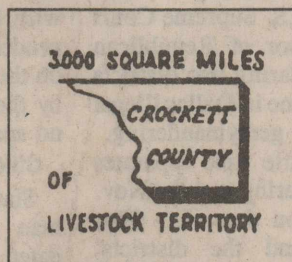


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FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF OZONA opened its doors in the former Crockett County Hospital Monday, July 1. The facility will host an open house July 28.
photo by Linda Moore

Family Health Center Opens

The doors opened at the Family Health Center of Ozona July 1, marking the beginning of a new phase of health care in Crockett County. The center is located in the former Crockett County Hospital which was renovated in preparation for the change.

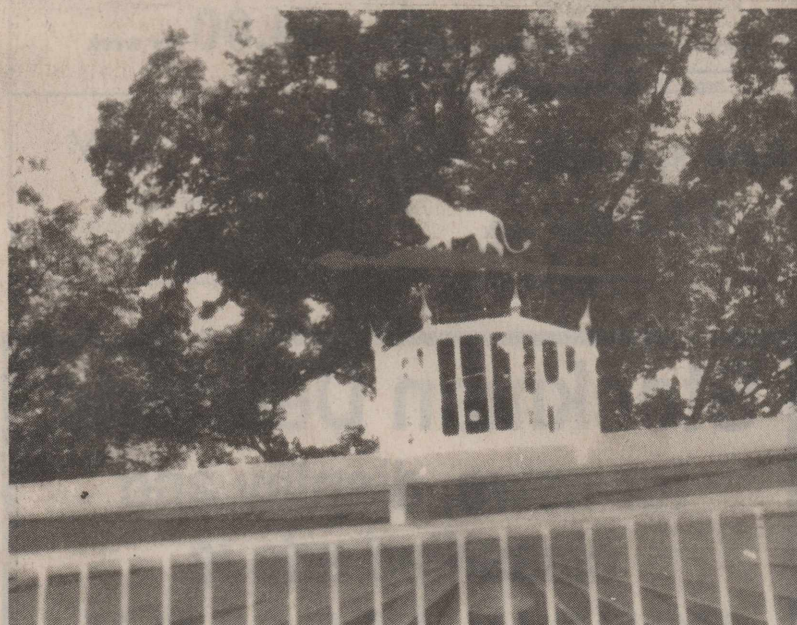
Painters were busy putting finishing touches on the south wing Monday, and a large waiting area inside the front door was filled with patients most of the day.

There are eight exam rooms, a trauma/minor emergency room, two medical provider offices, the admissions area and waiting room, x-ray and processing room, laboratory, nurse's station, business office and

medical records room.

Marcus Sims, D.O., is primary care and family medicine provider. A physician's assistant will also be on staff. Other staff members include Peggy McWilliams, RN, clinic manager; Susan Bilano, LVN; Elisa Martinez, receptionist; Vannie Askey, LVN; Josephine Lopez, BSMT; Connie Arredondo, RRT; Felix Trujillo, CNA; and Jackie Necessary, receptionist.

Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with 24-hour emergency service. The number to call for ambulance and emergency service is 392-3000. The clinic may be reached by calling 392-3788 or 392-3789.



READY TO ROAR is the lion weathervane atop the gazebo on the town square. Alejos Lara, who constructed the gazebo, donated and installed the weathervane.
photo by Jon Moran



1996 WORLD CHAMPION GOAT ROPER JUSTIN FRIZZELL (rt.) accepts the saddle donated by Ozona National Bank. Making the presentation is ONB's Rob Whitesides.
photo by Scotty Moore

Medical Emergencies

392-3000

Clinic Appointments

392-3788 - 392-3789

Early Voters Make Their Marks

As of mid-morning Tuesday, 70 voters had cast early ballots in the school bond election. June 27 was the first day to vote early by personal appearance, and July 12 is the last day to vote early.

Early voting is at the school administration building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The office will be closed on official state holidays.

Election day is July 16, and the location is the courthouse. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The voter registration rolls show 2765 active voters for

this election.

The ballot contains two propositions. Proposition 1 will fund a new middle school and districtwide facility improvements. The dollar amount for Proposition 1 is \$3,600,000.00.

Proposition 2, in the amount of \$1,390,000.00, is for construction of a competition gymnasium, construction of an expansion to the boys' field house to accommodate both boys' and girls' weight training, and cosmetic improvements and the addition of a whirlpool to the girls' field house.

Issuance of bonds will extend for

seven years, increasing the current tax rate to an average of 10 cents per \$100.00 valuation for Proposition 1 and four cents per \$100.00 valuation for Proposition 2. The 3.5 cent recapiture required by the Texas Supreme Court ruling in the Edgewood III Case will bring the to an average of a little over 17.5 cents each year for seven years.

July 8 is the final day applications to vote early by mail will be accepted. Requests for these applications are to be directed to Cathy Vickers at the school administration building at 797 Ave. D.

Old Hospital Phone Number To Be Dropped

A phone number put into use months ago is the one to call if you need emergency medical assistance in Crockett County, not the old hospital number warns Peggy McWilliams, RN, manager of the new Family Health Center of Ozona. 392-3000, previously established for emergencies requiring an ambulance, is the number you need to remember for any emergency medical assistance. The old hospital number is going to be phased out completely.

To make an appointment to see a doctor or otherwise contact the Family Health Center of Ozona, which was opened here July 1 by Shannon Health System, call 392-3788 or 392-3789.

New Program To Aid Livestock Producers

Crockett County livestock producers will be eligible for assistance under a program announced Monday by President Bill Clinton. Clinton declared the Southwest and other areas of the U. S. in a state of emergency that warrants the release of the Feed Grain Disaster Reserve.

Using the authority granted by the President's declaration, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will make an estimated \$40 million in assistance available in the coming weeks to help disaster-stricken producers buy feed for their livestock for the next 90 days.

"This is a new program we have not had before," said Laurie Hale of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency. "Producers who did not get in the earlier program can get in this one." The majority of producers in the county will be eligible, Hale says.

The CFSA does not yet have the formula for figuring payments. "It will be a 30% payment, but 30% of what, that is the key," said Hale. The program is expected to be retroactive to June 1. The previous livestock feed program ended for Crockett County May 31.

"As soon as we know we can take applications, we'll let producers know," said Hale. Expectations are that approval may be given for accepting applications as early as mid-July. Program benefits will become available after producer applications have been approved and a sufficient quantity of Disaster Reserve stocks have been sold to support program payments.

USDA will sell up to 16 million bushels of grain from the Disaster Reserve beginning within the next 10 days. The reserve currently holds 45 million bushels of grain, 40 million of which is corn. Open market sales of stocks will be made on a competitive bid bases in a manner that will minimize market disruptions. Proceeds from the sales will be used to make cost-share assistance available under the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program (DRAP) to livestock producers who, because of natural disasters, have suffered a substantial loss of normal feed production and who do not have adequate feed to maintain their eligible livestock.

DRAP will be available nationwide to help eligible producers. Counties in which the DRAP will be avail-

able are those with a 40 percent or greater loss of feed production due to natural disasters. Eligible producers must also have a loss of 40 percent or more and not have sufficient feed available for eligible livestock for the duration of the emergency. These producers must be actively engaged in farming and ranching, with 10 percent or more of their total annual gross receipts from production of grain and livestock, and have annual qualifying gross revenue of not more than \$2.5 million. Commodities subject to crop insurance are not eligible for payment under DRAP.

In the past, USDA utilized the Livestock Feed Program to access the Feed Grain Disaster Reserve to assist livestock producers during droughts or other weather-related disasters. The 1996 Farm Bill suspended the authority for the major livestock assistance programs. The Reserve is authorized by Section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended. The grain in the Reserve was acquired by USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation from prior year crops when producers with grain pledged it as collateral for non-recourse loans and forfeited the grain rather than repay the loans.

Mailing Changes Could Alter Stockman Delivery Dates

Postal classification reform, which began July 1, may change the delivery time for Stockmans mailed out of county. Changes in routing of mail apply to many subscribers. Mailing lists have been reviewed several times in an attempt to get the paper to our readers as quickly as possible.

If you notice a delay in receiving your paper beginning with the July 3 issue, or if it arrives sooner than usual, let us know. Postmaster Ernest Jones has promised his assistance to assure that The Stockman reaches subscribers in a timely manner.

Bobbie Bryson Expected Home July 4

Plans continue to have Bobbie Bryson back in Texas July 4. She is scheduled to arrive in San Antonio on a 4:40 p.m. flight and will come to her father's home in Sonora.

Bonilla Takes Action On Endangered Species Act Reform

Rep. Henry Bonilla told Ozonans Monday he is taking charge on Endangered Species Act reform and will file a motion to pull this legislation out of committee and on to the House floor for debate. This motion, called a discharge petition, is a rarely-used device to bring a bill up for a vote.

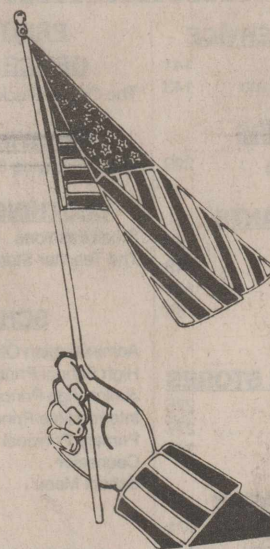
"I'm really anxious to put ESA reform on the front burner and push for some much-needed action," Bonilla said. "I've heard too many horror stories from folks in West Texas to let this issue take a back seat in Congress."

The congressman says for far too long, private property owners have been threatened by the Endangered Species Act, a well-intentioned but extremely abused measure designed to protect endangered species. "Although many of us in Congress have been working hard to bring ESA reform to the House floor for a vote, we've been unsuccessful. Despite my disappointment at the fact that Congress hasn't voted on this legislation, I realize there are still some folks up in Washington who need to be educated on the importance of ESA reform to our farmers and ranchers cross the country."

"I'm interested in preserving species, but not in someone putting a fence around your property. It takes away a basic fundamental right," Bonilla said. "In the 29 counties I represent, it (the Endangered Species Act) is the number one threat."

The congressman said he will work with the Farm Bureau on the national level to get them to sign his petition.

Last week, Bonilla completed step one of the two step process necessary to bring a discharge petition before Congress. He submitted the rule which must proceed the filing of the petition. He will take step two of this process and file his petition on July 18.



July 4th Fun On The Square

The annual Ozona Chamber of Commerce sponsored Fourth of July bash will be a big one this year with a parade, flag raising, games and music on the square.

Preparation for the 9 a.m. kiddy parade begins with the line up at 8:45 a.m. in the Ozona National Bank parking lot. Sidewalk art competition is scheduled for 9:30, early in the day so it can be enjoyed longer.

Morning and afternoon games for all ages include hula hoop contests. Ozona is sure to have some experts ready to compete there.

Music during the day includes The Three Chaparrals at 11 a.m., Alisha Bell following the noon flag raising ceremony and the group Almost Nothing at 1 p.m.

A drawing for a 19 inch color television will be held at 3 p.m.



U. S. REP. HENRY BONILLA (second from left) was in Ozona Monday on a whirlwind tour of area communities to discuss his latest action of reforming the Endangered Species Act. With Rep. Bonilla are (from left) Patsy Fullerton, Crockett County Judge Jeffrey Sutton, R. C. Fullerton and John Pershern from Denton.

photo by Neal Ulmer

Service Pending For Ray Shelton

Ray Shelton of Ozona died Tuesday morning, July 2, in San Angelo. Funeral services were pending at presstime.

WTRA Event To Benefit Community Center

West Texas Rodeo Association will have a rodeo July 7 at noon. Admission is \$1.00 per person.

There will be several age divisions, under 5 up to 40 and over. Events include tie down, calf roping, ribbon roping, breakaway, goat tying, pole bending and barrels.

The rodeo is sponsored by Ozona Community Center which will receive all proceeds. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schenkel at 387-3019.

County Republicans Have Headquarters

The June 27 meeting of the newly organized Crockett County Republican Party at Crockett County National Bank reviewed activities and decisions of the state convention. "Materials were received for display and information of interested persons," said Len Hillman. These will be available at Ranch Offices at 507 11th Street across from the square, Republican headquarters.

The next meeting will be July 9, Tuesday, at Crockett County National Bank's meeting room.

Social Security Rep Here July 17

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his July visit to Ozona. He will be in the conference room on the second floor of the courthouse annex on Wednesday, July 17, between 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Estrogen Therapy Being Investigated For Alzheimer's

A 26-center study is assessing the impact of estrogen replacement therapy on Alzheimer's disease.

Population surveys have suggested that women who have taken estrogen may be at a lower risk for Alzheimer's, said Dr. Rachelle Doody, clinical director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

In one preliminary study, women with Alzheimer's on estrogen had fewer memory problems than those not on estrogen, even if they had been sick for the same amount of time.

"There is evidence that estrogen may improve thinking and memory, but there is not yet enough good data to justify taking estrogen to improve mental abilities," Doody said. "This research could provide the medical proof needed to adopt estrogen as an actual treatment."

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed suit last week against the "Republic of Texas" accusing the group and 25 of its members of filing fraudulent liens, tampering with government records, interfering with property sales and restraining trade.

State District Judge Paul Davis of Travis County signed a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Republic of Texas or the 25 members from breaking the law or filing false claims.

The restraining order also allows the attorney general's office to undo liens without going to court.

The Republic of Texas members believe the state and its officials are acting without authority, and the group has created its own common-law courts, filed "charges" of sedition against Morales, Gov. George W. Bush and others.

Morales said members of the group "are not free to misrepresent their organization as an official government" and he spoke of the havoc group members have caused, costing time and money of public clerks, title companies and property owners trying to sell their land.

The Republic of Texas' chief ambassador, Richard McLaren of Fort Davis, has been arrested on federal charges connected with filing false documents.

District-Shuffle Hearing Set

A July 11 federal court hearing

has been set for the changing of congressional district boundaries in Dallas and Houston.

The changes were required following a June U.S. Supreme Court ruling — in favor of Republican plaintiffs — declaring two districts in Houston and one in Dallas illegal because of racial gerrymandering.

Because so little time separates the scheduled hearing and the Nov. 5 general election date, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and the districts' congressional representatives — all of whom are Democrats — want the court to put off the changes until the 1998 mid-term election.

But Attorney General Morales said, "I think it is wishful thinking to believe that this court will allow us to go through the 1996 election cycle with unconstitutional districts."

If the boundaries are changed, new elections would be required in each district in which boundaries change, even though voters selected nominees from the two major parties in the March and April primaries and runoffs, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Secretary of State Tony Garza listed three ways the scenario could play out in the redrawn districts, in which the court could:

- Order new primaries, to be conducted by Sept. 6; or

- Order a special election on Nov. 5 that is open to candidates from all parties; or

- Order the precinct chairman in each party to select new nominees without primaries.

SSC Land to Be Resold

Land bought by the federal government for the Superconducting Super Collider project — which lost its funding in 1993 — is going to be resold to the public.

The Texas Natural Research Laboratory Commission and the Texas General Land Office are coordinating the resale of about 10,000 acres of land in Ellis County, southeast of Dallas. The federal government eventually gave the tracts of land to the state

of Texas after the project was suspended.

General Land Office spokesman Ron Calhoun said the land sales will be done in a "systematic, prudent way" but people who lived on the land before it was taken over by the federal government will get no special privileges.

Official Wants Tobacco Dumped
State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie sent a letter dated June 17 to the managers of the Permanent School Fund asking that they sell off any holdings in tobacco-producing companies.

"This is to let them know how a few of us feel," Christie told the *Dallas Morning News*.

"I find it incredible that we generate funds through investments in tobacco, which have to be used to educate students to avoid the very product that our investments support," Christie said in the letter.

The state filed a lawsuit March 31 against major tobacco companies, seeking \$4 billion for money spent on treating tobacco-related illnesses.

Other Capital Highlights

- The cost of providing ATM services is decreasing but Texans are paying more for them, according to the Texas Consumers Union. When a bank customer uses another bank's automated teller machine, 65 of 93 Texas banks surveyed charge fees of up to \$1.50 per transaction. The report urges the Texas Legislature to monitor ATM fees for a possible cap, or prohibition on the non-customer surcharge.

- Sixteen universities in the state have increased fees to the point that they exceed tuition, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said in a report to the House higher education subcommittee. Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, vice chairman of the subcommittee, said the Legislature should try to simplify the fee structure "so parents have a better idea why they are paying so much and what the money is going for."

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HOT ENOUGH TO MELT FOAM! - Roberta Schoenhals (left) and Mozelle Houston, employees of Village Drug look down at styrofoam that fell from the awning at the drugstore June 24. They reported that the sidewalk was so hot that the foam melted.
photo by Neal Ulmer

Extension Connection

By Tedra Ulmer, County Extension Agent
Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Summer Snacks-Vital For Kids

"Snacks are bad for you." If you've heard it once, you've probably heard it a thousand times - but it's wrong.

Snacks may seem like an easy way for kids to get their hands on some candy or soft drinks - but really, children simply need extra helpings of the right foods, and snacks are a good way to ensure they get them.

A child's stomach is very small, and can't hold enough food at one time to satisfy their need for certain nutrients that keep them from being hungry between meals. They are also important in helping provide vital nutrients missed in a main meal. Those nutrients are needed for proper growth and development.

However, not all snacks give a child the vitamins and nutrients they need to be healthy. As parents, we need to make sure meals and snacks are planned to provide our children with what they need each day.

For example, cookies loaded with sugar, fat and calories, or candy with few nutrients, or even fried foods heavy with fat should be avoided.

And in summertime, it's especially important to stay away from caffeinated colas and sugared juice drinks - the sweeter the drink, the

longer it will delay the absorption of fluid in the body. Caffeine can be particularly harmful because it's a diuretic - it will actually cause the body to eliminate fluid.

As summer heats up, parents are often looking for quick ways to satisfy their children's thirst - and an absolute must is water. Nothing else is absorbed as quickly by the body, and if you need a little flavor, dress it up with a slice of lemon or lime.

When searching for easy summer snacks, keep the age of the child in mind. For example, never serve honey or peanut butter to children under one year - honey can be contaminated with botulism, and peanut butter can cause choking. Some children may also have trouble with raw vegetables, depending on the age.

Stick to foods from the major food groups represented on the dietary pyramid - breads and grain, fruits, vegetables, lean meats and fish, and low-fat dairy products.

For more information on feeding children, contact me at the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

Eastern Star Officers Installed

Ozona Chapter #287, Order of Eastern Star, held its annual installation of officers Tuesday, June 25. Officiating was Maxine Locklin from Sonora. Her assistants were Elton and Mary McGinnes from Eldorado, Madge Weatherby and Dorothy Pettit from Big Lake and Candy Nelson from Sonora.

Taking the pledge of new officers were Worthy Matron Mary Hillman, Worthy Patron Leonard Hillman, Associate Matron Kaleta Shepperson,

Associate Patron R. L. Brown, Secretary Mozelle Houston, Conductress Juanita Mills, Associate Conductress Deborah Bourne and Star Points Maxine Brown and Marie Gerlach.

Highlighting the event was special music by Charlotte Wilson from Sonora who dedicated a medley of spirited "smile" songs to Mary Hillman.

A regular meeting was held followed by refreshments and fellowship.

The Cactus Patch Is Dream Come True

The opening of The Cactus Patch July 1 made a dream come true for owner Dean Allen. The gift shop, which is filled with handcrafted consignment items, is located at 606 11th Street.

The shop has country and western items ranging from candle holders to benches, tables and beds. Coffee and a reading corner offer a respite for shoppers. A year-round Christmas corner is in the making, and the entire

back room of the shop will become a display for antiques.

"Ozona talent is well-represented," said Dean.

Those consigning items to The Cactus Patch pay a set monthly fee. No commission is taken from sales. The shop will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the Christmas season, the hours will be longer.

"At last a dream that I have had for years is a reality," said Dean.

Bridget Sewell Wins Second At WWT

The 62nd Annual Amateur Championship of the Women's West Texas Golf Association was held at Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo June 10-14. After a qualifying day of stroke play Monday, the 144 contestants were divided into nine flights of 16 each (championship through eighth). June 11-14, the play was double elimination match play.

After a qualifying score of 89, Sewell was ranked 13th in second flight. She won her first round match Tuesday against fourth ranked Susan Summer from Amarillo 5/4. In the second round match Wednesday, Sewell won over 12th ranked Jan

Fontanilla from Farwell 2/1.

In the third round, semi-finals, Thursday, she won her match over number one ranked Trina Albright from Midland 6/5. Friday's finals saw her lose to number six ranked Linda Stevens from Hereford 4/3, leaving Sewell winning second in the second flight.

This was the first time Ozona Country Club had been represented at the Women's West Texas Golf Amateur Championship in more than 15 years. The 1997 tournament will be held at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

It's A Boy

Jeanie and Michael Bruner of San Angelo are the parents of a son born June 24, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. in Columbia Medical Center. Michael Shane Bruner arrived weighing six pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents include Gene and Vikki Cooper of Ozona, Tom and Barbara Bruner and Judy Bruner of Midland. Great-grandparents are Gilbert Lee and Thelma Cooper of Waco, Ula Vea Cooper of Perryville, AR, Homer R. and Garnet E. Marcum of Midland and Jewel M. Bruner of Midland.

Also welcoming the baby are uncles Shane Cooper of Ozona and Mark Bruner of Austin and an aunt, Julie Douglas of Midland.

Meals On Wheels Menu

July 8 - Pork Chops, Creamed Potatoes, Spinach, Tapioca Pudding, Sliced Bread

July 9 - Meat Loaf, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce, Green Salad, Cake

July 10 - Sloppy Joes on Buns, Pork and Beans, Chips, Pickle Spears, Peaches

July 11 - Baked Chicken, New Potatoes, Zucchini, Bread, Jello

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Ozona Couple Celebrates 35th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 23, a reception was held at the Ozona First Baptist Church to honor the 35th wedding anniversary of Lonnie and Ruth Dorris. Lonnie, of Ozona, and Ruth, of San Angelo, were married at the Chapel On The Hill outside of San Angelo on this date in 1961. The couple has lived in Ozona since their marriage.

Family and friends worked together to surprise the happy couple with the reception. A scrapbook com-

posed of best wishes, memories, and photos from their family and many friends was presented to Lonnie and Ruth during the reception. One enterprising family member had even obtained the original guest register for their marriage from the Chapel On The Hill.

After the cutting of the anniversary wedding cake, guests enjoyed refreshments, viewing the scrapbook and visiting with friends not seen in a long time. Those in attendance included their children, Ronnie and Paula Woods of San Angelo, Ann and Phil Irby of Houston and Sandra and Jeff Ward of Odessa. Also present were other family members and the Dorris' many friends.

Think Positive When Exercising

Exercise can burn off more than calories.

"It's relaxing to let your mind wander while you're exercising as long as you're thinking pleasurable thoughts and as long as you continue at a beneficial pace," says Dr. Robert Gatchel, professor of psychology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Exercise is a great stress reliever, burning off stress hormones that build up in the body."

Gatchel says focusing on negative thoughts, putting too much pressure on performance or treating exercise too seriously may create even more stress hormones, called catecholamines.

Methodists Hold VBS July 9

Ozona United Methodist Church will conduct Vacation Bible School Wednesday, July 10, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. VBS will be for children age four years through sixth grade.

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Museum Notes From Mary

We celebrate July 4th with parades, picnics, flags, patriotic music and sometimes fireworks, when it's not so dry. These things are all symbols to remind us that we're living in a free nation. We must remember that our country wasn't always free. This was a new land, settled by people who arrived from other countries by boat. They built communities and eventually united together into 13 colonies with boundaries and representatives like states. In the year 1600 these colonies were under the flag of Great Britain, who demanded more and more from their subjects, so that by 1770 the colonists wanted to be free to make their own laws, and not be under the thumb of a "mother country". Like teenagers who have grown up, they were ready to be on their own, having proven their maturity by being responsible citizens in a new land, as well as productive residents in this place far across the sea from Britain.

After several years of fussing and near out-and-out war, Thomas Jefferson was selected to write the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, and it was signed on July 4th, 1776, making the colonies free from British rule. They adopted the title "the United Colonies".

When the Declaration was signed that day, there were only two signatures - those of John Hancock, president of the second Continental Congress, and Charles Thompson, its secretary. The rest of the delegates from the colonies waited until August 2, when they signed a special copy

formally written on parchment. It is the copy of record that can be seen today at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

The ceremony of reading this Declaration took place July 8, 1776, when news of this great accomplishment was published in the newspapers. Colonel John Nixon, commander of the city guard, had been chosen as the speaker who would read this famous document to the people. A large crowd gathered in the State House yard and listened to the stirring words that would set them free... "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". And it ended by stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved."

There was great celebration then, and someone shouted, "God bless the Free States of America!"

The nation's capital was in Phila-

delphia until 1800, when Washington, DC, was so designated. At that time, the mayor of Washington invited all of the living signers of the Declaration to attend a special ceremony there on July 4. Unfortunately, none of the men was able to come, but they each wrote letters to the mayor. Thomas Jefferson was 83 at this time, and wrote "Let the annual return of this day refresh our recollections of these rights and our undiminished devotion to them." John Quincy Adams was president at this time, and his father, John Adams, was a signer of the Declaration, but at 90 was too frail to attend. He wrote a toast for the occasion, "Independence Forever!". It is recorded that John Adams died July 4, 1800.

This July 4 will mark the 220th birthday of our great nation. As we go about celebrating with our friends in the square, or wherever, let's take a fresh look at the freedom we usually take for granted. "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

Happy Birthday

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July 6 - Ray Henderson, Josie Mendoza, Morgan Capps, Claressa Tambunga, James Talamantez

July 7 - Daniel Anderson, Gabriel Arredondo

July 8 - Eric Ramos, Elliott Barrera, R. J. Everett, Whitney Vannoy, Kayla Turland

July 9 - Brock Jones III, Robert Gentry, John L. Martinez

Childress To Speak At Methodist Service

Graham Childress, son of Rachel Childress, will bring the message at 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, July 7, at the Ozona United Methodist Church. His message will be on "Desolation, Restoration, Emanation". Childress is a graduate of Rice

University. He ranches on the family place in Terrell County and is active in the Masonic Lodge.

"Come and hear one of Crockett County's own sons preach for us," invites a representative of the church.

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Most folks have heard of Satanists, or Devil worshippers, but did you know that Satan even has his own bible? It's leather bound and written on thin onion-skin paper just like the Holy Bible. In Matthew 4 we see Satan trying to even get Jesus to worship him!! The truth is, we all worship or set our affections on something or someone but only those born of Gods Spirit can have eternal life. John 3:3 states, "You must be born again to have eternal life." I hope that you are counting on the only life giver there is - Jesus; and not on your religion today! Religion will take you no-where, but Christ will take you everywhere!!

If you would like to have a free cassette tape of one of our services, please write us at P.O. Box 103 or give us a call.

Attend Church This Sunday

God Is Out There

By Dennis J. Prutow

In a recent interchange with an avowed atheist, he claimed there is no evidence for the existence of God. This fellow also affirmed the God hypothesis cannot be tested. Testing evidence for the existence of God is impossible. There is a contradiction here. First, he does not believe in God because there is no evidence for His existence. Two, the God hypothesis cannot be tested. Such a contradiction undermines this atheist's argument.

Why would a person insist we cannot test for the existence of God? One of two reasons. God cannot manifest Himself in and through His creation. Do artists reveal anything

about themselves through their paintings or music? Why can't God reveal himself through His creations? Second, God does not exist. In this case, our friend looks at all the evidence through his atheistic glasses. He assumes what he desires to prove. This too is contradictory.

When I asked my atheist friend to define himself with a term which does not refer to God, he refused. He insists on defining himself in terms of what he calls a non-entity. I am a theist. I hold God does exist. This other man is an atheist. He says God does not exist. Odd. For some reason, he must describe himself with reference to the God he rejects. This also seems to me to be a contradiction.

First Baptist Church Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ Pastor: Mr. Rodney Hamon Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church Rev. James Carter Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
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JUNIOR VALDEZ (far left) watches as 4-H junior leaders Kristin Bunker, Hilary Huffman and Jenna Henderson demonstrate how to make "Lion Cub Paw-wiches" at the 4-H Fun Day June 25 at the County Extension Office. Eleven youngsters who will be in grades 1-3 this fall made snacks, tie-dyed T-shirts, learned 4-H dances and played games.

photo by Neal Ulmer

Flores Travel In England

Robert and Mela Flores, along with granddaughter Leslie, returned home last week from London, England, where they visited with their son, Robert Flores Jr., his wife, Mildred, and daughter, Elena Michelle. Robert is in England with the U. S. Marine Corps.

Along with visiting and touring London and taking in all the historical places there, the Flores also toured the finest mediaeval castle in England, Warwick Castle.

Also visited were Leeds Castle, Canterbury Cathedral, Blenheim Palace, Kensington Palace, The Tower of London, where all the queen's jewels are held, and the very interesting and beautiful St. Paul Cathedral, where they climbed 671 steps to the dome to

get a view of the city of London.

They took in a flea market type shopping tour in the city of St. Albans where merchants bring their goods to the sidewalk.

Another beautiful sight-seeing trip was the city of Oxford.

"We were really amazed at how well the traffic flows on the narrow streets where cars are almost bumper to bumper all the time," said Mr. Flores.

"The weather was beautiful all the two weeks we were there, cool, in fact, light jackets were worn on a couple of days."

Robert Jr. also treated his parents and niece to some fine European meals he has learned to cook in the two years he has been in England.

Little Bugs Can Cause Enormous Pain

If you wake up in the night with sudden ear pain, an insect could be the cause.

Dr. Ronald Charles, assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says bugs sometimes crawl inside the ear, cannot turn around and bang into the eardrum.

No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar.
—Abraham Lincoln

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"Sometimes it seems the insects panic as much as the person does," Charles says. "The result can be excruciating pain."

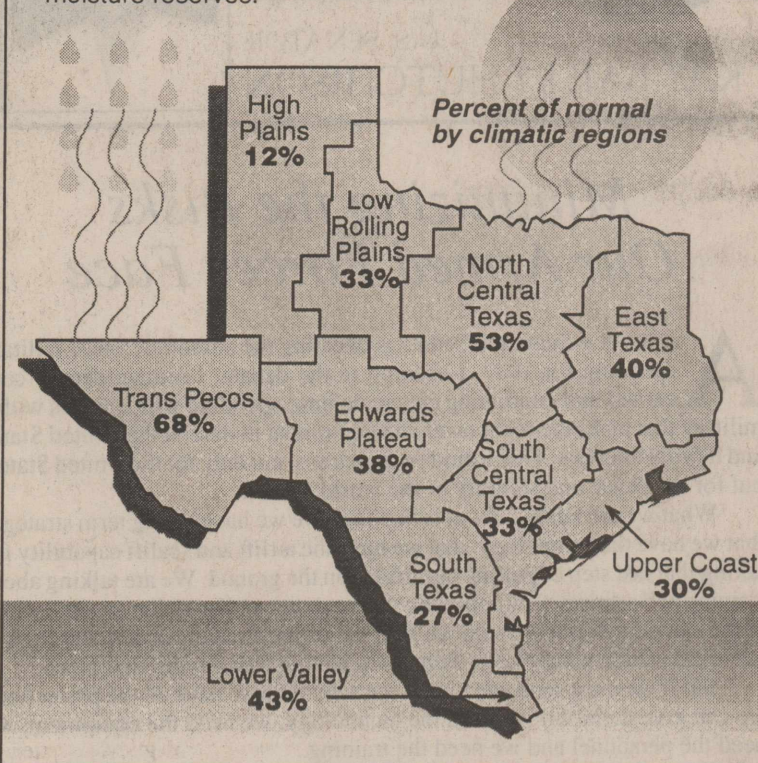
You may pour water gently in the ear to try to drown the insect, Charles says, but you likely will need to have a physician remove it. In the middle of the night, that means a trip to the hospital emergency room.

"We squirt a solution in the ear to kill the insect, use an instrument to look inside the ear and pluck the insect out with alligator forceps," Charles says. "It's fairly common."

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Precipitation across the state ranges from 12 percent to 68 percent of normal totals during February through April, a critical growing time for Texas wheat and for building soil moisture reserves.



10 Steps To Help Your Child Say "No"

1. Talk with you child about alcohol and other drugs. You can help change ideas your child may have that "everybody drinks, smokes or uses other drugs."

2. Learn to really listen to your child. Your child is more likely to talk with you when you give verbal and nonverbal cues that show you are listening.

3. Help you child feel good about himself or herself. Your child will feel good when you praise efforts, as well as accomplishments, and when you correct by criticizing the action rather than the child.

4. Help your child develop strong values. A strong value system can give your child the courage to say "No" rather than listen to friends.

5. Be a good role model or example. Your habits and attitudes may strongly influence your child's ideas about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

6. Help your child deal with peer pressure. A child who has been taught to be gentle and loving may need your "permission" to say "No" to negative peer pressure.

7. Make family rules. It's helpful when you make specific family rules about your child not using alcohol or other drugs or smoking cigarettes.

8. Encourage healthy, creative activities. Hobbies, school events and other activities may prevent your child from using alcohol, tobacco or other

drugs out of boredom.

9. Team up with other parents. You can join other parents in support groups that will reinforce the guidance you provide at home.

10. Know what to do if you suspect a problem. You can learn to recognize the telltale signs of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and get help.

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Minimizing the Risks Our Armed Forces Face

As this is written, the Senate is debating the authorization of military spending for 1997. Listening to the debate, I remain deeply concerned that continuing cuts in defense spending will leave us with a military that lacks the manpower and equipment to defend the United States and its vital interests. This would be disastrous, not only for the United States, but for the peace and stability of the world as well.

What we are talking about is making sure we have a long term strategy: that we have the technology; that we have the airlift and sealift capability for taking that last step of putting our troops on the ground. We are talking about training and arming our troops who must capture and hold that ground, while at the same time making sure we have all of the strategic and technological advances which would keep them from having to go in the first place.

But if we must send our forces, we want them to have all the protections we can give them. So we need the technology, we need the equipment, we need the personnel and we need the training.

Congress and the executive branch are having a major conflict on just what we need in terms of military capability. Congress is trying to get adequate military spending so that we will be able to win two major regional conflicts simultaneously and with the fewest possible casualties, that is what readiness is.

That is why Congress wants to spend \$10 billion more than the executive branch wants to spend to ensure that when our troops are in the field, they are trained and equipped -- and to make sure our shores are protected from any kind of incoming ballistic missile, which we know 32 countries in the world have the capability to produce and some day soon send to our shores. We even have terrorist groups that are not countries with that capability.

We do not know where the threats will come from in the future, but recent history gives us an idea of the magnitude of the challenge. While we have U.S. forces currently deployed in operations other than war in Haiti, northern Iraq, the Sinai and Bosnia, we could conceivably find ourselves facing the threat of an all-out North Korean invasion, or renewed aggression by Saddam Hussein.

We face increased risks when we dissipate our military strength through involvement in operations that do not represent clear-cut threats to our national security.

Depending on our slimmed-down forces to meet the very real threats that could become conflicts is an extraordinary expectation, but our men and women in uniform can meet them -- if we provide the support they need.

The success in Operation Desert Storm proved the unparalleled capabilities of our military. Even after the post-Cold War drawdown, our armed forces remain the best trained, best led and most formidable fighting forces in the world.

Our responsibility in Congress is to minimize the risks they face. I am personally committed to that goal. As we pursue that elusive peace dividend, we must not do so at the expense of our military capability. We have always won peace through strength and it will always be so.

The opinions which we hold of one another, our relations with friends and kinfolk are in no sense permanent, save in appearance, but are as eternally fluid as the sea itself.

—Marcel Proust

Campaign Warns Drivers About Using Anti-Lock Brakes

Almost all new passenger vehicles are equipped with an anti-lock braking system. Now some are wondering whether the anti-lock brakes are working properly or if they are being misused by the driver.

"There's been a lot of concern lately about the anti-lock braking system in the newer vehicles," said Janie Harris, traffic safety specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The manufacturers of the vehicles feel this is a very good safety feature; however there has been some controversy about the braking system, and whether they actually work or not."

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has issued statements claiming anti-lock brakes do not provide a substantially shorter stopping distance on dry pavement, nor have they reduced the number of crashes in vehicle insurance claims.

General Motors has released statements saying that their anti-lock brakes will give shorter stopping distances with the exception of gravel roads where stopping distances may be longer, but the driver will still benefit from increased steerability.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in cooperation with Coordinated Campaign Safe & Sober is warning drivers not to pump the brakes of cars equipped with anti-lock braking systems or "A-B-S".

"If you pump anti-lock brakes," Harris said, "they are actually impaired. They will not brake like they should. Drivers should hit the brake hard and maintain pressure until they

come to a stop."

NHTSA reports that anti-lock brakes prevent skidding and loss of control, improve steering and reduces stopping distances on wet pavement, but may have increased distances on loose gravel or soft snow.

Randy Miller, service manager for Tom Light Chevrolet in Bryan, said he advises everyone who buys a new car with anti-lock brakes to go out and practice to find out how the brakes feel when used in a panic stop situation.

"I use a gravel road or a wet parking lot, anywhere that you can control your surroundings and there is no danger to anybody else," Miller said. "A lot of people never do that."

Miller said it scares a lot of people when they use anti-lock brakes for the first time in an emergency stop.

General Motors has been using anti-lock brakes on vehicles since 1991, and they are now standard on almost all General Motors vehicles.

"You can tell if your car or truck has ABS by the warning light on the dash that will momentarily light up when you turn the ignition key," Harris said. "Many vehicles also have 'ABS' on the brake pedal or on a nameplate on the exterior of the vehicle. Check your vehicle's owner manual."

"After you have a habit of pumping your brake for years," Harris said, "it's hard to change that habit. So if you have anti-lock brakes, you may need to practice just putting hard pressure on your brakes to get the feel of it."



MARTHA VICKERS, Director of Nurses at Crockett County Hospital, was honored with a luncheon by the nursing staff last Friday at the hospital.
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Thank you for everything,
Nursing staff of Crockett County Hospital

Card of Thanks

On behalf of Steve, Sherri, and Courtney we want to thank the people of Ozona and surrounding communities for their full hearted support during the June 29th, 1996 benefit softball tournament for our family. Unfortunately we have lost Justin, but our pain has already been consoled by the cooperation and love demonstrated by the people who participated, made donations, worked, and organized this benefit tournament. What you have done for us, we will never forget and we will always carry in our hearts. We will always be indebted to the people of Ozona and those communities who helped make this tournament possible. Aside from the money raised for us we feel we have gained much more than that, your friendship.

Thank you and May God bless all of you,
Steve & Sherri Cordova



In Memory of Our Beloved Son Lonnie

We little knew that morning God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

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1996 OZONA MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS: front row, from left: Koby Fenton, Derek Faught, Quay Oglesby, Mickey Savala, Ricky Perez, Martin Sanchez; middle row: Robert Ogle, Jared Schaffer, Shane Albers, Chet Stuart, Ray Ramos Jr., Luis Cruz and Chris Kennedy; back row: Coaches Art Roane, Greg Stuart and Ray Ramos. photo by Neal Ulmer



1996 OZONA MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS - front row, from left: James Harris, Layne English, Joseph Tambunga, Jared Espino, Raven Perez; second row: Tyson Vordick, Roland Galindo, Jake Stewart, Taylor Oglesby, Jerry Harris; third row: Eddie Rios, Toby Pagan, Ryan McNeely, Ryan Pearl, Aaron Espino; fourth row: Coaches Stephanie Rodriguez, Cindy Bryan and Jessie Ortiz. photo by Neal Ulmer

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How Bad Is The Mad Cow Disease?

By Rick Machen, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor & Extension Livestock Specialist

Drought, high feed prices, short hay supplies, cheap cattle and a surplus beef supply - ample reason for concern amongst beef producers. Then along comes something most people can't even pronounce - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). The name by itself is enough to scare consumers.

Blasted across TV, radio and print media as the "Mad Cow Disease", BSE is a fatal brain disease known to exist primarily in dairy cattle in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Portugal, Switzerland and in cattle exported from England to Oman, the Falkland Islands, Germany, Denmark, Canada and Italy. The vast majority of cases have been concentrated in the British cow herd.

BSE does not exist in the United States. From 1986 through Dec. 31, 1995, 2,660 specimens from cattle exhibiting symptoms similar to BSE have been examined by USDA-APHIS veterinary pathologists - all samples have been negative. Since 1989, APHIS has banned importation of live cattle and other ruminants from countries where BSE is known to exist.

BSE is a relatively new disease, first identified in 1986 in Great Britain. Protein feedstuffs of animal ori-

gin (i.e. blood meal, meat and bone meal) are commonly used in European cattle rations. In the early 1980's, England changed the process used to render these animal by-products and prepare them for use in animal feeds. The rendering industry dropped a solvent-extraction process that included a steam-heat treatment of offal, the step proposed to have destroyed the BSE infecting agent.

Data suggests that BSE in England may have been caused by feeding cattle rendered protein produced from the carcasses of scrapie-infected sheep. Scrapie, a disease similar to BSE observed in sheep, also belongs to a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE). Other TSE's include the rare human diseases kuru, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and Gerstmann-Straussler Syndrome.

The statement by British Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell that scientists had now found a likely link between BSE and its fatal human equivalent CJD initiated the panic that quickly spread across the globe. The new findings followed studies of 10 young people who died from CJD which can take up to 10 years to show itself. British officials contend those who died of CJD had probably contracted the disease before safety measures to prevent BSE from entering the human food chain were introduced in 1989.

BSE is not transmitted by animal to animal contact nor has maternal transmission (through milk) been documented. The disease is thought to be caused by a prion, an agent totally different from bacteria, protozoa, viruses and fungi. Prions are found only in brain and spinal cord tissue - never has it been identified in beef or dairy products. Therefore, the only threat to humans would come with consumption of brain or spinal cord tissue from BSE infected animals (remember, there are none in the U.S.).

Media reports indicate the British government is considering slaughter of its entire beef and dairy herds, a plan which could cost the government \$30.76 billion in compensation. The BSE epidemic peaked in January 1993 at almost 1,000 new cases per week.

According to a March 22 report by Larry Mark from USDA-APHIS, the rate of newly reported cases of BSE is decreasing. Currently, fewer than 300 new cases are occurring per week.

Preventing measures implemented by British officials in 1989 to eliminate BSE contaminated products from the human food chain and animal feed industry have been effective. Considering the 2-8 year incubation period associated with BSE in cattle, incidence of new cases should continue to decline through 1997. Assuming the eradication program remains on track, "mad" cows may only be a part of British history by the turn of the century.

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Dangerous To Be A Teen

Four leading risk categories make the teen years especially fraught with hazards, said an adolescent medicine expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Drinking alcohol while doing other activities, failure to use safety devices, access to firearms and sports are the big four," said Dr. Albert C. Hergenroeder, chief of adolescent and sports medicine at Baylor and Texas Children's Hospital.

Statistics seem to confirm what most of us already know — teenagers think they are immortal.

Consider that:

* Nineteen percent of teens rarely use a seatbelt.

* Forty percent fail to wear helmets while riding motorcycles; 95 percent don't use bicycle helmets.

* Twenty-two percent of teens carry weapons; nearly one-third are guns.

* Thirty percent of teens had at least five alcoholic drinks at one time recently, while 35 percent rode with a teen drinker. Besides the risk for car accidents, teen drinkers are more prone to engage in unsafe sex and other dangerous behaviors.

* Seventy-two percent of all teen deaths are due to violence or accidents: 19 percent are murders, 11 percent are suicides and 12 percent are from injuries.

"It's really is frightening," said Hergenroeder, himself the father of pre-teenagers. "But I'm surprised the statistics are not higher."

Hergenroeder partially blames a world that has become increasingly more violent.

In the 1940's school "dangers" for teens included being caught chewing gum, running in the hallways or



OZONA BOYS' BASKETBALL CAMPER VINCE CASTRO dribbles the ball in Davidson Gym during a morning drill which was part of the June 24-28 camp.
photo by Neal Ulmer

wearing improper clothing. Today's teen must contend with drug abuse, date rape and assault.

What's a parent to do?

Talk, inquire and wait, suggests Hergenroeder.

"Don't wait for them to talk to you," he said. "Talk with them first. Many parents fall for the 'not my child' myth, and fail to realize their teen could be engaging in risky behavior."

When talking, ask specific, sometimes blunt, questions: What do you do for fun? Do you drink and drive? Do your friends? If your teen's behavior is not risky, congratulate them.

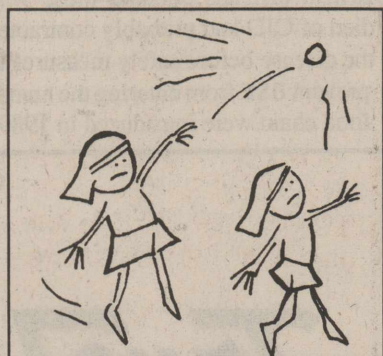
Next, give it time. Behavior cannot be changed overnight. Also, don't try to solve the problem as it is occurring.

"Talking to your teen about the dangers of drinking when they are still drunk is useless. Approach them later,"

he said.

Hergenroeder urges parents not to give up.

"Even the best teenagers will do dangerous things," he said.



Drawings made by Egyptians thousands of years ago show people playing a game similar to handball.

Future Lady Lions Attend Raider Camp

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

A total of 24 future Ozona Lady Lions attended the Lady Raider Camp on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock held June 2-6. Ozona had the most girls of any town in Texas at the camp. There were 372 participants in two camp periods.

Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp was impressed that Ozona had that many girls attending. A whole dorm floor was taken up by the Ozona girls, and Ozona had the most girls on the all-star team, said Donna Herring, mother of one of the campers.

Like most basketball camps, it covered the usual array of drills in-

volving ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting and scrimmaging.

According to Herring, her daughter, Jessica, attended this year for her third time, made the all-stars the last two years and placed fourth in this year's ball handling.

This was the second year for Codi Richardson and Laramie McWilliams to attend.

Several of the young Ozona ladies received awards. Those were: Hilary Huffman - most improved dribbler, Kristin Bunger - most improved set shot, Leslie Flores - most improved offensive player, and Taylor Oglesby - most improved dribbler.

A total of five Ozona campers made the all-stars teams. Making the

Young Guns All-Star Team was Jennifer Esparza; playing on the Red Division All-Star Team was Jessica Herring, and playing on the Black Division All-Star Team were: Kristi Avila, Ammie Avila and Rebecca Phillips.

Others attending the basketball camp included: Amy Ivey, Colbey Crawford, Estella Howard, Gage Crawford, Jenna Henderson, Jennifer Esparza, Jordan Webster, Kimberly Bean, Lana Stewart, Marie Pierce, Melissa Herrin, Melissa Moran, Millie Wadsworth and Stacie Sutton.

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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CROCKETT §

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 on the 16th day of July, 1996, in accordance with an order adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows:

AN ORDER calling a bond election to be held in the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District No. 1, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, hereby finds that an election should be held in the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District No. 1 to determine whether said court shall be authorized to issue bonds for and on behalf of said School District under the provisions of Chapter 45 of the Texas Education Code, including 45.003(b)(1), in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter identified; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CROCKETT COUNTY TEXAS,

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 16th day of July, 1996, in the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District No. 1, which date is forty-five (45) or more days from the date of the adoption hereof, and the holding of the election on such date rather than on a uniform election date is hereby found to be in the public interest. At such election, the following measure(s) shall be submitted:

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

"SHALL the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, be authorized and empowered to issue bonds of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District No.1, in the principal amount of \$3,600,000 for the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District, including but not limited to a new middle school, additions and modifications to the existing Middle School gymnasium, and renovations and improvements to the Intermediate School and High School facilities; and shall there be pledged and levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due; said bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than TWENTY-FIVE (25) years from their date, to be issued in one or more series at any price or prices, and to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of issuance of the bonds) as in its discretion the Commissioners' Court shall determine?"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2

"SHALL the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, be authorized and empowered to issue bonds of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District No.1, in the principal amount of \$1,390,000 for the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District, including but not limited to a new High School gymnasium and improvements to high school field house facilities; and shall there be pledged and levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due; said bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than TWENTY-FIVE (25) years from their date, to be issued in one or more series at any price or prices, and to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of issuance of the bonds) as in its discretion the Commissioners' Court shall determine?"

SECTION 2: The entire District shall constitute one election precinct for this election and the Crockett County Courthouse, Ozona, Texas, is hereby designated the polling place. The persons hereby

appointed to serve as the election officers at said polling place are as follows:

MATHILDA CAMARILLO

PRESIDING JUDGE

DONNA SANDERS

ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The School District Administration Building, 797 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas, (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 400, Ozona, Texas 76943) is hereby designated the early voting place, and Kathy Vickers and Donna Cameron are hereby appointed Clerk and Deputy Clerk, respectively, at such early voting place. Early voting for this election shall begin Wednesday, June 26, 1996 and end Friday, July 12, 1996, and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers of the aforesaid polling place shall also serve as the early ballot board for this election.

SECTION 3: Paper ballots shall be used in this election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with V.T.C.A., Election Code, and permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measures which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

"THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,600,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, AND RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2

"THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,390,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEW HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOUSE FACILITIES, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be (i) published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in said District and (ii) posted not later than the 21st day before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for the posting of notices of meetings of the Commissioners' Court.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 16th day of May, 1996.

/S/

Jeffrey Sutton
County Judge
Crockett County

ATTEST:

/S/

Debbie Puckett
County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the Commissioners' Court of
Crockett County, Texas

(Comm. Crt. Seal)

CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



U.S. SENATOR

Under the Weather

"On the farm, the weather was the great fact, and men's affairs went on underneath it..."

-- Willa Cather, *My Antonia*

I am sure it comes as no news to readers of this column that large portions of Texas are experiencing one of the worst droughts in history.

Farmers have gone through the critical spring season without needed rainfall, and ranchers confront record low cattle prices, high feed costs and scarce available forage simultaneously. Our rainfall this year is 50 percent to 70 percent lower than average. We've already experienced \$2.4 billion in direct damage to our agricultural industry. The economic impact of this drought throughout the state eventually could total \$6.5 billion. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas. What we have is a disaster of crippling proportions.

This situation requires that we immediately bring into play all existing federal government resources that can be of help. I am working, along with state officials and other members of the Texas congressional delegation, to ensure

that prompt and effective steps are taken to assist Texas farmers and ranchers.

I have asked the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to take four specific actions to address this emergency:

* The immediate release of all Conservation Reserve Program acres for haying, to provide essential feed for livestock growers.

* The assignment of staff necessary to process promptly existing requests for emergency livestock feed assistance.

* The inclusion of counties eligible for the 1995 emergency livestock feed assistance program in the recently announced extension of the 1996 program.

* Full indemnification for victims of the drought, as well as flood, under the prevented planting provisions of the crop insurance program.

* I have requested formally that the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs and the Attorney General move forward immediately to make additional purchases of beef for the nutrition programs which fall under their jurisdictions. The federal prison food service programs, veterans' facilities food service programs and the Department of Defense's vast commissary and troop support network all could help the cattle industry while at the same time providing high quality, high protein meals for those they feed.

Regardless of how we earn our livings, we all have a stake in mitigating the outcome of this natural disaster. The drought will have consequences that extend far beyond the agricultural sector: Over the long term, it will affect the cost of food at the grocery store. It has the potential to depress land values and, hence, property tax revenues upon which local governments and schools districts depend. And it will affect our ongoing debate over the competing water requirements of municipalities, agriculture and protecting endangered species.

Neither man nor government can do anything about the weather. But what we can do is work together cooperatively to alleviate the worst of the devastation it is bringing about in our lives, our state and our nation.

Staying Active Important To Longevity

Do you want to increase your chances of living a long, healthy life? Stay active and "connected".

"Exercise can help older people stay strong and guard against frailty. Even an activity as basic as walking maintains muscle mass and strengthens bones," said Dr. Robert Roush, an associate professor in the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Staying 'connected' to other people is another vital component of longevity."

Roush says that Americans are living longer than ever before and that focusing on "functional age" is the goal.

"This means we are staying ac-

tive longer and increasing the quality of our lives as we get older," he said.

Advances in public health, breakthroughs in medical technology and better preventive health are cited by Roush as the major reasons for improved health later in life. A change in attitudes among the general public and those in the medical profession have contributed as well.

"People in their 70s and 80s are running and playing golf and tennis on a regular basis," Roush said. "These are not the types of things we always thought older people should be doing. But now it's clear that an active lifestyle is one of the keys to enjoying a long, healthy life."

Roush also advises not becoming isolated.

"Having a circle of friends, taking the time to talk with people and interacting with others builds emotional ties while exercising the brain," he said. "This may also help you to avoid depression."

While the life span of human beings may never change much, steps can be taken to improve the quality of life during the later years.

"Research has taught us a great deal about aging, and we will continue to learn more in the future," Roush said. "We are already beginning to see that old age can be enjoyable."

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission by Los Dos Amigos, dba Los Dos Amigos for a Private Club Registration Permit to be located at Int. 15th and Pine N/E corner, Ozona Crockett County, Texas. Officers are William Brett Bentley, Pres., Kent Estes Hokit, Sec. Treas., Dora Elia Bentley, Vice Pres.

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AVISO DE ELECCION PARA BONOS

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS

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DISTRITO CONSOLIDADO ESCOLAR
PUBLICO NUMERO UNO DEL CONDADO
DE CROCKETT

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CONDADO DE CROCKETT

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A LOS RESIDENTES CON DERECHO DE VOTAR DEL

DISTRITO CONSOLIDADO ESCOLAR PUBLICO NUMERO UNO DEL CONDADO DE CROCKETT:

AVISO de que una elección tendrá lugar en el DISTRITO CONSOLIDADO ESCOLAR PUBLICO NUMERO UNO DEL CONDADO DE CROCKETT el día 16 de julio de 1996, de acuerdo con un decreto aprobado por la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Crockett, Texas el cual es parte de este Aviso para todo objeto practico y se lee como sigue:

UN DECRETO ordenando una elección para bonos a tener lugar dentro del Distrito Consolidado Escolar Publico Numero Uno del Condado de Crockett, estableciendo medidas para dirigir la elección y resolviendo otros asuntos incidentes y pertinentes a dicha elección.

VISTO QUE, la corte de Comisionados del Condado de Crockett, Texas por este medio llega a saber que se debe llevar a cabo una elección para determinar si se deberá autorizar a dicho cuerpo gubernativo a emitir bonos para y de parte de dicho Distrito según las estipulaciones del Capitulo 45 del Codigo de Educación de Texas, incluyendo la Seccion 45.003(b)(1) por un total y con el fin identificados más adelante; ahora, por consiguiente,

SE DECRETA POR LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO DE CROCKETT, TEXAS:

SECCION 1: Una elección tendrá lugar el día 16 de julio de 1996, en el Distrito Consolidado Escolar Público Número Uno del Condado de Crockett cuya fecha sea cuarenta y cinco (45) o más días después de la fecha de aprobar esto, y el llevar a cabo de la elección en dicha fecha en vez de la fecha regular para elección es por este medio decidido a ser en el interés del pueblo. En dicha elección, se presentarán las siguientes medidas:

PROPOSICION NUMERO 1

" ¿SE DEBERA autorizar a la corte de Comisionados del Condado de Crockett en Texas, a emitir bonos de dicho Distrito por la cantidad principal de \$3,600,000 para la construcción y el equipo de edificios escolares en el Distrito incluyendo pero no limitándose a una nueva escuela intermedia, adiciones y modificaciones al gimnasio de la escuela intermedia ya en existencia, y renovaciones y mejoras de facilidades a las escuelas intermedia y secundaria; y se caucionarán y recaudarán, tasarán y cobrarán anualmente impuestos ad valorem a todo bien imponible en el Distrito suficientes, sin limite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad, para pagar el principal y el interés de dichos bonos cuando los mismos venzan; dichos bonos a vencer en serie o de otro modo, por un período a no sobrepasar VEINTE y CINCO (25) años a partir de la fecha, a ser emitidos y vendidos en una o más series al precio o precios y a devengar interés a la tasa o tasas (fija, flotante, variable o de otro modo a no sobrepasar la tasa máxima permitida por ley al emitir los bonos) como sea determinado a voluntad de la Junta Directiva?"

PROPOSICION NUMERO 2

" ¿SE DEBERA autorizar a la corte de Comisionados del Condado de Crockett en Texas, a emitir bonos de dicho Distrito por la cantidad principal de \$1,390,000 para la construcción y el equipo de edificios escolares en el Distrito incluyendo pero no limitándose a un nuevo gimasio para la escuela secundaria y mejoras a las facilidades de deportes de la escuela secundaria; y se caucionarán y recaudarán, tasarán y cobrarán anualmente impuestos ad valorem a todo bien imponible en el Distrito suficientes, sin limite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad, para pagar el principal y el interés de dichos bonos cuando los mismos venzan; dichos bonos a vencer en serie o de otro modo, por un período a no sobrepasar VEINTE y CINCO (25) años a partir de la fecha, a ser emitidos y vendidos en una o más series al precio o precios y a devengar interés a

la tasa o tasas (fija, flotante, variable o de otro modo a no sobrepasar la tasa máxima permitida por ley al emitir los bonos) como sea determinado a voluntad de la Junta Directiva?"

SECCION 2: Todo el Distrito formará un recinto electoral para esta elección y el palacio de Justicia del Condado de Crockett, Ozona, Texas, se designa por este medio como el lugar para votar. Las personas por este medio nombradas para servir los cargos de oficiales de esta elección en dicho lugar para votar serán las siguientes:

MATHILDA CAMARILLO

JUEZ ACTUANTE

DONNA SANDERS

JUEZ ACTUANTE SUPLENTE

El juez actuante nombrará no menos que dos (2) ni más que seis (6) oficiales calificados para trabajar y ayudar en llevar a cabo dicha elección; con tal que si el juez actuante particular aqui dentro nombrado desempeñe sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente será uno de los oficiales.

Durante el día de elección, los lugares para votar estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la noche.

El edificio de administración del Distrito Escolar, 797 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas (Correo: P.O. Box 400, Ozona, Texas 76943) se designa por este medio como el lugar para registrar los primeros votos, y se nombra por este medio a Kathy Vickers y a Donna Cameron escribiendo y escribiendo suplente respectivamente de dicho lugar para votar. Los primeros votos para esta elección empezarán el miércoles, 26 de junio de 1996 y terminarán el viernes, 12 de julio de 1996, y las horas nombradas para registrar los votos en los primeros votos hechos en persona serán desde las 8:00 de la mañana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde todos los días con la excepción de los sábados, domingos y los feriados del Estado.

Con el fin de revisar las balotas dadas en los primeros votos, los oficiales electorales del antedicho lugar para votar también servirán de Junta para balotas de los primeros votos de esta elección.

SECCION 3: Se emplearán balotas electorales de papel en dicha elección y se prepararán cuyas balotas de acuerdo con el Código de Elecciones, V.T.C.A. de manera de permitir a los electores votar "EN PRO" o "EN CONTRA" a la antedicha medida que se presentará básicamente de la siguiente forma en la balota:

PROPOSITION NUMERO 1

"LA EMISION DE BONOS POR UN TOTAL DE \$3,600,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN Y EL EQUIPO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO INCLUYENDO PERO NO LIMITÁNDOSE A UNA NUEVA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA, ADICIONES Y MODIFICACIONES DE GIMNASIO DE LA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA YA EN EXISTENCIA, Y RENOVACIONES Y MEJORAS A LAS FACILIDADES DE LAS ESCUELAS INTERMEDIA Y SECUNDARIA Y EL GRAVAMEN DE LOS IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"

PROPOSITION NUMERO 2

"LA EMISION DE BONOS POR UN TOTAL DE \$1,390,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN Y EL EQUIPO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO INCLUYENDO PERO NO LIMITÁNDOSE A UN NUEVO GIMASIO PARA LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y MEJORAS A FACILIDADES DE DEPORTES DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y EL GRAVAMEN DE LOS IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"

SECCION 4: A todos los residentes con derecho de votar del Distrito se les permitirá votar en dicha elección. Se llevará a cabo esta elección y esta elección tendrá lugar de acuerdo con las estipulaciones del Código de Elecciones, V.T.C.A. fuera de las modificaciones hechas por las estipulaciones en el Código

de Educación de Texas; y como sea requerido por ley, se imprimirán los materiales de la elección y los procedimientos para esta elección tanto en inglés como en español.

SECCION 5: Una copia fidedigna de este decreto servirá de aviso adecuado de dicha elección. Se publicará dicho aviso, incluyendo una traducción al español de esto, (i) al menos una vez no más que treinta (30) días ni menos que diez (10) días antes del día de elección en el periódico de amplia circulación en dicho Distrito y (ii) fijado no más tarde que 21 días antes de la elección y que se quede fijado continuamente, hasta el fin del día de elección en el tablón de anuncios que se usa para fijar anuncios de reuniones de la Corte de Comisionados.

ACEPTADO Y APROBADO, este día 16 de mayo de 1996.

/S/

Jeffrey Sutton
Juez del Condado
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1996 Major League Teams



1996 MOORE OIL COMPANY TEAM - front row, from left: Romeo Perez, Lalo Garza, Ricky Perez, bat boy Matthew Garza, Trace Larsen, Mike Savala, Andrew Shaffer; middle row: John Ray Luna, Mark Hernandez, Jared Shaffer, Jacob Tambunga, Chris Larsen, Dominique Perez; back row: Coaches Romero Perez and Lalo Garza. Not pictured: Chris Arjon.
photo by Cameras Two



1996 J. CLEO THOMPSON TEAM - front row, from left: J. R. Villarreal, Jonathan Munoz, Corey Galindo, Derek Faught, J. D. Borrego; middle row: Ray Ramos Jr., Shane Albers, Chet Stuart, Stephen Moreno, Jed Roane; back row: Coaches Ray Ramos and Art Roane. Not pictured: Aaron Garza, Brandon Marmolejo and Luis Mata.
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1996 LILLY CONSTRUCTION TEAM - front row, from left: Marc Osborn, Salvador Mata, Logan English, Saul Sandate, Rigo Treto, J. T. Lara; back row: Martin Sanchez, Nat Hernandez, Luis Cruz, Robert Ogle, Dustin Smith, Coach Gary Yeager.
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1996 MORAN CONSTRUCTION TEAM - from left: Vincent Castro, Coby Fenton, Quay Oglesby, Kris Gray, Ida Galindo, Coach Ruben Mendez, Joe Sanchez, Jason Puckett, Chris Kennedy, Carlos Salazar, Coach Will Smith.
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CHET STUART dribbles to the right in an early morning drill during the Ozona Boys' Basketball Camp held June 24-28 in Davidson Gym.
photo by Neal Ulmer

Softball Tournament Benefits Cordova Family

A June 28-29 benefit softball tournament for Justin Cordova drew seven teams and earned a profit of \$1,100 for the Cordova family. Steve and Sherri Cordova lost their 2-year-old son Justin to leukemia June 5. Although not well known by Ozona, people from here and surrounding towns came together to help this family which was in need of money, love and comforting. They left Ozona after receiving all that and much more.

Teams participating in the tournament were the Longhorns from Ozona/Sonora, Who Cares and the Spoilers from Ozona, Bad Boys from Andrews, Peligro from Lubbock/Kermit, Randy's team from San Angelo, Texas Connection from Ozona/Austin and Eldorado.

After 18 games, Texas Connection won first place. The Longhorns were second and the Spoilers third. These teams earned team trophies and individual T-shirts. The shirts were donated by the law offices of Rick De Hoyos, Orlando De Hoyos and Pete Gomez, Hilltop Putt Putt and Shot's #4.

The Golden Glove was awarded to Ray Southard from Austin and the Most Valuable Player to Chris Sanchez of Ozona. The Homerun Derby was won by Harvey Sanchez of Ozona.

The concession stand was furnished by donations from Jesse Fierro, Lina, Randy, Hector, Mel and Brenda De Hoyos, Lupe Cervantez, Kay Vargas, Sylvia De Hoyos, Sylvia Rodriguez, Marina Vallejo, Maria De La Garza, Sandy Screws, Irma Tambunga, Sandra Perez, Vera Porras, Armenta Sanchez, Elena Tambunga, Rosario Sanchez, Frances Sanchez, Angie Marshall, Juanita Delgado, La

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"In case of a minor child, the natural parent or legal guardian can act on the child's behalf in taking care of the child's Social Security business," Upp said. "We take every precaution to identify this person when they call."

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Mohair Production Expected To Decrease In U.K.

A delegation of Texas mohair growers recently returned from a five-day trip to the United Kingdom where they learned that the mohair supply pipeline is empty and that both major producing countries anticipate a decrease in production for 1996.

The group attended the annual meeting of the International Mohair Association, held May 18-23 at Shipley, near the mohair textile trading centers of Bradford and Leeds in Yorkshire.

Layton Black of Goldthwaite, president of the Mohair Council of America, headed the delegation. Others in the group were Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, council vice president; Gwynn Lundgren of Eldorado, council director; and Duery Menzies of San Angelo, council executive director.

"We learned that South African growers are having similar economic problems as U. S. growers, which is

causing them to look at other profitable enterprises," said Menzies. "Also, South African growers expressed some concerns about recent government changes."

Menzies said U. S. mohair production for 1996 is projected at six to eight million pounds, while South African production is expected to stay at about the five million kilo level.

While attending the IMA sessions, the growers learned that men's and women's suiting manufacturers are looking for a good year, but knitwear is still questionable.

"The pipeline being empty confirms what we learned during our trip to the Far East in early May," Black said.

Menzies and Jack Groff of Kerrville, the council's secretary-treasurer, visited the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan on May 3-11. The Far East market, which has been valuable to American mohair

producers in the past, may open up again, council officials say.

While visiting an import-export firm in Beijing, Menzies and Groff were told that the China market was price-driven. However, mainland China is becoming a consuming nation and could utilize a large portion of the American mohair clip.

During their visit to Hong Kong, Menzies and Groff had a number of appointments with knitters, spinners and even a fashion journalist for Inside Fashion Magazine. The editor, who participated in a Texas Mohair Tour of the Hill Country a few years ago, was planning a feature story on mohair.

A large portion of the knitwear

made in Hong Kong is for the Japanese market, the men said.

Taiwanese spinners expressed concern about the wide fluctuations in the price of scoured mohair or tops. They would rather pay a stable high price.

A textile company executive told the team that he was "not worried about the supply of mohair for the next six to eight months," but was deeply concerned about the availability of mohair in 1997.

"We had two very productive trips," Menzies said. Detailed information gathered during the UK and Far East trips will be given to directors and members at the summer directors meeting on Aug. 15 in Kerrville.

Exercise May Help Prevent Arthritis

People who exercise may be less apt to develop arthritis.

"Exercise is key to keeping tendons, ligaments and bones strong, and it can also help people overcome arthritis," said Dr. Sandra Sessoms, associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Studies show that a walking program for moderately advanced osteoarthritis of the knee can be helpful."

Walking and cycling are both excellent exercises for preventing and treating osteoarthritis, which is the most common form of arthritis. Osteoarthritis takes aim at the joints' connective tissue, such as cartilage, ligaments and tendons. The knees and hips are especially susceptible.

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WHEREAS the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will focus on improving student performance for all students; and,

WHEREAS the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will require a common core of academic subjects for all students; and,

WHEREAS the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will decentralize by involving all of the stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS the students of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District have achieved outstanding performance improvements on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS), Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during the 1995-96 school year; Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees extends this **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION** to all classroom teachers in Ozona Primary School, Ozona Intermediate School, Ozona Middle School, and Ozona High School for their dedication to the teaching profession and to improving the educational performance of all children in the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District; and be it also

RESOLVED that this resolution be made a permanent part of the records of this board and that copies be distributed to all teachers in Ozona Primary School, Ozona Intermediate School, Ozona Middle School, and Ozona High School.

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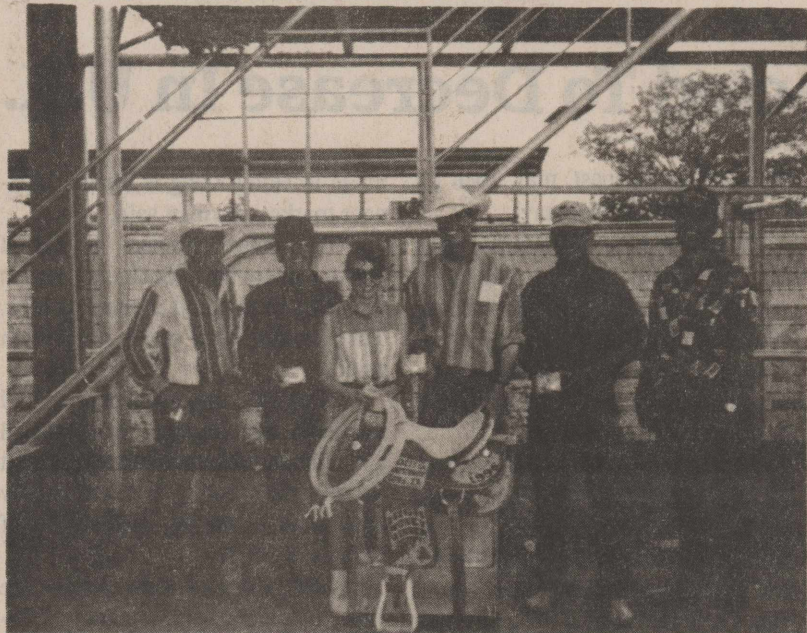
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CLAY CRAVENS (third from right) received a saddle as high money winner in the county roping here May 25. From left are Mickey Davidson, Bill Teague (mixed average winner), Leslie Davidson, Cravens, Will M. Black and Gilbert Sena. Cravens and Black won the #10 average. Not pictured is mixed average winner Leslea Murr.

Cravens High Money Winner In County Roping

Clay Cravens took home a saddle as high money winner in the county roping held here May 25. Cravens and Will M. Black won the average in the #10 roping which included 164 teams. Bill Teague and Leslea Murr were mixed average winners.

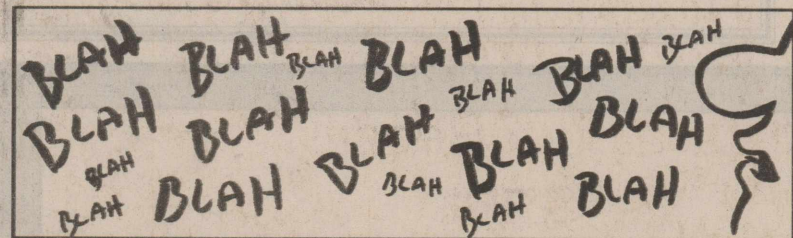
In the mixed, there were 141 teams. Clay Cravens and Brad Grady won round one, Max Schneeman and Bill Teague round two and Wesley Bean and Ed Hale round three.

Results in the average were: 1 Leslie Murr, Bill Teague; 2 Clay

Cravens, Brad Grady; 3 Eddie Hale, Ed Hale; 4 Trey Hale, Glyn Hutto; 5 Clay Cravens, Bill Teague.

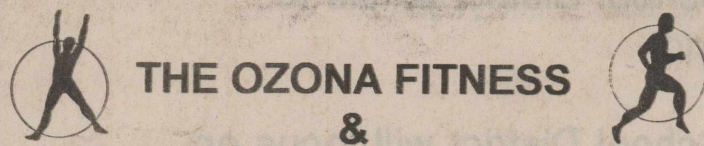
Results of rounds in the #10 roping were: 1 Clay Cravens, Ed Hale; 2 Clay Cravens, Billy Del Renfro; 3 Max Schneeman, Mickey Davidson; 4 Clay Cravens, Will M. Black.

Average winners were: 1 Clay Cravens, Will M. Black; 2 Gilbert Sena, Bill Teague; 3 Max Schneeman, Bill Teague; 4 Marty Acton, Will M. Black; 5 Bill Teague, Will M. Black; 6 Gilbert Sena, Glyn Hutto.



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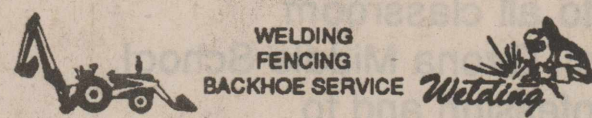
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In view of last week's headline, the following shares information which the public should know.

When a person receives a concealed handgun license, the following have occurred. Their past has been examined thoroughly and critically. No criminal history is present per local, state and national records such as F.B.I. etc. The record is clear on child support, drug free, taxes and fines up-to-date. Character references excellent. In other words, about as good a citizen as could be found. Honest, law abiding and conscientious. Capable of defending themselves, friends and strangers if the need should arise. This sounds like story-book perfection, but is not. This is real life. We are tired of crime, people abusing people and this is the most important action to be taken this century against crime. So much for the persons involved. Along with this license comes a list of rules that can get us into more legal trouble than a criminal will face, since we know better than to break them.

Rules govern where we can carry concealed handguns. The first rule is keeping them concealed, so how do

you know who has one? That's the secret of effectiveness. A criminal isn't supposed to know!!! So he, or she, walks into a business that has a sign "no guns allowed". They know that we must abide by that sign. If there is no sign, they can easily assume that some one has a handgun and the training and authority to use it. There will be no robbery and no shooting, since criminals don't like to be shot. Also, since concealed licensees know the rules and where they can legally carry or lose their license along with other punishment, why discriminate against them and not the potential criminal?

Part of our training enforces the fact that we can defend not only ourselves, but family and friends and believe that we probably will never have to, but are prepared to do so. In defense of self, family, friends and country — against crime! Take a bite out of same.

Businesses can benefit by understanding and helping us follow the rules which have been created for their protection, also. Display the proper signs and understand the reasons for creating these changes. Ask me or any licensee!

Len Hillman

Texas Weather Grid Proposed To Gather Lacking Data

COLLEGE STATION - Placing blame on a weather forecaster when a strong chance for rain doesn't materialize probably isn't fair in Texas. The nation's second largest state has gaping expanses where no weather stations exist to assist with predicting conditions.

But Texas A&M meteorology researchers Bruce Gammon and Dr. Ed Zipser have a \$20 million plan to put a compact weather station in every Texas county, networked to a central location and accessible in 15 minute intervals to anyone with a computer and modem.

"Everyone we talk to says it's a good idea," said Zipser, "but it's tough for anyone in the state to be brave enough to appropriate the money for it."

A Texas Mesonet, or statewide monitoring network, would connect all 254 counties with 27 wind and temperature profilers of the upper atmosphere, 84 instrumented radio towers and 800 surface stations to measure everything from rainfall to soil temperatures to air quality. Gammon and Zipser said such information impacts everyone in Texas and could save millions of dollars to industries dependent on weather conditions.

The duo are not just a couple of researchers with vivid imaginations. Oklahoma already has a Mesonet system, installed about three years ago. In all, Texas' northern neighbor has 127 sites reporting weather information for its 68,656 square miles. That compares to only 60 reporting sites for Texas' 262,015 square miles.

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

ARRESTS:

6-25-96...21-year-old Alexander M. Borrego Jr. of Ozona was arrested on charges of criminal mischief. He was later released after posting bond. The case will be tried in county court.

6-27-96...34-year-old Maishford Campbell of Houston was placed in county jail on several outstanding traffic warrants. He was released after laying out his fines.

6-28-96...56-year-old Margarito G. Rodriguez of Ozona was arrested on charges of public intoxication. He pleaded guilty in JP Court and was released after paying his fine.

6-30-96...23-year-old Timothy Kuhns and 23-year-old Thomas Jeffers, both from California, were arrested on charges of possession of marijuana. They are in county jail unable to make bond. The case will be tried in county court.

6-30-96...20-year-old Jose A. Valencia of Ozona was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. He pleaded guilty in JP Court and was released after paying his fine.

6-30-96...21-year-old Penny Lee Ramirez of Ozona was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. She pleaded guilty in JP Court and was released after paying her fine.

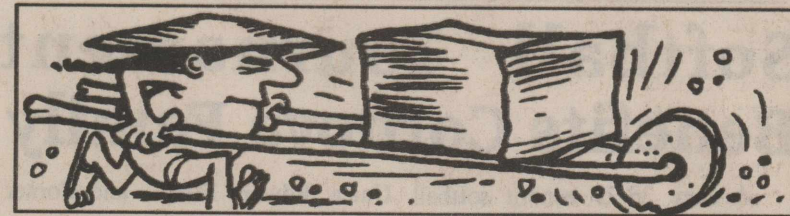
6-30-96...37-year-old Stella Fierro of Ozona was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. She pleaded guilty in JP Court and was released after paying her fine.

7-1-96...37-year-old Tamra Lyn Rogers of Ozona was arrested on a Medina County warrant for theft by check. She was later released after posting bond. The case will be tried in Medina County.

7-1-96...26-year-old Jimmy Munoz of Ozona surrendered to the Sheriff's Office to begin serving a 3-day sentence out of county court on a charge of assault.

INCIDENTS:

6-29-96...Sheriff's deputies are investigating a report of an Ozona woman who reported that she had been beaten up by a 21-year-old boyfriend. Criminal charges have been filed in the case.



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Alumni And Friends Of 4-H Being Sought

COLLEGE STATION - Many well-known people from all walks of life were once Texas 4-H members: such as country singer George Strait, United States Rep. Charles Stenholm, football legend Don Meredith and actress Sissy Spacek.

The Texas 4-H Foundation and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are conducting a "4-H Heritage Search" to find as many former 4-H members and friends as possible to join The 4-H Friends and Alumni Association of Texas. The search runs

from June 1 to Dec. 31, 1996.

Tedra Ulmer, Crockett County Extension agent, said over the years alumni have shown support for 4-H in various ways. The 4-H Friends and Alumni Association of Texas is being established to identify alumni and help strengthen the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

"Today, Texas 4-H is the state's largest youth organization with more than 600,000 young people enrolled in the program," Ulmer said. "The new organization will allow people to

continue their support and enable members to help youth develop valuable life skills. Also, it will help 4-H to better coordinate ways to let members know what is happening with new developments in the state."

During the 4-H Heritage Search, young people and volunteers in 4-H have the opportunity to assist county agents in locating former members and friends. Also, they will have a chance to gather 4-H historical information for their county.

A lifetime membership in the

organization is a one-time payment of \$500. Charter membership is available until Dec. 31, 1996, and is only \$100. In subsequent years, a charter member pays the regular annual fee of \$25.

Other types of membership include joint, \$45; regular, \$25; and collegiate, \$15. There is a special category for corporations/organizations.

For more information about The 4-H Friends and Alumni Association of Texas, contact your local county Extension agent at 392-2721.



WORK BEGAN MONDAY at the location for a new T&C Convenience Store in Ozona. The store is on the lot where the former Sherman Taylor home stood. The house has been moved to the north part of Ozona and is being remodeled by new owners Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlinson.

photo by Jon Moran

Drought Impact On State In The Billions Of Dollars

COLLEGE STATION - The statewide economic impact of the record-setting drought for Texas agriculture could be more than \$6.5 billion, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The projected direct economic loss to agricultural producers is about \$2.4 billion, said Dr. Roland Smith, associate department head for the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University. The remaining \$4.1 billion economic loss could result for industries associated with the harvesting, transportation, processing and marketing of agricultural and food products in the state. One in five Texas jobs depend on agriculture and agribusiness.

In 1995, sales of farm and ranch products in Texas totaled about \$14 billion. Adding the economic multiplier effect, the total impact of agriculture in the state was about \$45 billion last year.

Firm figures on the drought's devastating effects are not available because in the northern areas of the states, not all crops have been planted yet, Smith said.

Britannia Mills LTD. President To Address Mohair Council

Terrance Chermak, president of Britannia Mills Ltd., New York City, will be featured speaker at the Mohair Council of America summer directors' meeting in Kerrville Aug. 15.

"We are fortunate to have this top American knitwear manufacturer as speaker," said MCA president Layton Black of Goldthwaite. Chermak, who has visited the Texas mohair production area twice as a participant in the council's annual Texas Tour, founded Britannia nearly 12 years ago. His firm specializes in selling women's sportswear and dress wear to better

stores throughout the country. He was with Jasco Fabrics of New York before starting his own company.

"We are working on a new product now, and I hope to show it at the council meeting in August," Chermak said. "It is an exciting development and gives us a new look without changing what we do."

Chermak said he plans to tell mohair growers how he got involved in using mohair in his products because he credits the Mohair Council in helping him improve his business.

"Mohair has been a key in my

business by helping it grow, understand the industry and bringing the best knits to market," he said.

Chermak says his company focuses on using natural fibers every place it can.

"I understand wool real well, and it has been easy to change and to understand mohair," he said. Chermak was an active member of Woolknit Associates and served as its treasurer until the organization ceased operations several years ago.

Directors and growers are reminded that reservations should be made at the Inn of The Hills at 1-800-292-5690 by July 24, 1996. Mention the Mohair Council of America meeting for special rates.

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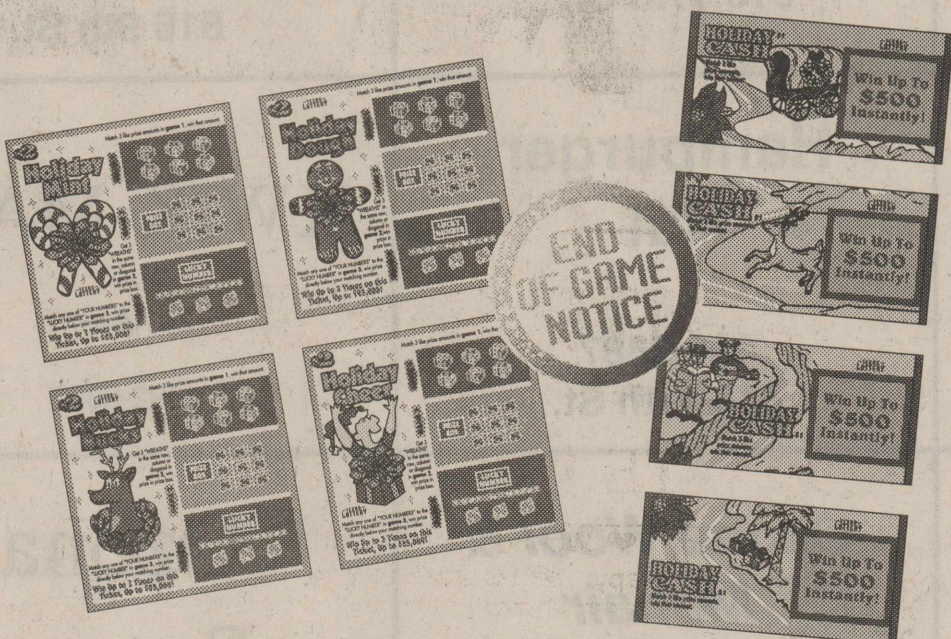
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12:00 - Flag Raising Ceremony -
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12:45 - Roller ilade Poker Run
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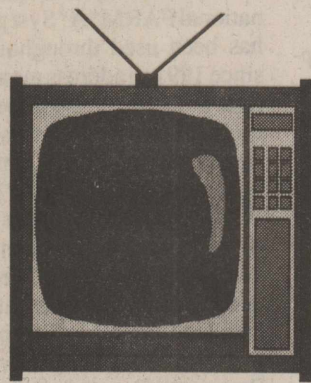

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Food Safety Training Available To Food Service Managers

by Georgia D. Lockridge Director, Food Industry Training Division, Institute of Food Science and Engineering

Nearly 50 percent of every food dollar is spent on food service meals a-way from home. Since food safety is the top consumer concern today, the Institute of Food Science and Engineering's Food Industry Training Division at Texas A&M University and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service have teamed with the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association and the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to carry out the Food Protection Management Program in counties across Texas, including Crockett County.

The Food Protection Management Program is designed to train food service managers about food safety. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that between 24 and 81 million cases of foodborne illness result in about 10,000 needless deaths each year. The annual cost of foodborne illness is between \$7.7 and \$23 billion.

Food service managers are an important audience for the Institute of Food Science and Engineering and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's food safety efforts. With a turnover rate of front line employees or food handlers in food service operations at almost 200 percent per year, ongoing food safety education by food service managers is essential. Local food establishments across Texas have a chance to show their customers that they really do come first by attending food safety training seminars sponsored by the Food Protection Management Training Program.

Food managers who participate in the 15-hour course will receive in-depth training in all areas of food safety, says Dr. H. Russell Cross, director of the Institute of Food Science and Engineering. The Food Protection Management course will cover the latest information on food safety including personal hygiene, how to use food thermometers and keep temperature logs, how to store food safely, and methods of cleaning and sanitizing.

According to the 1995 Food Code published by the U.S. Public Health Service of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), "The Centers for Disease and Prevention have consistently stated that where reported foodborne outbreaks were caused by mishandling of food, most of the time the mishandling occurred within the retail segment of the food industry where ready-to-eat food was prepared and provided to the public for consumption."

Food service establishments that participate in this program will receive numerous benefits, says Dr. William Rosser, chief of the Bureau of Food and Drug Safety at the Texas Department of Health. Food service operations can increase the quality of their food and improve profitability by reducing waste with safe food storage and transportation. Also, those establishments under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction will receive a 10 percent reduction in license fees annually while the certification is in effect. Many public health jurisdictions in urban areas of Texas already require food safety training. The Food Protection Management Program is designed for managers of any establishments in Texas involved in preparing or serving food to customers including restaurants, cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, school lunch programs, day care facilities, grocery stores, convenience stores and mobile vendors.

For more information about the Food Protection Management Training Program, contact Georgia Lockridge, program coordinator, in the Institute of Food Science and Engineering at (409) 862-2036. Support for the program is also being provided by the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Restaurant Association and DAYDOTS, a national sponsor of the SERVSAFE program. The Food Protection Management Training Program also meets the continuing education unit requirements of various other state and national professional organizations.

A course will be offered locally in early fall through the Crockett County Extension Agency. Information about this course may be obtained by calling Tedra Ulmer, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at 392-2721. Space for the course will be limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so food service managers and owners are encouraged to sign up early.

Educational programs and information are provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to all persons regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

Groundwater Protection Program Now Available To Rural Residents

Rural resident across Texas now have an opportunity to take an active role in protecting their ground and drinking water with the launch of a new voluntary program called the "TEX*A*Syst Ground Water Protection Program".

TEX*A*Syst is based on the national FARM*A*Syst program that has been used throughout the U. S. since 1991 to address many sources of rural pollution through a series of easy-to-understand self-assessment worksheets and bulletins. "The difference between FARM*A*Syst and TEX*A*Syst is that our program is targeted to all rural residents in Texas," said Dennis Hoffman, project leader and research scientist at Blackland Research Center in Temple.

The TEX*A*Syst Ground Water Protection Program helps rural residents protect their ground water by reducing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution risks on their property. Through this program, residents voluntarily use a series of bulletins to identify present or potential sources of contamination caused by their management practices and/or structures on their property.

Once these present or potential sources of contamination are identified, TEX*A*Syst then recommends solutions to reduce or prevent them. In addition, the bulletins increase the participant's knowledge and understanding of the environment, existing policies, regulations and best management practices that can reduce or prevent NPS pollution of ground water. Some of the subjects covered in

the TEX*A*Syst bulletins include: wellhead protection, pesticide storage and handling, livestock waste management, fertilizer storage and handling, petroleum storage and handling, hazardous waste management, household wastewater treatment, milking center wastewater treatment and livestock holding pen management.

"This is an excellent opportunity for anyone that is going to design a homesite to learn about separation distance between the well and the septic system," said Monty Dozier, water quality Extension associate with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Because it is hard to correct the separation distance after they have been put in place."

The TEX*A*Syst Groundwater Protection Program is a demonstration project funded by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. Funds are administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, which is the lead agency for the state's agricultural/silvicultural NPS management program. Funding is provided to TSSWCB to implement activities that demonstrate ways to control and prevent NPS pollution associated with agricultural/silvicultural runoff.

"Future plans for the program include training county extension agents and Natural Resource Conservation Service staff on the TEX*A*Syst bulletins, so residents can contact a local source in the future regarding the program," said Hoffman.

"Currently, we are looking for groups and organizations that would like for us to speak at their meetings and explain how residents can voluntarily protect their water supply," said

Dozier. "We want to reassure everyone that TEX*A*Syst is not regulatory in any fashion."

In an effort to reach Texans concerning water quality issues, the TEX*A*Syst program is on-line and can be accessed on the Internet at <http://brsun0.tamu.edu/hoffman>. The on-line program contains all the bulletins and is cross-linked to the national FARM*A*Syst program.

For additional information, contact Justin Hester, project manager in the Statewide Management Program, at the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at 817 773-2250.

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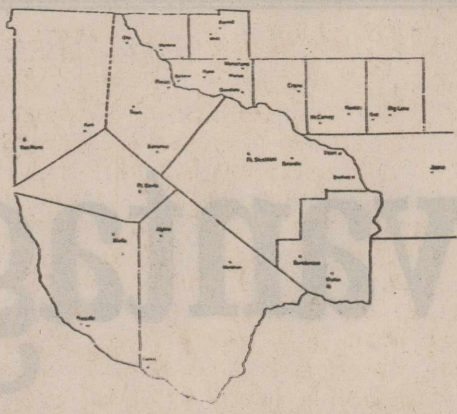
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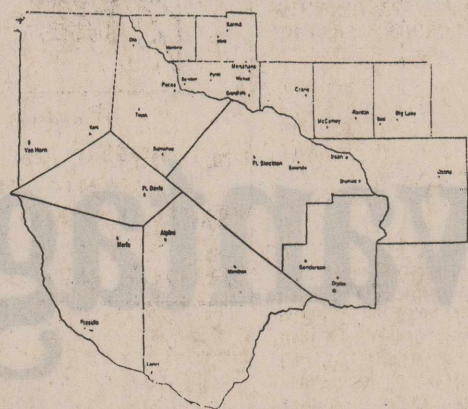
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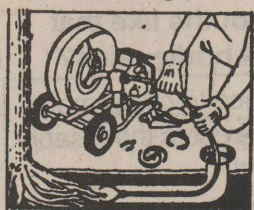
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