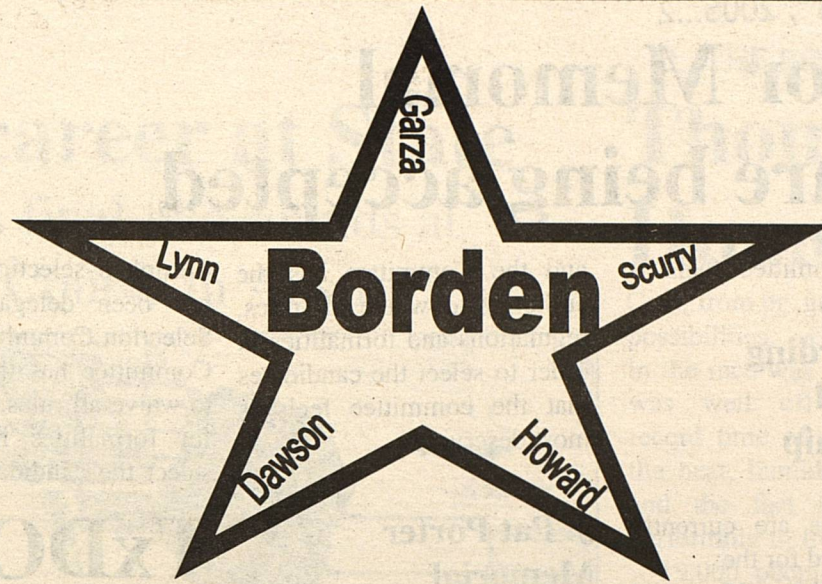


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Thomas Brings Home Two Medals From State Meet

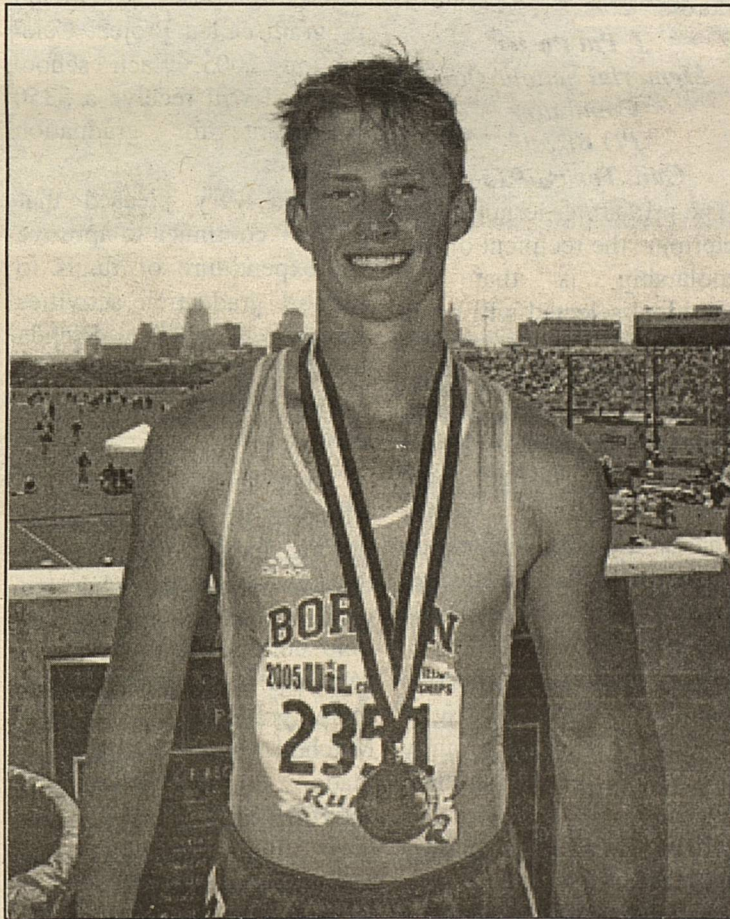
Silver in 110 HH and Bronze in the 300 IH

By Coach Richey

Garrett Thomas traveled to Austin this past weekend on a return trip to the State Track meet as a junior. In Garrett's sophomore year, he made the trip and returned with the bronze medal in the 110 high hurdles. This year, Thomas would be competing in the 110 hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles.

After starting the season with a lot of promise, the stress of trying to make the return trip to Austin began to take affect on not only Garrett, but his parents, sister, family, and his coach. Getting to Austin is one thing, but to return is another. Then, to cap it all off, when you medal as a sophomore you expect to do it again. That, however, is not always the case. Take the defending State Champion and State and National record high jump record holder Scott Sellers from Katy Cinco Ranch. As a junior, this young man set a State, and National record at the State Track meet. As a senior, he no heighted in the event he dominated only a year ago.

So, what I am trying to say is that it is very stressful in the process of making a return trip to Austin and a return trip to the medal stand. But, Garrett Thomas as has



been the case all season long was very capable and ready to meet the challenge. With the defending champion from Burton, Jeremy Jackson returning in both events, Garrett knew that winning the event would be a tall order. But, the history making hurdler was up for the challenge. In the 110 high hurdles, Garrett got out fast and was never really ever challenged for the silver medal. It may not have been

his best time, but it was one of his gutsiest performances as he overcame a lot of nerves and stress along with a very tough field which included the region II-A record holder in the event that actually beat Garrett at regional to win the silver medal behind the senior defending state champion. That's right; the champion is a senior, which lends to a lot of optimism on next year

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BJHS Announces Top Honors



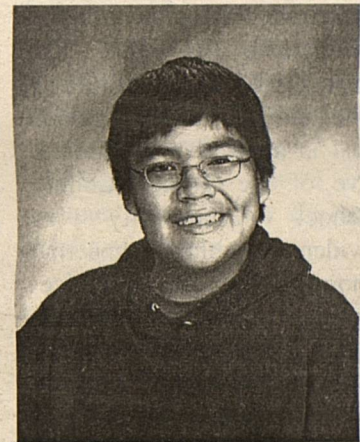
*Katherine Froman
Valedictorian*

The administration and faculty of Borden County Junior High School are pleased to announce the top students of the graduating 8th grade class.

Katherine Froman, daughter of Ken and Layne Froman, has been named Valedictorian of Borden County Junior High School. Katherine has maintained a grade average of 95.93 for the two-year period in junior high.

Katherine has been active in UIL literary events, sports and junior high OAP competition.

Carlos Hernandez, son of Reynaldo and Jeronima Hernandez, has been named Salutatorian of Borden County Junior High School. He has maintained a grade



*Carlos Hernandez
Salutatorian*

average of 94.89 for the two-year period in junior high.

Carlos has been active in both UIL literary events and sports.

The Junior High Commencement will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26th, 2005, in the school auditorium. Following the graduation, a reception will be held in the school cafeteria.

The Senior Class of 2005 Baccalaureate Services will be held on Sunday, May 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercises will be held Friday, May 27th, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium, with a reception following in the school cafeteria.

SLOW DOWN! – Watch Out for the Children!

Applications for Memorial Scholarships are being accepted

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 20th, 2005. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates

that the committee feels is most deserving.

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **John Harding Memorial Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 20th, 2005. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**John Harding
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, a tivation and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee,

and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 20th, 2005. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**J. Pat Porter
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need, will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need maybe considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations for formalities in order to select the candidates that the

committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

TxDOT Gives Grant for Project Graduation

Borden High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in the Texas Department of Transportation's graduation program called Project Celebration 2005. Each school involved will receive a \$350 mini-grant for graduation activities.

"I am very pleased that TxDOT continues to approve the expenditure of funds to support graduation activities across Texas," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene District traffic safety coordinator, said.

"Since TxDOT is a staunch advocate of safe and sober driving habits, it's essential that we stand by what we profess and do our part to help communities provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating students," Mitchell said. "Memories made during graduation activities should be pleasant ones that students can remember for a lifetime."

Mitchell also visited each high school and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. These graduation souvenirs are designed to be a reminder to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free not only around prom and graduation time, but always, she said.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

Transportation officials report that this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

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Congratulations

Finishing up career at State

Coyotes' Griffin plays final two rounds at Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin

Lamesa Press-Reporter
By Dwight Heins

Borden County's Ben Griffin finished up his high school golfing career in Austin this week by playing against some of the best golfers in the state.

Griffin ended up faring pretty well against a very tough field at Austin, too.

Griffin finished that two-day state tournament at 156 by shooting a 77 on Monday and a 79 on Tuesday at Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin. This Coyote senior earned the right to finish up his high school golfing career at state by finishing as one of Region II-IA's premier golfers.

"He seemed to have a hard time really getting anything going, but we still thought that he did an excellent job just busting 80's both days, especially being only his first trip down there (state)," Borden County Coach Trey Richey said.

"He had some pretty solid putts, but he never could quite get that big birdie putt which would have really kick-started him in this tournament this week."

By finishing the two-day tournament at 156, Griffin was only two shots out of finishing among the Top 10 in this week's IA state field.

"Ben was right on the verge of having two very solid rounds," Richey said. "He ended up having some three putts which cost him this week, but other than that he played pretty well."

"He had a shot at seven or eight birdie putts, which he couldn't quite seem to get to fall for him."

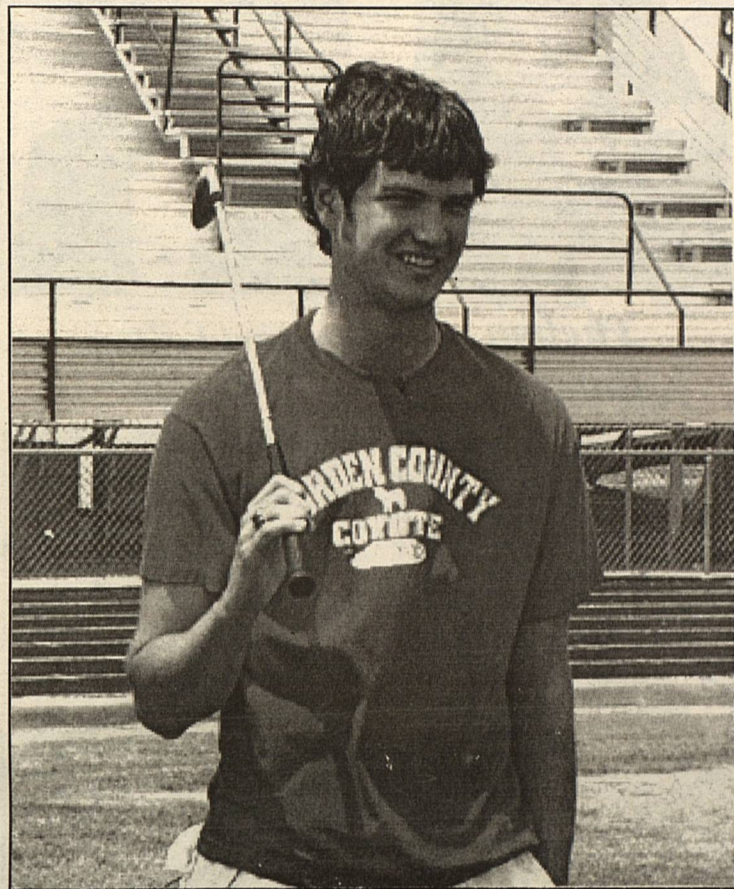
Overton's Blaine Weiterman was crowned as the Class IA boys' state golf champ by shooting a 71 on Monday and a 72 on Tuesday for his 143, which was one shot better than Utopia's Michael Hills and Baird's Jay Calvo who both finished at 144.

"I wasn't the one who was out there playing, but my goals for Ben this week were to turn in two rounds under 80," Richey said. "Ben has nothing to be ashamed of, either, by finishing probably among the top 15 players out of the 48 who were down here this week."

"It seemed like everybody who beat him (Griffin) had all been down here (state) before, which was a big advantage for them as far as just knowing the lay-out down here."

"Ben played really pretty well, especially for his first time down here where you've got all of the big crowds and all of that pressure, especially in some wet conditions this week. It was pretty damp down here. It really did get pretty muddy in some spots, so he ended up shooting a real legit score down here this week. He tied one of the kids who got third down here (state) last year."

Richey said that Morris Williams was a pretty challenging course this week, as well.



Ben Griffin

"We were on a lot tougher course this week than the one we played on at regionals," Richey said. "There was a lot more trouble on this course, as far as not only the trees but also the water."

"So, we're really pleased with what he did this week. Ben might have been a little disappointed, but we felt like he represented himself and our school very well."

Richey went on to say that getting the chance to play in this week's state golf tournament was a good way for Griffin to finish up his strong high school athletic career with the Coyotes.

"He's just been exceptional for us," Richey said of Griffin, who was also an all-everything performer on the Coyotes' hoop squad.

"This really was a great way for Ben to cap it all off - by playing down here at state."

"He's been very competitive in both golf and in basketball for us for all four years. He's going to be leaving us with a lot of memories. I know he gave me a lot of them, too."

Richey is hoping to now see Griffin get a shot to tee it off on the collegiate level.

Griffin has been leaning toward attending Lubbock Christian University where he would like to get a shot on that school's golf program.

"Hopefully this week will help kick start Ben's college career, too," Richey said.

"I think he's going to end up

trying to play at Lubbock Christian. We can see him being very competitive for them, too, mainly because now he's going to get the chance to spend time on the golf course every day. If not out on the golf course, at least on a driving range."

The fact that Griffin lives over 40 miles away from the nearest golf course has not kept this talented and determined young man from becoming one of the best in his sport.

"It's pretty amazing just watching this guy play down here at state without having access to a golf course or even a driving range on a daily basis," Richey said.

"He really is pretty good player, especially for a guy who doesn't have his own golf course to play on every day. It really is pretty amazing to see what this guy ended up doing without even having a driving range to play on every day."

"He's got a good swing. He's also got a love for this game. He can hit the ball a long ways out there, too. It really would be nice to see somebody out there give this guy a chance to play this game some more. There's not anything better than free golf. It's not like this guy isn't going to be playing, anyway."

While Richey is proud to see Griffin finish up his career by proving himself as one of the top high school golfers in the state, it also has been a pretty exciting week for this Coyote coach.

Thomas Brings Home Medals

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possibilities. Garrett's time in the race was 14.53, which was well off his school record time of 14.18, but in the heat, humidity, pressure, and the fact that he was performing in front of 18,000 - 19,000 people and a few nervous parents, family members, friends and coaches it was very impressive. After finishing the race, Garrett had a long but joyful walk across the stadium and up the stairs to receive his medal, but this time he had no time to visit and take pictures, because his work was only half way done. Garrett, already a history maker in being the only male hurdler to make a repeat trip to Austin, but also the best finish in the race was also the first male hurdler to ever compete in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Garrett returned to the warm-up area to prepare for the 300 hurdles which took place about an 1 1/2 hours after the 110's. In this race, Garrett again would face not only the defending state champion, but a young man who had actually beaten the champ twice in the season and the Region II-A champion from Jayton.

Garrett would have his work cut out for him, and it would take the best 300 hurdle race of his life to come away with any hardware in this race. Garrett has been known for his quick starts in the 300 hurdles, but this time, Garrett used a gutty and courageous finish this time to out duel the Jayton runner to come away with a bronze medal. When I say out duel, that is exactly

what happened, as they were so close they inadvertently hit arms twice over the last couple of hurdles. But, a determined effort by the history maker enabled Garrett to bring home the bronze medal in a school record time of 39.48. The defending champion again won the race in a very impressive 38.01, but again, the nerves will be building for the chances of a return trip and maybe even some more hardware during Garrett's senior.

What a tremendous closure to a super junior season. Garrett and his parents, sister and brother-in-law can breathe a little easier for about another 280 days before the nerves hit again.

Congratulations Garrett on a super year. Below are the results of the two races.

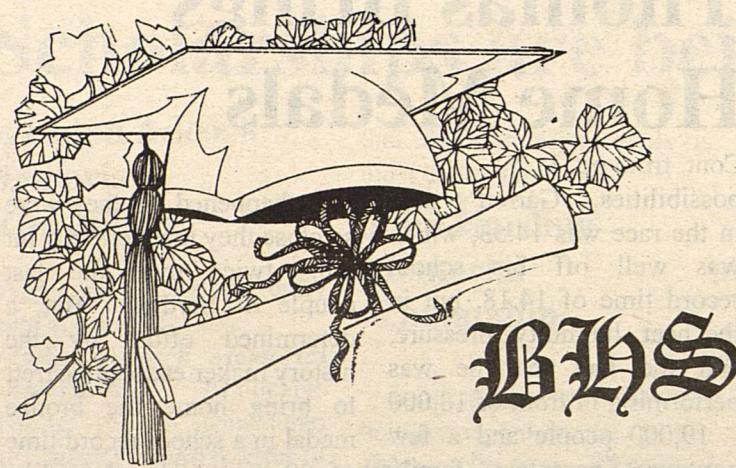
110-meter hurdles: 1, Jeremy Jackson, Burton, 14.07. 2, Garrett Thomas, Gail Borden, 14.53. 3, Justin Price, Holland, 14.59. 4, Brad Anderle, Lindsay, 14.61. 5, Chase Moore, Iraan, 14.68. 6, Chance Finstad, Meridian, 15.56. 7, Ethan Harper, Rankin, 16.25. 8, Austin Creel, Mount Enterprise, 16.43.

300-meter IM hurdles: 1, Jeremy Jackson, Burton, 38.01. 2, Justin Price, Holland, 38.46. 3, Garrett Thomas, Gail Borden, 39.48. 4, Clinton Senn, Jayton, 39.52. 5, Josiah Thompkins, McLeod, 40.54. 6, Kanyon Brown, Welch Dawson, 40.55. 7, Austin Creel, Mount Enterprise, 41.00. 8, Chase Moore, Iraan, 46.67.

Meeting Scheduled

There will be an End of School Title I Meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the School Conference room.

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Class of 2005

Thelma Balaque

Thelma is the daughter of Jesusa and the late Juventino Balaque of the Plains Community. She was born December 19, 1985. Thelma has attended Borden County school since kindergarten. She is 5'3" and has brown eyes and brown hair.

Her favorites are:
Food: What ever's good! I could go crazy on Pizza.
Actor: Aston Kutcher
Actress: Penelope Cruz
Song: There are many

Pastime: Hanging out with friends, and talking on the phone.
Sport: Basketball
Color: Blue
Favorite Expression: "Well!"

Activities/Honors: Basketball, OAP, Yearbook Staff, Band and Track
Ambition: To become a nurse and being able to help others in need and making a difference.
Best time spent at BHS: Nap time in Kindergarten and getting to know the teachers better in high school.

If I could change one thing: I wouldn't change anything
Plans after graduation: Go to South Plains to attend the nursing program
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Cynthia Mirando and 4 of my really close friends.
Final thought: To hope everything falls into place like it should. Just want to say "Thank You" to everyone at BHS who helped me get through school. A special thanks to my mother for



Emily Rebekah Mayes

always being there for me.

David Adam Carter

Adam is the son of Denise Carter of Gail and David Carter. He was born March 11, 1986. Adam attended school in Snyder, and in Houston before coming to Borden County his 6th grade year. He is 5'8" and has brown eyes and dark brown hair.

His favorites are:
Food: Pizza - Canadian bacon w/pineapple
Actor: Groucho Marx
Actress: Jennifer Garner
Song: "Help" the Beatles
Pastime: Writing and Collecting memories
Sport: Football
Color: Blue/Green
Expression: "Dude-Man that's Crazy"
Activities/Honors: Football, Basketball - Honorable Mention All-District; Track - District winners, Area qualifier. OAP - Area qualifier; UIL - Poetry 1st

place, Persuasive Speaking - 3rd District, Regional qualifier and tennis
Ambition: Do my best with life, see what I'm made of, and let the Lord work through me.
Best time spent at BHS: My junior year
If I could change one thing: Change the NO eating candy and fried foods policy.
Plans after graduation: U.S.M.C. (Marines) then join FBI or CIA
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Gracho Marx, Harpo Marx, and Chico Marx, and Laurel & Hardy. (if they were all alive) and Jaime Foxx.
Final thoughts: Though you may think the world is after you, in the end, you realize that it is you that is after the world. D.A.C.



Thelma Balaque



Cassidy Sage Rinehart

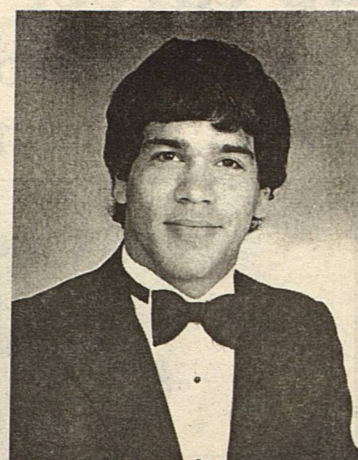
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His favorites are:
Food: Steak and Lobster
Actor: Will Ferrell
Actress: Sandra Bullock
Song: "Cleanup before she comes" by Nirvana
Pastime: Hunting & Fishing
Sport: Tennis
Color: Red
Activities/Honors: Basketball, tennis, UIL - Accounting
Ambition: to become an Orthopedic Surgeon
Best time spent at BHS: Tennis Meets
If I could change one thing: My grades
Plans after graduation: Go to Baylor and major in Biology.

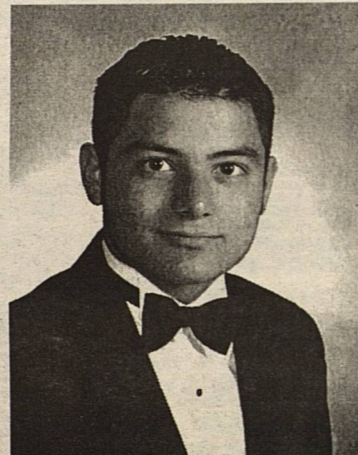
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Cody Garrett Chapman

Garrett is the son of Kurt and D'Linda Chapman of



David Adam Carter



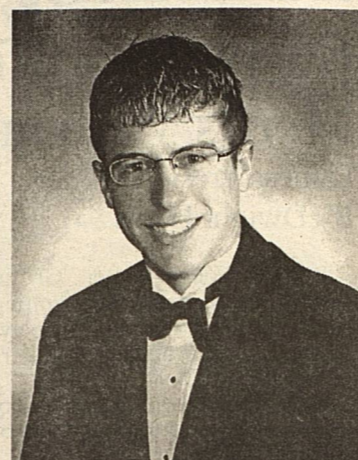
Henry Derek Rodriguez

Post. He was born December 17th, 1986. Garrett attended school at Post and attended Borden County since the 6th grade.

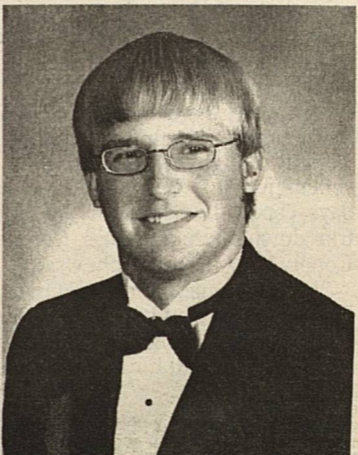
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Benjamin Creighton Griffin
Ben is the son of Lane and Dian Griffin of Borden County. He was born May 6, 1987. Ben was home-schooled until he came to Borden County in the 7th grade. He is 6'0" and has blue eyes and dark brown hair.



Cody Garrett Chapman

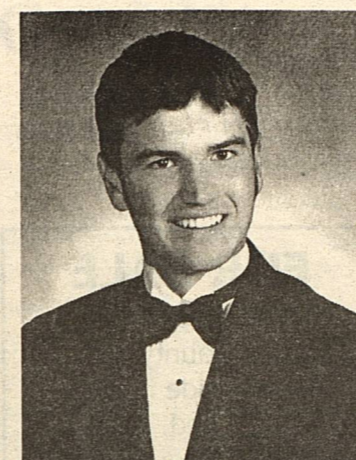


Billy Maurice Roper

His Favorites are:
Food: Steak
Actor: John Wayne
Actress: Sandra Bullock
Song: "American Girl" by Tom Petty
Sport: Basketball
Color: Red
Expression: RATS!
Activities/Honors: Basketball 3x 1st team All District, 3x 1st team All Region 2nd-team All-State 2004; State 3 point Champion 2004; 3x Golf District Champion, Golf - State Qualifier.
Ambition: To be successful in life, marry a model, and make a lot of money.

Best time spent at BHS: My junior year.
If I could change one thing: I would have worked a little harder in the classroom
Plans after graduation: Attend LCU and play Golf there.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Mr. Tom Lewis, Abraham Lincoln, Bob Knight, Davy Crockett, and Sandra Bullock.
Final thought: "I'm glad I came to Borden County. I enjoyed the people and the sports. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to attend such a good school".

LaShae Lynn Johnson
LaShae is the daughter of Cindy and Wendell Johnson of Post. She was born December 30, 1986. LaShae has attended Borden County School since kindergarten. She is 5'9" and has brown eyes and brown hair.



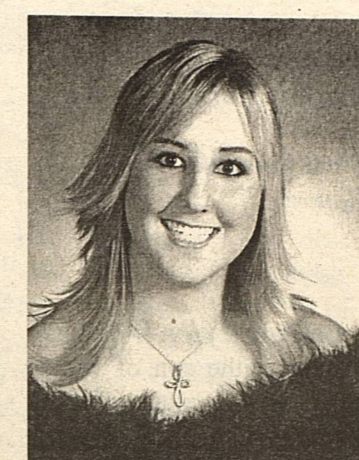
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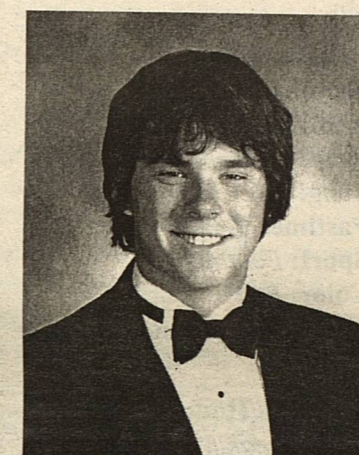
Leslie Kristine Rutherford

Best time spent at BHS: My senior year & Stanton basketball tournament
If I could change one thing: School starts at 9:00 and you should be able to drop accounting after you figure out how much work you have to do!
Plans after graduation: move to Lubbock go to summer school, SPC for my first year, then Texas Tech to finish my degree.

Her favorites are:
Food: Chicken Enchiladas



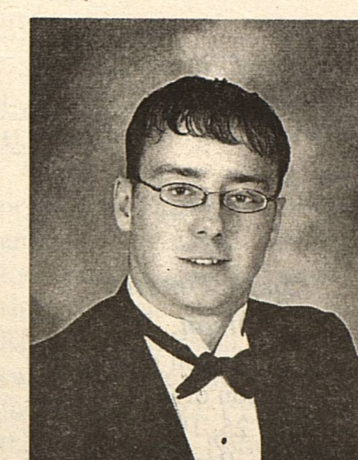
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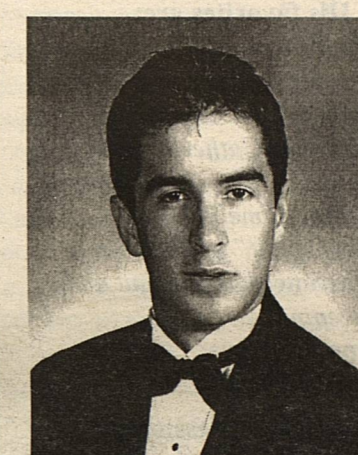
Andrew Tyler Wallace

Actor: Matthew McConaughe
Actress: Nicole Kidman
Song: "College" by Pat Green, "Texas Angle" by Honey Browne
Pastime: Shopping, Basketball, Going to Lubbock.
Color: Pink
Favorite Expression: "GoodTimes!"
Activities/Honors: Stanton All-tournament, team; 1st team All-district.
Ambition: To get a PhD in Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine.

Best time spent at BHS: My senior year & Stanton basketball tournament
If I could change one thing: School starts at 9:00 and you should be able to drop accounting after you figure out how much work you have to do!
Plans after graduation: move to Lubbock go to summer school, SPC for my first year, then Texas Tech to finish my degree.



John Thomas Martinez



John Timothy Wilson, Jr.

Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Senior girls a year after graduation.
Final thoughts: Peace . . . I'm out!

John Thomas Martinez
J.T. is the son of Helena Martinez. He was born April 9, 1986. JT attended school in Big Spring and Forsan before coming to Borden County. He is 5'10" and has blue eyes and blond hair.

His favorites are:
Food: Taco Salad
Actor: Jim Diesel
Actress: Jennifer Garner
Song: "Pony" by Genuine
Pastime: Hunting, swimming and building models.
Sport: Football, basketball and volley ball.
Color: Blue
Favorite Expression: "It's gonna be fun!"
Activities/Honors: football, basketball.
Best time spent at BHS: When I got to play 6-man football for the last two games.

If I could change one thing: I'd change my past with my dad, because it still hurts knowing I didn't get to tell him good-bye.
Plans after graduation: I plan to go into the Airforce.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Angelina Jolie, Lindsey Lohan, P.O.D., my mom and Mr. Lewis
Final thoughts: Don't be like somebody else when you would have more fun just being yourself.

Emily Rebekah Mayes
Emily is the daughter of Sue Jane Mayes of Gail and David Mayes of Snyder. She was born May 4, 1987. Emily has attended Borden County School since kindergarten. She is 5'7" and has green eyes and strawberry blond hair.

Her favorites are:
Food: Pizza, Subway, or Cheeseburger meat & Cheese only.
Actor: Ryan Gosling and Matthew McCounaghey
Actress: Sandra bullock and Julia Stiles
Song: Too many to name
Pastime: Talking on the cell phone, sleeping, talking on the computer
Sport: Basketball
Color: Pink!!!
Favorite expression: "Are you kiddin' me?"
Activities/Honors: Cross Country, Basketball, Golf, Track, U.I.L. Spelling, OAP Stage manager
Ambition: work with kids who have needs

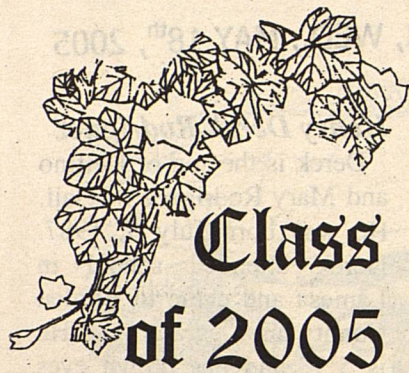
Best time spent at BHS: Basketball 2003-04; game against Whitharral - and Graduation!!!
If I could change one thing: We could still take naps like we did in kindergarten
Plans after graduation: Attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Kim Mulkey-Robertson, Derek Jeter, Pat Summit, Diana Tourasi, Ryan Gosling.
Final thought: Pink is my favorite color!!

His favorites are:
Food: Mexican
Actor: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Ben Stiller
Actress: Salma Hayek
Song: "Obsessions" by Franky J and Baby Bush
Pastime: Hanging out with friends and cruising around in my car.
Sport: Football
Color: Blue & Black
Activities/Honors: Football - 2nd team All-District running back; 2nd team All-District linebacker. Play in the All-star game in the summer
Ambition: To be successful through College and throughout life.
Best time spent at BHS: Senior year
If I could change one thing: I would play all sports available at school.
Plans after graduation: Attend South Plains College in Levelland.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Jamie Foxx, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Chris Katan
Final thoughts: I am very glad that I attended school here at Borden County for my last 6 years of school and thankful for all the teachers that put up with me.

Best time spent at BHS: Basketball 2003-04; game against Whitharral - and Graduation!!!
If I could change one thing: We could still take naps like we did in kindergarten
Plans after graduation: Attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Kim Mulkey-Robertson, Derek Jeter, Pat Summit, Diana Tourasi, Ryan Gosling.
Final thought: Pink is my favorite color!!

Cassidy Sage Rinehart
Cassidy is the daughter of Jym and Amy Rinehart of Gail and Shelly Wisdom of Abernathy. She was born September 6, 1986. Cassidy attended school in Forsan, Garden City and Coahoma before coming to Borden County in the 5th grade. She is 5'10" and has hazel eyes and blond hair.

Her favorites are:
Food: 6-C Red No onions at Pedroza's



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Actor: Ryan Goslee
Actress: Brittany Murphy
Song: "College" by Pat Green
Pastime: Hanging out with friends on the week-end!
Sports: I love them all!!
Color: Pink
Expression: Awesome and Super!
Activities/Honors: FFA, 4-H, Cross Co., Cheerleading, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, track, OAP and UIL
Ambition: To make it big as an Event Coordinator and live happily ever after!
Best time spent at BHS: My junior year
If I could change one thing: I shouldn't have taken accounting my senior year! And a more successful Sr. year!
Plans after graduation: To live in Lubbock with LaShae, go to South Plains for 2 years and then Texas Tech.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Neopolitan Dynamite, John Wayne, Helen Keller, Pat Green and Curt Rinehart.
Final thoughts: Don't worry about anything... always remember "Good Times... Good Times".

Billy Maurice Roper

Billy is the son of William and Juna Roper. He was born February 17, 1987. Billy attended Borden County School since kindergarten. He is 7'9" and has blue eyes and blond hair.

His favorites are:
Food: Mexican
Actor: Will Ferrell
Actress: Sandra Bullock
Song: "Heart Shaped Box" By Nirvana
Pastime: Hunting & fishing
Sport: Football
Color: Red

Expression: Excellent!
Activities/Honors: Informative Speaking, Math Team, Calculator, football.
Ambition: To become a Lawyer
Best time spent at BHS: Debate
If I could change one thing: The length of class periods
Plans after graduation: Attend Texas A&M University and major in Political Science
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Kurt Cobain, George Bush, John Wayne, Tom Green and Johnny Knowville.
My final thought: It was fun!

Leslie Kristine Rutherford

Leslie is the daughter of Les and Christy Rutherford of Post. She was born November 11, 1986. Leslie attended school in Post and came to Borden County her junior year. She has hazel eyes and light brown hair.

Her favorites:
Food: Lemon Peppered Chicken
Actor: Matthew McConaughey
Actress: Julia Stiles
Song: "Someday"
Pastime: Hanging out with friends
Sport: Softball
Color: Pink
Favorite expression: "You got to be kiddin me".
Activities/Honors: Cross Country, Cheerleading, Basketball, and summer league softball.
Ambition: To get a PhD. in Psychology
Best time spent at BHS: Stanton Tournament (very good bonding between our team)
If I could change one thing: I would put windows in all classrooms
Plans after graduation: Move to Lubbock, get a job, go to school and begin life.
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Emily Mayes, LaShae Johnson, Mr. Lewis,

Tara Crawford, and Jake Rickman.
Final thoughts: Good-bye!

John Timothy Wilson, Jr.

John is the son of Tim and Carol Wilson of Gail. He was born June 25, 1986. John has attended Borden County School since kindergarten. He is 6'1" and has brown eyes and black hair.

His favorites are:
Food: Bean & Cheese Burrito
Actor: Tom Cruise
Actress: Catherine Zeta-Jones
Song: "Smells Like TeenSpirit" by Nirvana
Pastime: hanging out and sleeping
Sport: Tennis
Color: Black
Favorite expression: Fantastic!
Activities/Honors: CX Debate 3x State Champ; Persuasive speaking - State Champ; football, basketball, and tennis.
Best time spent at BHS: State U.I.L. trips - basically all of my sophomore year.
If I could change one thing: I wouldn't make us go to school when we don't have class.
Plans after graduation: Harvard University - Grad. School
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Catherine Zeta

Jones, Eva Longoria, Keira Knightly, Cameron Diaz and Gambi
Final thoughts: Strength & Honor!

Andrew Tyler Wallace

Tyler is the son of Buddy and Kristen Wallace of Gail. Tyler has attended Borden County School since kindergarten. He was born March 19, 1987. He is 6'2" and has blue eyes and brown hair.

His favorites:
Food: Ceasar Salad
Actor: Jimmy Stewart
Actress: Renee' Zelleweger
Song: "Hey Jude"
Pastime: Sleeping
Sport: Football
Color: Red
Favorite expression: "What a day!"
Activities/Honors: football, U.I.L. Speaking events, CX Debate, FFA, OAP
Best time spent at BHS: Junior year
If I could change one thing: to have had a more successful Senior year.
Plans after graduation: Attend Austin College or Hardin-Simmons
Five people I'd like to invite to dinner: Jodye, Mr. Lewis, Evil Kinevil, John Wayne, and Lyndon B. Johnson.
Final thought: A word to my under classmen, Here are

my 3 pieces of advice: don't get worked up, it only brings misery; don't leave bullets in your vehicle, and stay classy.

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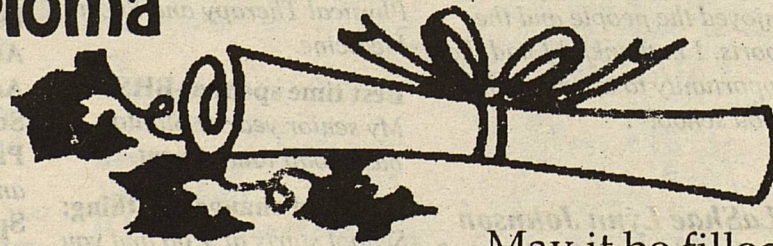
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-- Randy's Roundup --

Good News for Dyess

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld released the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations on Friday. An independent commission will now investigate these recommendations and send its own to President Bush in September. Overall, there was good news for the 19th District and Dyess Air Force Base. The report recommends that 24 B-1 Bombers from Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota be relocated to Dyess. Unfortunately, it also recommends that Dyess's fleet of C-130 aircraft be redistributed from Dyess to three other bases. If these recommendations are made final, Dyess would be set for a net-gain of 310 military personnel and 64 civilian jobs.

This good news is the result of several years of hard work by many sectors of the Abilene community. Led by the Abilene Military Affairs Committee, the entire community came together to fight to protect Dyess. It is important to keep in mind that Friday's announcements are just recommendations, and there is still much work to be done. Over the next four months, I will work along side the Abilene Military Affairs Committee to fight to keep the C-130s and protect the B-1s. The same community-wide effort that has taken place up till now will need to be

continued in the days ahead.

Protecting the Pledge

I have signed up as an original cosponsor of this year's version of the Pledge Protection Act. As many of you know, in June 2002, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (which covers California and the Pacific Northwest) ruled that the phrase "under God" is unconstitutional and could not be recited as part of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools.

This is another example where I believe that federal judges are reading something into the United States Constitution that simply isn't there. When a child utters the words "under God" in a classroom, it in no way violates the First Amendment. It doesn't prevent others from freely exercising their chosen religion, nor does it establish a national religion.

In response to this overreaching by federal judges, the Pledge Protection Act would remove the issue to the constitutionality of the Pledge from the jurisdiction of federal courts. The House approved similar legislation last year by a 74-vote margin, but the Senate failed to hold a vote on it. I expect the House to once again pass this legislation in an effort rein in what is often unchecked and unbalanced power exercised by the federal judiciary.

Calling For Reform at the U.N.

When talking about an organization that allows Cuba and Syria - whose citizens live under tyrannical dictatorships - to sit on the Human Rights Commission, there is surely much to criticize. But for brevity's sake, I'll just say that the United Nations has not lived up to its noble purpose in recent years. The Oil-for-Food Scandal and the U.N.'s lack of action in response to genocide in the Sudan are but two cases of the fraud and mismanagement that have become commonplace under the leadership of current Secretary-General Kofi Annan. It is clear to me that the U.N. needs a healthy dose of reform if there is to be any hope that this trend will be reversed. I believe that this much-needed reform should begin with Kofi Annan's resignation. To this end, I have joined with 48 of my

House colleagues in co-sponsoring a House Resolution that calls on Kofi Annan to step down. Although the U.S. House does not have the power to hire or fire the head of the U.N., this resolution does signal that the U.S. is serious about cleaning up the U.N. It also reflects the opinion of many in the 19th District that believe the U.N. needs new direction.

On This Week's Agenda...

Several weeks ago the Congress agreed to a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. That was just the first step in a long process to determine how the federal government will spend taxpayer dollars

next year. We start the next step - the appropriations process - in earnest this week. The top priority of the week will be to write and vote on the Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I will push for the bill to include the funds necessary to secure our borders and support first responders. In next week's Roundup, I will include highlights of the final version of the bill.

--Randy

Previous Roundups can be found on my website at <http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom/roundup.shtml>

Thank You,

I want to thank the voters that took the time to vote in the recent School Board Election. I appreciate the confidence you gave me in electing me to the one year unexpired term and I will strive to do my best for the students in the Borden County ISD and for the taxpayers of Borden County.

Sincerely,
Joel Dennis

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Tax Relief Has Worked

Weekly Column by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Nobody likes someone who says "I told you so," but I have to admit I am mighty tempted to say it anyway after hearing the latest economic news. Government revenues for April 2005 were 29 percent higher than they were a year ago. As a result, the Department of Treasury will be paying down \$42 billion in debt in the April-June quarter.

The good news was compounded with the news that 274,000 jobs were added in April, reducing the unemployment level from 5.5 percent a year ago to 5.2 percent. These Department of Labor statistics showed stronger-than-expected employment growth.

This news is welcome vindication of tax relief passed by Congress and signed by President Bush starting in 2001. When I joined my colleagues in passing tax relief for hard-working Americans, we were accused of busting the budget. Many critics painted a rather dark picture of our economic prospects, even though we had based our legislation on America's long experience of seeing tax reductions spur economic growth and higher government revenues. In fact, according to data collected by the Congressional Budget Office, total federal revenues in 2004 were higher than those for 2002.

The first modern example was the tax relief passed by Congress under President John F. Kennedy in the 1960s. That tax relief sparked a long economic boom. President Ronald Reagan passed substantial tax relief which started an economic expansion which lasted, with one interruption, into the presidency of William Clinton, who signed increases in taxes. President George W. Bush inherited a stalled economy which he believed would benefit from tax reductions.

I supported the tax relief packages because they removed many unfair provisions in the code. I led the fight and

authored the legislation to eliminate the Marriage Penalty, which taxed married couples at a higher rate than unmarried couples. We increased the tax deduction for children. Perhaps the most important part of the relief package is that it reduced marginal rates, so every American who pays income taxes got relief.

Economists report that the Gross Domestic Product measurement of the economy has improved as a result of the tax relief. GDP in 2002, the first year relief took hold, increased by 1.9 percent. In 2003 growth accelerated to 3 percent. By 2004, the economy averaged an extremely high annual growth rate of 4.4 percent. The preliminary growth figures for the first quarter of 2005 shows a healthy growth rate of 3.1 percent despite sharply higher energy prices.

President Reagan was fond of saying that a rising tide lifts all boats to illustrate the fact that economic growth provides better jobs, a higher standard of living and more government revenue. He was right.

Economic growth, spurred by lower taxes, increases the total government revenues even when taxes have been decreased.

Some may wonder how it can be that the U.S. deficit has increased even though tax relief boosted the economy and thereby raised revenue. The answer is government spending has increased at an even faster rate. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, our nation has had to invest heavily in improved security as well as prosecute a war against terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq. I do not begrudge these expenditures. They were necessary to make the United States safer. But we must work to rein in unnecessary spending.

The recent good financial news strengthens my resolve to work to make our tax relief permanent. Much of the tax relief we passed was scheduled

to sunset, or end, in 2010. I would like to see tax relief, particularly marginal rate reductions, capital gains tax reductions, abolition of the Death Tax on inheritance and Marriage Penalty tax relief made permanent.

You have heard the old expression, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I would like to add, when it comes to tax relief, if it ain't broke, and it is working great, then don't end it.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable state and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, 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.

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2005-2006 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2005. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualified for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2005.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2005. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2005. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten for First Grade in the fall of 2005-2006. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

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DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2005-2006

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2005-2006. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2005. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

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

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2005.

LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2005. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2005. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2005-2006. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, a llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2005

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