. Manufacturing or storing explosives

*\*Limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and student-learners under specified standards.*

### Hourly limitations:

1. Teens 18 or older may perform any job, whether hazardous or not, for unlimited hours, in accordance with minimum wage and overtime requirements.

2. Teens 16 and 17 years old may perform any job that's not hazardous, for an unlimited number of hours.

3. Teens 14 and 15 years old may work outside of school hours in jobs that are not hazardous or in mining or manufacturing:

- 3 hours on a school day
- 18 hours in a school week
- 8 hours on a non-school day
- 40 hours on a non-school week.

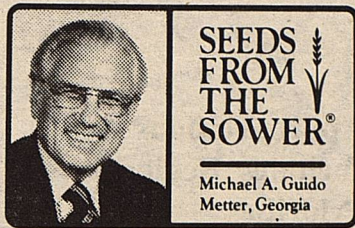
Teens may work between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when their work hours may be extended to 9 a.m.

### For Further Information:

To find out which jobs are restricted or prohibited, or to get other details on child labor laws:

\*Call DOL at (800)959-3652, or visit <http://www.dol.gov/dol/csaw>

\* Call TWC's Labor law division at (800)832-9243 or (512)837-9559,



Little Jimmy was dirty, and he didn't want to take a bath. His mother said, "You want to be clean, don't you?"

"I do," he sobbed, "but can't you dust me off like you do the furniture?"

A lot of people would rather be polished than purged, but that doesn't take away the grime and the guilt of sin.

A swinger fell for a beautiful woman who belonged to another man. He wanted her, and he took her.

They settled down to live happily, but they lived horribly. Sin thrills, but it tortures. In his despair, David cried, "O loving and kind God, have mercy. Wash me, cleanse me from this guilt." And God did.

God is in the cleansing business. Won't you let Him cleanse you?

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., May 22, 2000.

1. Asphalt for the 2000 paving program
2. Gravel for the 2000 paving program
3. Freight on Gravel
4. Fuel for 2000
  - a. unleaded
  - b. diesel
5. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #1 and #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court  
Van L. York  
County Judge  
Borden county

Submit bids to: County Judge's Office  
P.O. Box 156  
Gail, Texas

### LA NOTIFICACION DE PREKINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2000-2001

Borden Escuela Primaria ofrecera a un prekindergarten programa durante 2000-2001. El programa estara para estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años adultos en o antes de primer de septiembre, 2000. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa se encontrando al menos uno de los siguientes requisitos:

1. Esten perjudicado economicamente
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si Ud. conociera de un niño que calificara por el programa, notifica a Mr. Chet Dye, Principal, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, (806)75604313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Completa y regresa la forma por 31 de mayo, 1999.

### La DENEGACION

Borden Escuela Primaria ofrecera a este programa solamente si quince (15) o mas estudiantes califican.

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### ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICATION

Borden Escuela Primaria ofrecera a un ESL programa para LEP (Experto Ingles Limitado) estudiantes durante el verano de 2000. El programa estara programado por un minimo de 120 horas y concluirea previamente de Agosto 1, 2000. El programa esta disenado para estudiantes que entrara jardin de Infantes o Primer Grado en el otono de 2000-2001. Los padres de niños elegibles sera responsable de (transportation). Si usted conociera de un niño que calificara por el programa, notifica Mr. Chet Dye, Principal, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738 (806)756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Completay regresa la forma por 31 de mayo, 2000.

### La DENEGACION

Borden Escuela Primaria ofrecera a este programa solamente si diez (10) omas estudiantes califican.



Buckle up, it's the law!

# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## House Approves Important Trade Bill

LUBBOCK, May 5, 2000  
By Shawn Wade

Cotton industry officials and Plains Cotton Growers applauded the passage of the conference agreement for the Caribbean Trade agreement, often referred to as the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI), by the House of Representatives May 4th.

All that remains is for the Senate to approve the conference agreement and a signature by the President.

The Bill, which contains preferences for imported apparel products from the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa is very positive for the U.S. cotton industry since it will extend preferential treatment to textile goods produced in the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa from U.S. textile components. The Bill provides U.S. Textile industry the opportunity to produce highly competitive apparel products from U.S. textile products.

Textile products from the Caribbean are three times more likely to be made of U.S. textile components than imports from other regions. The preferences included in the bill are good news for U.S. producers who hope to see strengthened domestic consumption as a result of the bill.

The cotton industry opposed the original Caribbean Trade Bill because of numerous holes the original legislation contained. Cotton industry observers applaud the efforts of the conference committee to fix the

serious problems that the original bill contained.

The final version of the bill provides significantly stronger rules that will limit preferential treatment to products created from U.S. components.

The new CBI bill grants duty- and quota-free access for: 1) apparel manufactured in Caribbean countries from U.S. fabric (made from U.S. yarn), 2) a limited amount (250 million square meter equivalents) of apparel made from fabrics knitted in the Caribbean from U.S. yarn (so-called "regional knits") with an annual growth rate of 16 percent for three years, and 3) a limited amount of a specific category of outer wear T-shirts (4.2 million dozen) with growth also thought to be 16 percent for three years.

The conference agreement also contains trade preferences for a eight-year period for apparel imported from sub-Saharan Africa. It grants unlimited duty-and quota-free access for apparel made in Africa from U.S. textile components and grants similar preferences for a limited amount of apparel made in African countries from African textile components, with liberal growth rates (1.5 percent growing to 3.5 percent of all apparel imports). Least developed African countries will be allowed to source textile components from areas outside Africa for a 4-year period.

The bottom line for U.S. cotton growers is that the legislation is expected to boost domestic cotton consumption significantly, mostly through sales of

U.S. produced yarn.

## Appropriations Bill Includes Regional Priorities

The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee has agreed to spending levels for several High Plains oriented programs in FY2001.

The Subcommittee agreement earmarked some \$121 million dollars for boll weevil and pink bollworm eradication programs through direct funding and Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan programs. The subcommittee agreed to provide \$100 million for the FSA loan program, \$19.7 million for boll weevil eradication and \$1.5 million for pink bollworm eradication efforts.

Also agreed to was an increase of \$750,000, to

\$5.4 million, in FY2001 funding for the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Plant Stress Lab in Lubbock. The USDA ARS Gin laboratory at Lubbock was allocated \$1.2 million for its FY2001 operations.

Texas Tech University's Cotton Research Program was penciled in for an additional \$300,000 in funding bringing the total FY2001 allocation for the Cotton Research Program to \$500,000.

## TBWEF Hires New Program Director

by Roger Haldenby

The Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation has selected Dr. Charles Allen to fill the position of Program Director. The position has been vacant since January.

Dr. Allen will be moving back to Texas from Arkansas where he has been with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. Before going to Arkansas he was Extension Entomologist with Far West District 6 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Allen is expected to assume his duties full time by early June.



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## CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

### STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOLS

The ability to find and hire good teachers is a key ingredient for success in any school system. But in Texas and other rapidly growing states, this is a real problem. And it is particularly vexing for small- and medium-sized school districts without the deep talent pool of teachers from which to draw that larger metropolitan areas enjoy.

The Senate recently passed my proposal to address this shortage.

A few years ago a textbook case of this situation arose in Greenville, a town with a population of about 35,000 northeast of Dallas. A friend of mine moved to Greenville with her husband. She majored in French in college and had taught French at a private school before her marriage. Once settled in Greenville, she was eager to go back to the classroom and teach French. Greenville High School, which could not offer French to its students because it did not have a qualified teacher, was eager to have her. But she could not return to the work she loved because she did not have a teaching certification.

My friend had to commute 30 miles to the nearest college for two years to become certified to teach in Greenville. While she was commuting back and forth, Greenville students were denied an educational option routinely available to those in larger cities.

This type of situation is being repeated all over the country. We should be smoothing the way for skilled professionals who want to become teachers, not putting obstacles across their path to the classroom. This is another one of those instances of applying common-sense solutions that, when explained, enjoy overwhelming support.

So when the Senate adopted an education tax relief bill in March, it included an amendment which I added that aims to reverse the critical shortage of teachers with special skills.

The program, called "Careers to Classrooms," addresses this shortage by knocking down barriers that for too long have kept some of our most talented professionals away from classrooms. It encourages states to grant an alternative, expedited teaching certification to professionals who have a demonstrated competence in the appropriate subjects.

This frees the professionals who might want to teach from the lengthy and traditional licensing requirements that have discouraged so many. The subject areas outlined in the legislation include science, mathematics, computers and languages — the very subjects our students need to master in order for the United States to continue to be successful in increasingly competitive world markets. In addition, if they desire, states can deem other school subjects critical and pave the way for easier teacher entry into the classroom to meet their individual school systems' needs.

Careers to Classrooms actually expands on a successful Defense Department program, called "Troops to Teachers," that encourages retired military and other defense professionals with substantial career experience to enter the classroom and teach. This program already has placed more than 500 new teachers in Texas, and more than 3,000 nationwide. The same pool of talent and skills that fuels our world class economy and military can do the same for schools across the country. We want to build on that positive example.

The Senate has taken an important step toward providing parents and school districts with more options — and greater access to the best minds the nation has to offer. We have people who retire at the age of 55 (or even 35) from high-tech companies, or homemakers who decided not to continue their careers when they had children but who are experts in French or Spanish or computer technology, whose talents are badly needed in our schools. Their presence can mean the difference between mediocrity and excellence in America's schools.

There is no more important issue facing our country than ensuring that our public schools prepare our children for the challenges of the next century. The more first-rate education options we can offer them, the better chance all children in America will have to reach their full potential.