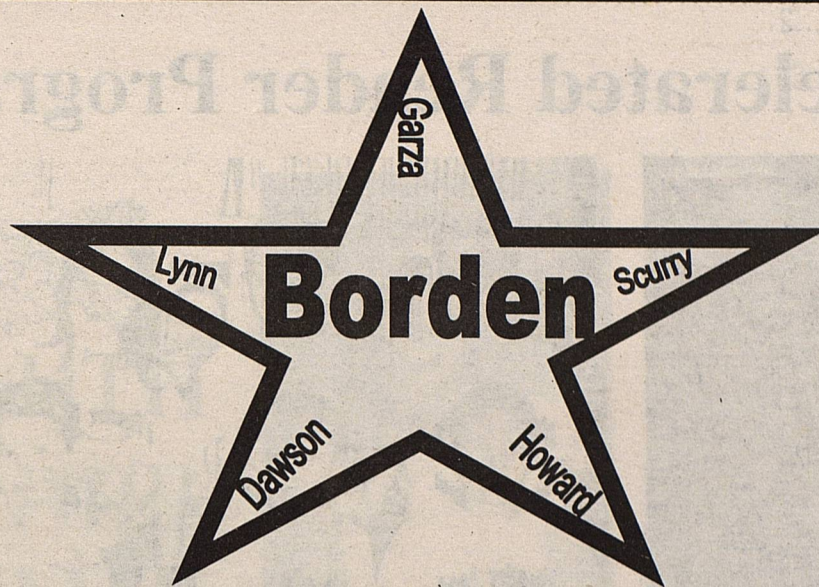


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An Open Letter to World War II Veterans

Dear Honored Veterans:

A singular moment in American history, December 7, 1941, remains forever a "Date which shall live in infamy." In response to the challenge of that day, you and millions of your fellow countrymen and women marshaled a force for justice unprecedented in the annals of human endeavor. You left your homes, your farms, your factories, and your schools to take up arms in the face of tyrannical winds of war blowing across the Earth's continents, oceans, and islands.

From Tunisia to the Coral Sea, from Monte Casino to the North Atlantic, from the jungles of Burma to the air over Berlin, from Iwo Jima to Normandy, and all along the home front, American men and women in uniform – whether green fatigues or hospital whites – pressed on selfishly to bring an end to globe-gripping terror.

You met the enemy on battlefields where your boots froze to the winter ground or melted away in the jungle heat; you confronted Democracy's adversaries beneath the waves and above the clouds; you took on the opponents of liberty at the very cost of your own freedom – you experienced the brutality of the stalags and the cruelty of Bataan . . . and worse. Yet, through it all, you emerged victorious

against the evil doers who would never know that taste of victory because Americans stood ready to take up freedom's banner.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 of your countrymen made the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom, and nearly 700,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines returned home wounded or disabled. In the intervening years, ten million World War II veterans departed this life and now rest in eternal honor.

By your courage and your fortitude, through your love of peace and your faith in freedom, the enemies of liberty learned on the swift blade of justice that America's citizen – soldiers – men and women – give no quarter to tyrants and bullies.

The same selfless determination and purpose of mission that inspired American GIs to surmount the obstacles of war and build a new peace, inspired you and your comrades to then rebuild America. Your commitment to our country lit an honorable flames that still burns. Today, the torch of liberty, fueled by your

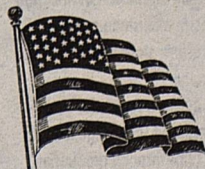
selfless sacrifices so many decades ago, shines like a beacon of hope throughout the world.

Now, though you never asked for the words to be spoken, it is time for you to hear America say "Thank You." Thank you for all we enjoy today as citizens of a great and prosperous nation; thank you for a country blessed with a bounty of rights and freedoms that make us unique – and envied – the world over; and thank you for putting your lives on the line for Democracy's steadfast principles that are as immutable today as they were at our Nation's founding 227 years ago, and as they were 60 years ago when you stood foursquare in their defense.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute you.

/s/ Anthony J. Principi
Sec. of Veterans Affairs

God Bless



America

The Borden County Landfill will be
CLOSED on Saturday, May 29th
In observance of Memorial Day

BHS Commencement Exercises and Activities to be held

Borden County School will end their school year on May 27th with an early dismissal at noon on Thursday, following the Elementary Track Meet and lunch. Parents are encouraged to attend this special track meet and enjoy watching the students participate in many different track events. The meet will begin at 9:15 a.m. and conclude at 11:30. Please come and be a part of this exciting time for the students.

On Thursday evening, beginning at 8:00 p.m. the Eighth Grade class of 2004 will have their graduation exercises in the school auditorium. Following the graduation, a reception will be held in the school cafeteria.

Project Graduation for BHS juniors and seniors will begin following the Jr. High reception. The students will depart the school around 10:00 p.m. and travel to Snyder to begin their All-night party including: bowling, eating, movies, eating, swimming, eating and will conclude in Gail around 6:30 a.m. on Friday morning with a Senior Breakfast held at the school cafeteria, prepared and served by the senior parents.

On Friday, May 28th, a teacher work-day will begin for all school employees at 8:00 a.m. following the senior breakfast.

The High School Commencement Exercises will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. There will be nine graduating senior taking part in this ceremony: Clay John Anderson, Alexis Brooks, Jami Gass, Shayla Gass, Dusty Gwinn, Menda James, Andy Lozano, Kyle Pinkerton and Shane Tarleton. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

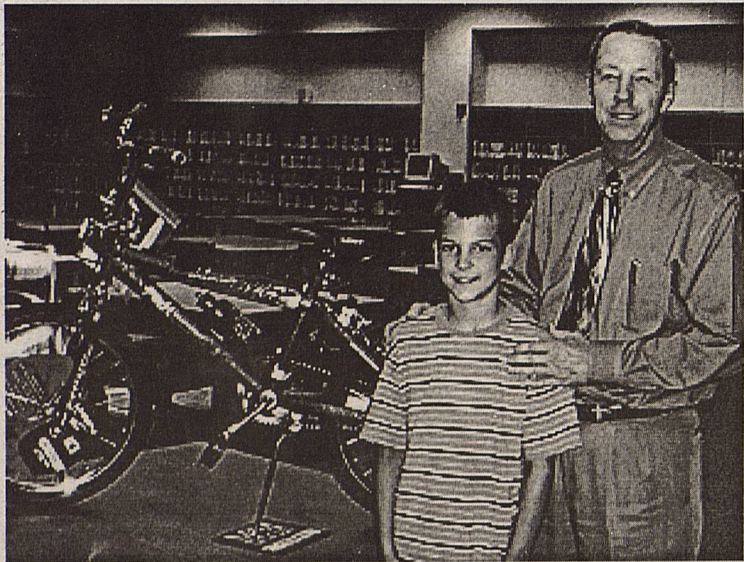
SCAM ALERT

The Borden County Sheriff Office has reported that a telephone scam has been received in this area. In the scam, the person contacted is told that their Bank Account is for Sale through their bank, and is asking them for their bank account number to verify this.

If you should receive this telephone scam, DO NOT give out any information about your banking business or any other personal information. Contact your bank and ask them to watch for any suspicious activity that may appear on your bank account.

Be sure and call the Borden County Sheriff Office at 806/756-4311 if you should receive any telephone scam of the nature or for information about this scam.

Accelerated Reader Program



AND THE WINNER IS, TANNER RICHEY: Last week, the elementary students having at least 50 points or more in the AR Reading Program, got a chance to win this bicycle by placing their names in the hat. Pre-schooler, Emma Key was asked to draw a name and 3rd grader, Tanner Richey came away as the lucky reader and received this year's Grand AR Prize.



Kindergarten AR Readers: All 10 of this year's Kindergarten received enough points in the AR Reading Program to receive a t-shirt. They are pictured with their t-shirts are: Back row (L. to R) T.J. Doyle, Samuel Raborn, Channing Miller, Tatum Richey, Merik Valentine and Brandon Pewitt. Bottom Row: Rhaeden Bland, Flint Roberts, Zoie Key and Makayla Herrington.

School Smarts

Get An Edge In College Admissions

What are colleges looking for today in identifying the freshman of the future? The complete package.

A growing number of colleges and universities are adopting what they call the "holistic approach" to admissions. They're looking at the whole applicant and favoring the triple advantage - the students who combine academics with school activities and community service.

Admissions officers consider many factors when selecting each new freshman class. While they still emphasize a challenging curriculum, solid grades and test scores, a strong mix of the three S' - scholarship, school activities and services - appears to play a more influential role at many schools which want students who can succeed in and out of the classroom.

Developing the all-around student is becoming equally as important as academics or sports, says Rose Rennekamp, vice president of communications for ACT (the company best known for the ACT college entrance and placement exam).

Schools are partnering with companies that promote



extracurricular activities and award students for their efforts via national recognition programs. In fact, a growing number of awards are given to students based on their overall package rather than strictly on academics or sports

Rennekamp cites the Wendy's High School Heisman (WHS) program as an honor that specifically recognizes a senior male and female each year who excel in the classroom, in the

field of play and in the community. By simply answering questions on the WHSH application, students gain a sense of what college admissions officers look for.

"I know I was accepted to each university that I applied to based on much more than just my academic," said Robert Huefner, a freshman enrolled at both Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a 2002 WHSH

Award winner. Besides excelling in three sports in high school, he was a National Merit Winner, ranked second in his class, was class president and school newspaper editor and was active in many community-service programs in Peachtree City, Ga.

In the 10 years that the Wendy's High School Heisman has been given, school administrators have nominated more than 110,000 seniors for

College Admissions Checklist:

- Coursework, grades and test scores matter—take a challenging curriculum and study hard
- Be committed to the extracurricular activities you join—think quality over quantity
- Give Back—volunteer in the community
- Build a summer resume—study a foreign language, volunteer or get an internship
- Cultivate relationships with high school faculty and college admissions officers
- Get recognized— inquire about scholarships and awards that showcase your achievements; for more information on the WHSH, log onto www.wendyhighschoolheisman.com
- Make it a joint effort; students and parents need to work together
- Don't slack off during your senior year—you'll be more prepared for college if you continue to work hard through graduation.

this prestigious award. Besides ranking at the top of their classes academically and excelling in athletics, the 2003 finalists served as role models and leaders in community pro-

Did You Know?

(NAPS) - Some literacy skills should be taught way before a child ever enters the classroom. As a parent, you are your children's first teacher and it is important to begin exposing them to books at a young age, say experts at Kumon Math and Reading Centers. Children should understand how to hold a book, where the story begins, and ends. That words are read from left to right, that stories are read front to the back and that pages are turned one at a time. Children should understand that the words seen in print and the words heard and said are related and that there's a difference between pictures and words. Children need to be able to identify the separate, small sounds called phonemes that make words and to associate the sounds with the written words.

Little League Borden County Cubs

Little League 2004 Schedule

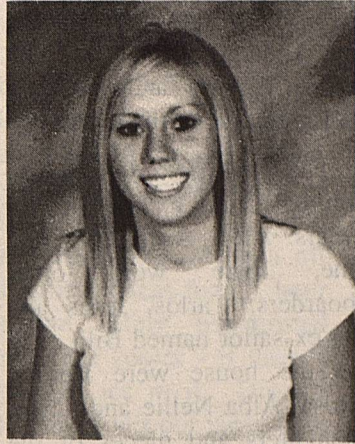
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Mon. May 31 st	Tues. June 1 st	Thurs. June 3 rd
* Braves - Cubs 5:00 Rangers - Cubs 8:00	* Cubs - Marlins 6:00	Cubs - Yankees 8:00
Mon. June 7 th	Tues. June 8 th	Thurs. June 10 th
Cubs - Astros 8:00	* Cubs - Braves 6:00	* Cubs - Yankees 5:00 Cubs - Rangers 8:00
Mon. June 14 th	Tues. June 15 th	Thurs. June 17 th
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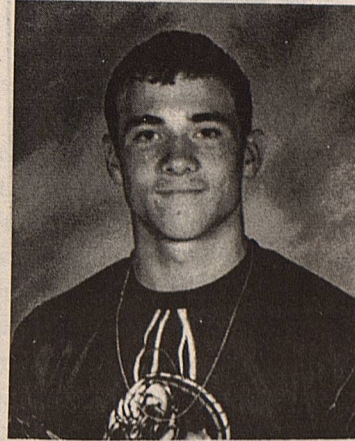
grams. Taking these factors into consideration, WHSH and ACT offer a checklist of advice to parents and students on how to become a triple threat and

capture the interest of admissions officers. They also point out that students and their parents should start as early as middle school to chart a course for success.

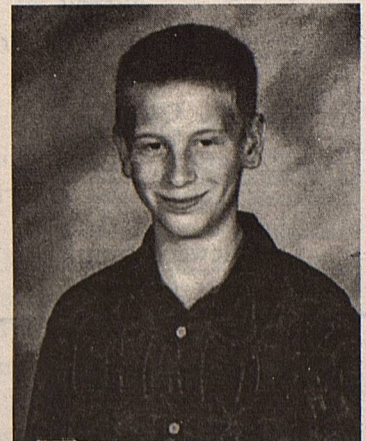
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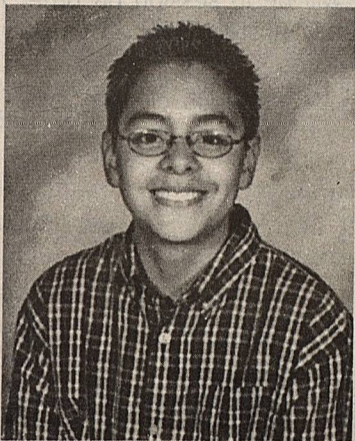
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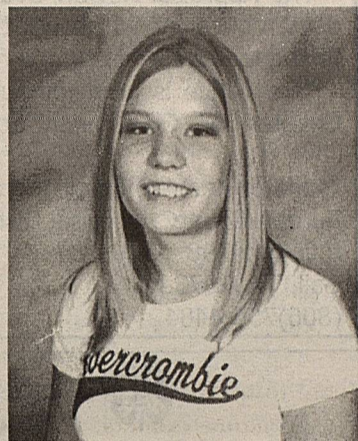
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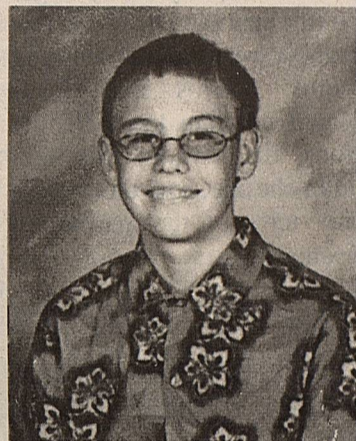
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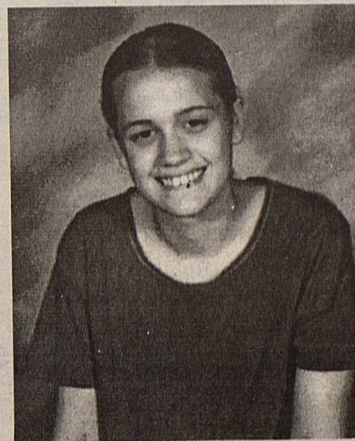
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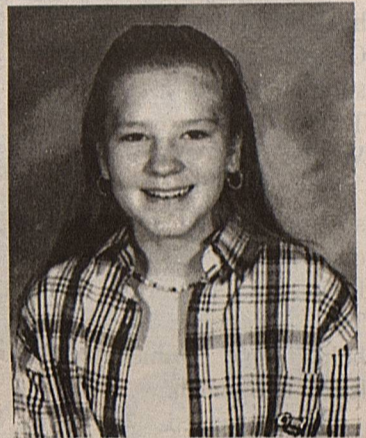
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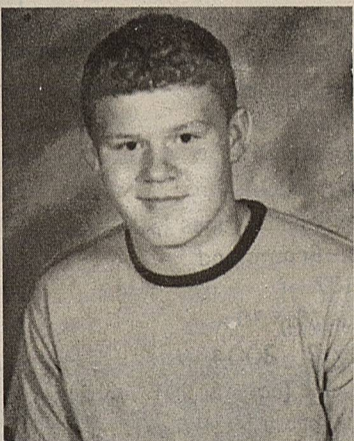
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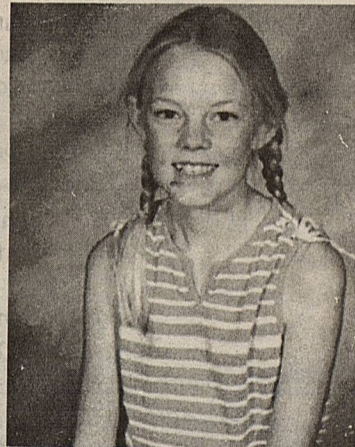
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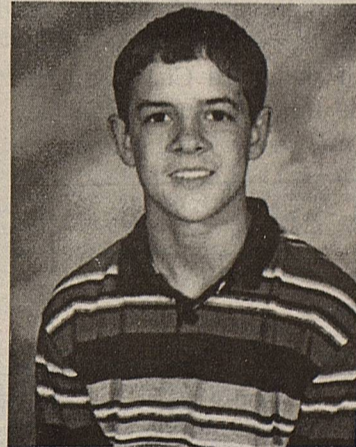
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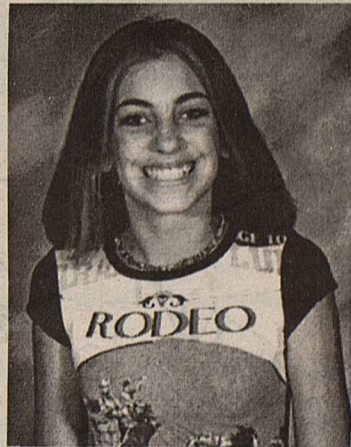
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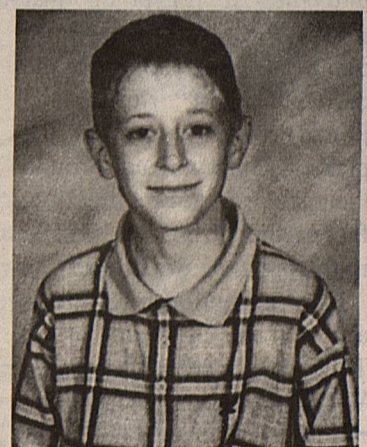
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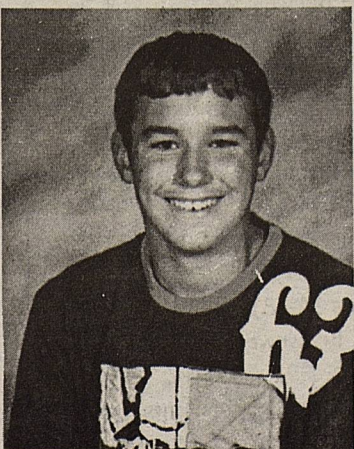
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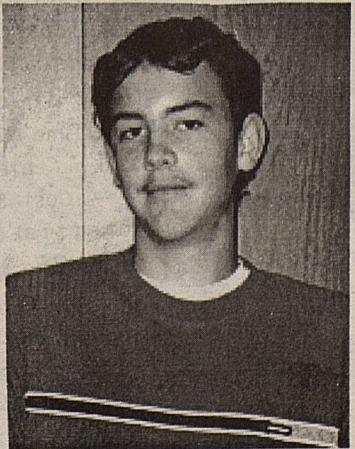
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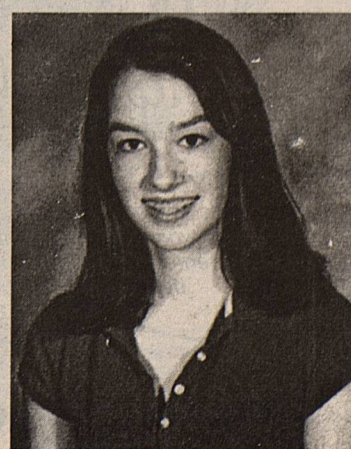
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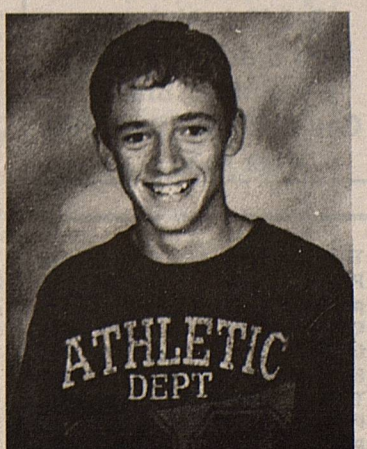
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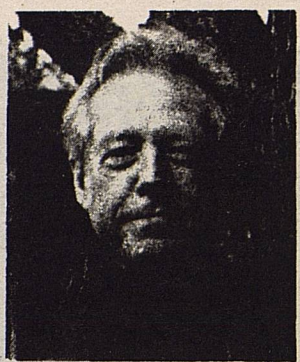
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Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Monterrey Days

Junior year, Baylor University, Spring, quarter. I am in my second year of French. My roommate, Dick Kendall, was taking Spanish. One day his Spanish teacher, Mrs. Creasey, told her class about summer school at Monterrey Tec in Monterrey, Mexico. We decided to go.

The first six weeks of summer I spent in a Spanish class at TCU in my hometown of Fort Worth. The French background helped me immensely in learning Spanish.

We traveled in my Studebaker Starlight coupe, arriving in Monterrey on a Sunday night. We checked into the Ancira hotel, just across from the Plaza Saragosa. We took part in the Sunday night ritual and joined young people on the plaza. Boys walked around the plaza in one direction, facing the girls who walked in the opposite direction.

I saw a familiar face. It was a girl in my Spanish class at TCU. She lived in Monterrey. We visited for awhile and

then she invited us to her house to meet her family. We followed her there and the rest of the evening we spoke nothing but Spanish. By the time we got back to the hotel, we were exhausted but proud. We had a glorious night and had used our Spanish.

The next morning, we asked around and found out where students could rent a room with meals. Although there were groups of students from the same colleges or universities staying in dorms, we didn't want to be identified with a group. We wanted to stay off campus with a family and learn Spanish.

We found a room in a house at 514 Hidalgo Street, just a block away from La Purisima, a Catholic Church with modern architecture.

When we went to the college to enroll, we gave the address on Hidalgo Street as our home address and saved a hefty percent of the tuition.

The Rodriguez family had rented rooms to students for years. Along with Dick and me, there were other boarders: Carlos, Jesus and an ex-sailor named Bill. Also in the house were Bertha, Rosa, Alba Nellie and Cheli, daughters and nieces of the mamacita, whose husband had passed on.

We had party every night on the patio. The first few nights were spent learning words. Carlos and Jesus would point to the wall, the floor, the ceiling, the light bulb, the fan, and the bushes and tell us the names in Spanish.

We became conversational quickly. Living in a house with a family is the best way to learn a language and a culture. Although we traveled throughout Mexico every weekend, we learned the most about the country on the patio. Sitting and talking, and dancing. Rosa taught ballet, but she loved Cha Cha Cha and the male students in the house were willing partners.

We hardly spoke English. Almost every utterance was in Spanish. If we wanted a shirt washed, we had to use Spanish. If we wanted something different for breakfast, our request had to be in Spanish.

When Dick and I arrived at Nuevo Laredo on the way back home, we went into a store and the guy behind the counter spoke to us in English. We exchanged looks of disappointment. Our summer of fun was over.

Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Borden County Appraisal District will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at the meeting room in the county courthouse.

The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by Texas Property Tax Code.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session on other days, notice for which will be duly posted, until all timely filed appeals are heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Jeanette Koehler, Chief Appraiser
Borden County Appraisal District
P.O. Box 298
Gail, TX 79738
(806)756-4484

4-H Summer Camp Opportunities

June 1-3, 2004

South Plains Leadership Camp (ages 10-12)
South Plains College - Levelland
Cost: \$93.00

Registration due May 15

June 23-25, 2004

North Region 4-H Teen Leader Lab (ages 13-18)
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood
Cost: \$107

Registration due May 30

June 28 - July 2, 2004

South Plains Electric Camp (ages 13-19)
Scott Able 4-H Camp - Cloudcroft, New Mexico
Cost: \$87.00

Registration due May 23

July 18-21, 2004

Prime Time #1 (ages 12-13)
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood
Cost: \$160

Registration first come, first serve

July 21-24, 2004

Prime Time #2 (ages 9-11)
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood
Cost: \$160

Registration first come, first serve

July 26-31, 2004

SpecTra '04 (ages 14-18)
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood
Cost: \$275

Registration first come, first serve

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 as soon as possible. These camps tend to fill up quickly!



Congratulations

The world moves forward when men and women dream great dreams. As you enter an adult world keep this idea before you. Best of Luck!

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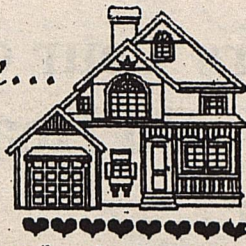
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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Make Memorial Day Memorable – Barbecue Food Safely

With Memorial Day this weekend, and many great summer cookouts upon us, it is important to remember a few important safety tips when barbecuing or grilling. "Barbecue" is the preferred way dictionary and publication style guides recommend spelling the cooking method of pit roasting a whole animal over an open fire or pit. The word comes from the American Spanish word "barbacoa." Bar-B-Q, barbeque, or B-B-Q are coined words. A grill is a utensil made of parallel bars on which food is cooked, usually over a fire or electricity. Grilling food is similar to broiling over direct heat. Smoking is cooking food indirectly over a fire. However you prefer to spell it, or whatever you call it, barbecuing *safely* is what's important.

COOK THOROUGHLY: It is important to cook food

thoroughly, especially meat and poultry. These foods often brown fast on the outside, but remain uncooked on the inside. Use a meat thermometer to be sure the food has reached a safe internal temperature, and cut into the food to check for visual signs of doneness. NEVER partially grill meat or poultry and finish cooking later. Cook food completely to destroy harmful bacteria. **GRILL OUT!** Keep hot foods hot! After cooking meat, poultry, and vegetables, keep them hot until they are served. Insulated ice chests and foil can be helpful in keeping foods hot when an oven is not available. Do not place the cooked food on the same platter that you had it on prior to cooking. Any bacteria present in the raw meat juices could contaminate the safely cooked meat. In hot weather, food should never sit out for

more than one hour. When handling leftovers at home, store them in the refrigerator or freezer within two hours of taking food off the grill. Leftovers that have been off the grill for less than 1 hour can be safely transported home in a cooler - if there's plenty of ice in it. Discard ANY food left out more than 2 hours (1 hour in hot weather).

SAFE GRILLING CHECKS

- * Take meat and poultry straight home from the store and refrigerate.
- * Marinate foods in refrigerator.
- * Don't reuse marinade unless boiled.
- * Pre-cook immediately before placing food on a grill.
- * Don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and uncooked meats.

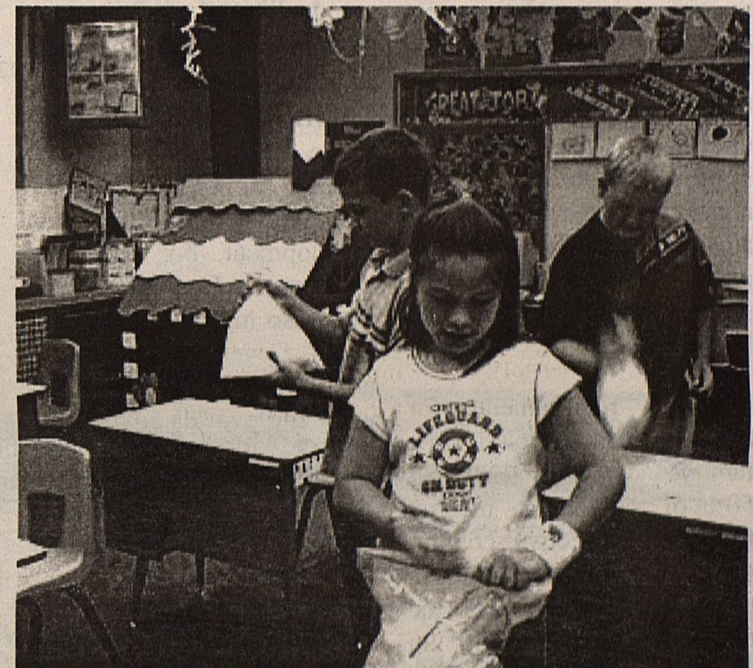
Hopefully these tips on grilling or barbecuing will help you make your meals and cookouts safer! For more information and recipes, contact the Extension office.

I can complain because rose bushes have thorns or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses. It's all how you look at it.
—J. Kenfield Morley

4-H Club News

by Lacey Roberts, Reporter

On Monday, May 17th, Phillip Bird, Game Warden, talked to our club about gun safety and everything you should remember. We also elected new officers for 2004-05. Co-presidents are Lacey Roberts and Drew Tyler; Secretary/Reporter is Raylea Underwood; and Council Delegates are Shylo Rinehart, Baylee Benavidez, and Chance Taylor. The 4-H'ers also visited with Mrs. Smith about camps and the information they need to sign up. If you want any information about camps, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible. Even though this was our last meeting for the year, we are encouraging kids to come to our meetings this fall. We have lots of fun and so will you!



Ice Cream in a Bag big hit

On Friday, May 21st and Monday, May 24th, Julie Smith, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences provided a curriculum enrichment lesson to the 3rd and 4th grade classes on Snacking Healthy and each student in the two classes were able to make ice cream in a bag and enjoy the cool treat!



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Storm Shelter Funding Announced By USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced that the Agency is offering low interest section 504 loans to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners living in rural Texas.

"Severe weather can strike Texas unexpectedly, and with serious personal consequences. As Texans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscore the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter can provide rural Texans added safety and security," said Daniel.

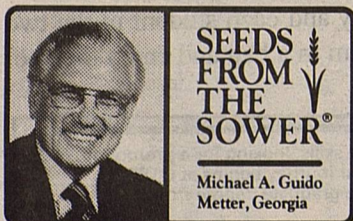
Eligible requirements for this program includes a family income of less than 50% of the median income for their respective county, and applicant must live in their own home, and the family must reside in an eligible rural community. The USDA Rural Development financed shelters must also meet Federal emergency

management Agency (FEMA) standards in design, construction and installation.

State Director Daniel encourages individuals interested in USDA Rural development's Section 504 loan program to contact their local office. The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.officenifo.htm>.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx

USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer, Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410



A pastor said, "I'm sorry, son, that your father fell and broke his ankle. What did he say?"

"Shall I leave out the swearing?" he asked.

"Yes," said the preacher.

"Nothing," grinned the boy.

Why do you swear? It doesn't do any good. You're not the better, the happier, the richer, or the wiser, for swearing.

Neither is anyone else. It doesn't lift, it lowers. It corrupts others as well as yourself. They hear your profanity and take it up. Then it soon leads to something worse. You don't sin alone.

And the Bible says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless."



You worked, you studied, you tried, and you succeeded.

Congratulations!

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Cotton Producers Tour cotton Incorporated World Headquarters Research Center



CARY, N.C. (April 22, 2004)

A group of cotton producers from Lamesa and surrounding counties and related agricultural business representatives recently visited the Cotton Incorporated World Headquarters and Research Center to see how their dollars are working to successfully build consumer markets for U.S. cotton and cotton products.

Participants spent the first day learning more about cotton Incorporated and its ongoing research and promotional efforts as well as touring the facility. The group spent the second day touring Cone Mills in Greensboro, North Carolina

to see cotton being processed and manufactured into denim.

Tour participants included (from left to right). Reagan DeSpain, Kent Nix, chairman of Cotton Board, Kevin Pepper, Michael Raney, Cody Swafford, Russel Skiles, John Stephens of Borden County, Marcus

Sullivan, Ronnie Thorton, Bruce Vaughn, Jerry Webb, Rich Wells and Davis Zant.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Program is administered by the Cotton Board and conducted by Cotton Incorporated for U.S. Cotton growers and importers of cotton and cotton products.

Contact Your BC EMS

at 806/759-5111

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An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

—Winston Churchill

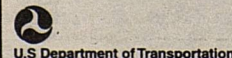
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Jackie Esworthy was killed by a drunk driver one week after her high school graduation.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to. Friends don't let friends drive drunk.



JOB TIPS

Tips For 2004 Grads: How To Enter, Survive And Succeed In The Real World

(NAPS)—The real world is nothing like the MTV show—this year's college grads are entering a competitive job market. In fact, according to MonsterTRAK, the leading career site for college students and young alumni, 57 percent of students plan to move back home with their parents after graduation. In addition, 51 percent don't even expect a single job offer upon graduation and 56 percent would relocate for employment. Though the market is slightly improved from the past two years, there is angst among young people entering the workforce. So, how to land that first job with just a diploma and little experience?

The key is to remember employers are interested in job performance potential. Start with a can-do attitude and display a willingness to accept an entry-level position. Typically, according to Steve Pogorzelski, Monster President, North America, "an entry-level position is the ideal place to demonstrate your ability to learn quickly, pay your dues and exceed your employer's expectations."

Hiring managers consistently look for problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a team setting. All of these soft skills are transferable from one job to another (and that means you are too). Of course, employers still seek graduates with some on-the-job skills, making internships and co-ops the preferred path to a permanent position.

Survival and Success

You've landed a job, now what? Consider this as you embark on your first adventure in the real world:

• **Your First Job Is Not Your Destiny:** Talk to anyone in mid-career and you may be shocked where he or she began. This is the

Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not.

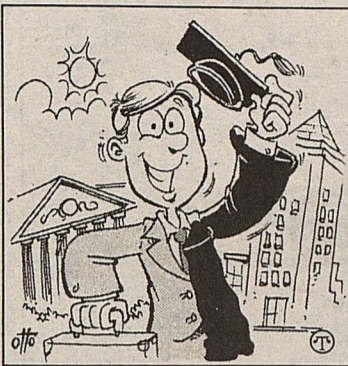
—George Bernard Shaw

We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.

—Buddha

The whole object of education is, or should be, to develop the mind. The mind should be a thing that works. It should be able to pass judgment on events as they arise, make decisions.

—Sherwood Anderson



A can-do attitude can help new grads get the jobs they want.

time to test your wings and learn how business gets done.

• **Be True to Yourself:** Discover what you're good at, what you're not and what tasks you enjoy. Observe management styles and learn from the people around you.

• **Watch Your Attitude:** Often, recent college grads expect too much too soon and come across as thinking they know more than seasoned employees. You must gain the trust of supervisors before earning responsibility. Demonstrate your skills and keep a positive attitude.

The first job can be an exciting time in anyone's life. It's always a good idea to get regular feedback. Even if it's not protocol, ask for a three/six-month evaluation to determine how you can improve and advance your career.



Best Wishes

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THE CLEANING SEASON

Spring Is A Great Time To Tackle Your Clutter

(NAPS) — Now is a great time to spring into "Spring cleaning." It's the time of the year for that intense cleaning people think about but don't always do! It's also a natural time to sort through winter clothing and eliminate the excess that you've accumulated.

"This is the time to encourage people to tackle their clutter and bring order back into their homes," says Susan Follick, communications marketing director, ClosetMaid.

"Spring is a good time to get ride of the clutter in every room of the house — closets, bedrooms, garage, basements and kitchens — eliminate what you don't need, organize what you keep, and make room for your spring and summer clothes and items."

Clothing that doesn't fit, clothing you don't wear or worn out item should be sorted as well as other items that are "Stored" in closets. Gently worn clothes and other treasures can be given to a "new home" or easily donated to a charitable organization or thrift shop. Unusable items (torn, stained, not repairable) should be tossed in the trash.

To help you get started in changing the clothes and other stored items in your closets from cold to warm weather, here are three tips:

1. Move sweaters, holiday ties and other heavy, cold-weather clothes to a spare closet, to an under-the-bed container, or pack properly and store in the attic. Consider ClosetMaid's black Under Bed Zip Up Organizer, with a suggested retail price of \$7.99.
2. Move winter season shoes and boots to a separate storage area, possibly adding a Stack and Expand Shoe Rack, or a two-tier shoe rack to accommodate them.



If you're up for a closet makeover, consider a system that's fully adjustable and can change with your needs.

3. If you're up for a closet makeover, consider replacing your current system with a new fully adjustable 8-in-1 Close Maid Shelf-Track Organizer, that retails for under \$200. The kit for an 8-ft. closet provides 11 feet of hanging space and 20

feet of shelf space. Shelves can be moved, and sliding baskets and stacking baskets can be added to "accessorize" the closet.

To get more organizing ideas to give your home a sense of order, download the Consumer Product & Services Guide or to enter ClosetMaid's quarterly \$500 Closet Giveaway sweepstakes, visit ClosetMaid's Web site, www.closetmaid.com or call 1-800-874-0008

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Barbecue Basics



Spice Up Your BBQ With A Tried-And-True Favorite

(NAPS)—It's no secret, Americans love to barbecue. Whether you're in North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas or any other part of the country, it's no doubt a summer staple. Although each region's barbecue has a distinct taste and texture, they all have one common ingredient: vinegar.

A natural meat tenderizer, vinegar makes your barbecue so tender that you can cut it with a fork. It also adds a zesty flavor, making your creation taste sensational. Whether your recipe calls for apple cider vinegar or white distilled vinegar, the consistent acidity of White House Vinegars make them the trusted brand of many outdoor cooks.

In addition to beef and pork, barbecue aficionados love to grill poultry. Mustard-based marinades and sauces are terrific for this task. Try marinating your chicken or turkey in your favorite sauce made with White House Vinegar or simply baste while cooking. And for added flavor, serve a little extra sauce on the side for dipping.

Try this tasty mustard-based recipe, developed by best-selling cookbook author Pam Anderson. The **Sweet and Sour Sauce** made with White House Apple Cider Vinegar will leave guests clamoring for more.

Sweet and Sour Barbecue Sauce
Makes 1 cup

½ cup hoisin sauce*

¼ cup White House Apple Cider Vinegar
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Mix all ingredients in a small bowl.

Brush over fully-cooked chicken as well as ribs, pork, beef or steak-style fish such as swordfish, salmon, or tuna;

Continue to cook until barbecue sauce sets and turns a pleasant spotty brown.

Serve with extra sauce for dipping.

*Hoisin sauce, also called Peking Sauce, is a thick, reddish-brown sauce with a sweet and spicy flavor.

Share your favorite BBQ Sauce, or even Grandma's famous corn relish, in the White House Versatile Vinegar Recipe Contest. And, you could win the revolutionary Whirlpool Polera™ Refrigerated Range, the world's first refrigerated range. To enter the White House Versatile Vinegar Recipe Contest, create a great-tasting original recipe that is prepared with either White House Apple Cider or White House White Distilled Vinegar. Then visit allaboutvinegar.com to submit your recipe online or mail your recipe to P.O. Box 23200, Richmond VA 23223. No matter your favorite use or recipe, White House Vinegar is sure to add pizzazz to your favorite dish.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 10th day of May, 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct 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 26, 2004, were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

The current accounts were examined and commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

BIDS ON FUEL AND PROPANE

No bids on Fuel and Propane were received as advertised at 10:00 a.m.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the County Attorney's salary at the State Supplement with the County matching the Retirement and Social Security. State Supplement is to be divided into twelve equal monthly payments. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

A briefing was given concerning the Communication System for Borden

County Water System. The Communication System is to be under more consideration and more study.

COUNTY ROADS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to consider in the year 2005 and 2006, the Implementing of H.B. 1117 (Chapter 258 of the Transportation Code) concerning title of County roads. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the Lease Purchase Agreement between Benny Boyd Chevrolet Chrysler and Borden County for the Precinct No. 1 pickup. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

OVER PAYMENT REFUND

Commissioner Belew made a motion to refund \$259.57 to Margaret Collins for her deceased husband, James Lewis Collins's, 1004 overpayment of county Ad Valorem Taxes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Communication System for Borden County Water System.

ADJOURN

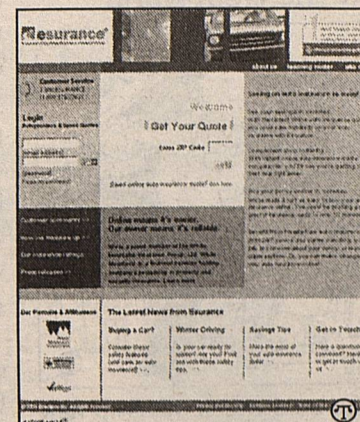
A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

Highway Horse Sense

Secrets For Saving On Auto Insurance

(NAPS) - Saving money on your auto insurance maybe easier than you think. One of the fastest growing auto insurance companies in the U.S. offers these tips to help you save money.

- Get informed. Your vehicle's safety equipment, crash test rating, and repair/replacement costs all help determine your auto insurance rate.
- Driving safely is one of the best ways to keep your auto insurance rates low - and help save lives. Speeding tickets and fender benders can increase auto insurance costs. Plus, driving with good driving records often benefit from safe driving discounts.
- Mind the insurance gap. Having gaps in your auto insurance coverage often costs you money. When you have a lapse in coverage, most auto insurance companies will charge you a higher rate. That's because gaps in coverage have been correlated with a higher risk of accidents. Avoid having a gap in coverage even if it's only for a day.
- Shop around. Every six months, a driver should compare prices with several auto insurance companies



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to find the best deal. You may be surprised at how much you save when you shop around.

- Pay your bills on time. Auto insurance companies use several prices of information to assess the potential risk of driver represents. One important rating factor is the credit-based insurance score.
- Additional factors that may lower your rate or help you get a discount may include: factory-installed safety equipment, such as air bags and anti-theft devices,

To get a personalized coverage recommendations, visit the Web site at www.esurance.com/PlanningTool/PlanningTools.asp.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 0908-00-059 for FLASHING BEACONS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on JUNE 8, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 13184

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