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Equine Industry Input Sought for Federal EVA Program Proposals

Equine owners, associations and other interested persons have until November 20th to provide input on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed programs for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), a highly contagious, but not widespread, respiratory disease of equine in the U.S.

"We want the equine community to comment on the options offered at the federal level, as it will undoubtedly affect us locally," said Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animals Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. [EVA should not be confused with incurable virus Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), for which Texas has an active control and regulatory program. The TAHC has no regulations for EVA.].

"Currently, there is no federal program to control EVA, which, after an incubation period of about a week, can cause infected equine to run fever, lose their appetite, and develop nasal discharge and conjunctivitis (red, swollen eyes). While in many instances, there are no signs of illness, a high percentage of infected pregnant mares will abort or deliver foals that do not survive," said Dr. Conger.

"Affected mares, geldings or sexually immature stallions

will usually eliminate the virus and develop a strong immunity against the disease," he said. "Stallions, on the other hand, can harbor the disease in their reproductive system as long as 15 years and shed the virus continuously or only periodically. When stallions are 'shedders,' they can infect mares during breeding. Infected mares can also infect their foals in utero, or prior to delivery."

"A very effective vaccine is available," said Dr. Conger.

Chickenpox vaccine or history of chickenpox disease is required

Parents,

Chickenpox vaccine or a history of previous chickenpox disease is required for two groups of children. All children born on or after September 2, 1994, (children approximately one through 6-years old in 2000) and children born on or after September 2, 1988, but before September 2, 1994 (children approximately 7 through 12-years of age in 2000) are required to show proof of vaccination or history of chickenpox disease.

If your child has had chickenpox disease, write

"Foals are vaccinated between the ages of six and 12 months, while blood-test negative breeding stallions can be inoculated yearly. Mares that will be bred to infected stallions should be vaccinated at least three months prior to breeding, with a booster administered three or four months after the initial vaccination. Unfortunately, these vaccinated animals can test positive on EVA blood tests, which causes problems if the equine

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Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Supper:

Sponsored by Sr. Class
Immediately following Bonfire
in school cafeteria

Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Borden Co. vs Loraine

School Reception: Cafeteria

Immediately following game

Class of 1990 Reception:

Conference Room following game

Homecoming Dance: Co. Show Barn

Immediately following game.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thurs. October 5th

JH vs. Highland - There - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6th

HS vs. Whitharral There - 7:30 p.m.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Begin District Play October 13th – Homecoming

Coyotes fall to Wellman; Take on State-ranked Whitharral in non-district final contest

It was another tough outing for the 2000 Borden Coyotes Friday in their loss to the Wellman Wildcats.

The Coyotes were hampered by the loss of starting back T.J. Sharp who is trying to recover from a muscle pull before district play.

Wellman scored 33 points in the first half and 13 in the second half to take the shutout victory, 46-0.

Junior Jake Zant was called on to carry some of the load and responded with 44 yards rushing on 11 carries, was six of 11 in the passing department with two interceptions, and returned two kickoffs for an average of 20 yards. On defense, Zant was credited with 10 unassisted tackles.

Senior Tom Griffin threw 15 passes with four completions, caught two passes, and had three unassisted tackles with seven assists.

Sophomore Talin Pepper came through with two caught passes for an average of 9.5 yards per catch and also intercepted a pass for the Coyote defense. He had two unassisted tackles and two assists.

Junior Rowdy Dunlap once again showed his receiving skills with two catches for big gains of 14 and 17 yards. His two rushes on the evening netted five yards. He also had 10 unassisted tackles, was in on two pass rushes

which resulted in incompletions for Wellman, and had three assists and blocked one extra point attempt.

Junior Cody Nowlain caught two passes for an average of 11 yards per catch and had three unassisted tackles with two assists.

Defensively, sophomore Raul Rodriguez came in and gave the Coyote defense a quick spark and was in on one rush and two hurries that forced Wellman errors. He also had one unassisted tackle.

Junior T.C. Stipe once again handled most of the punting chores, with

three punts for an average of 6.5 yards. Freshman Kyle Pinkerton had one punt for 19 yards. Stipe recorded two unassisted tackles as well on defense.

Senior James Bond played defensively and was in on one assisted tackle on the evening.

Before district play begins October 13 against Loraine in Gail, the Coyotes must face the number two-ranked team in the state in six-man classification. Whitharral will be Friday's opponent, hosting the Coyotes for their Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Coyote Pups run record to 3-0

Travel to Highland Thurs. For first district match-up

Scoring on four rushing touchdowns and adding on a defensive fumble recovery for a touchdown, the Borden Junior High Coyote Pups remained unbeaten by knocking off Wellman-Union 37-20.

Adam Carter provided the early punch with a 40-yard touchdown run and capped it off with his two-point kick for the conversion. The Coyotes led 8-0 early and were destined for more soon.

A sack of the Wellman quarterback by Ben Griffin forced a punt; this was followed by a Derek Rodriguez run for 60 yards. Carter's kick was again good to give the Coyotes a 16-0 advantage.

The defensive spark came soon after as Billy Roper sacked the Wellman-Union quarterback, forcing a fumble, which was picked up by Griffin. Ben scampered into the endzone for a 20-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown.

The PAT was a completed pass from Carter

to Roper to give BJH a commanding 23-0 score.

However, the Wildcats caught the Coyotes off guard with an ensuing kickoff return for a touchdown, making the score 23-6.

The next Coyote touchdown was set up by a Casey Divin block, allowing Carter to run 42 yards for a touchdown. Carter then threw to Tyler Wallace for the PAT, increasing the lead to 30-6.

Wellman-Union scored twice more, but the Coyote Pups, going to their 7th grade players, were able to score once more to pull away for a 37-20 win.

Caden Nowlain took the ball to the Coyote 15-yard line where Garrett Thomas punched it across for a touchdown. Carter came in to kick the final PAT.

Next up for the junior high team is Highland. The game, scheduled for a 6 p.m. start in Highland, will be the first district contest of the season.

OFF AND RUNNING Cross Country News By Trent Pepper



Lubbock Results Pepper takes Silver

The Borden County cross country teams ran well in what is annually one of the largest cross country meets in Texas, the Lubbock Invitational at Mae Simmons Park.

Trent Pepper led the high school boys team with his silver medal performance in the 1A-3A varsity boys division. Trent covered the three mile course in 16:03, his career best for the Lubbock course. He fell to

Jonathan Taylor of Lubbock Roosevelt, but beat Felix Saldana of Seminole, who placed third. T.C. Stipe placed fortieth out of the more than 200 runners in the division, finishing in 17:56. Evan Winegarner, Cody Nowlain, Talin Pepper, Raul Rodriguez, and Jacob Zant comprised the rest of the boys team.

The high school girls team finished as one of the top 1A teams in the highly-

competitive 1A-3A varsity girls division. Bobbie and Dalene Kempf led the way, finishing in 13:45 and 14:18, respectively. Micah and Bekah Hensley, Shayla Gass,

and Kyla Culp made up the rest of the girls team.

The next meet for the Borden County cross country teams will be in Sundown on Saturday.

Cross Country Schedule

October 7 th	Sundown
October 14 th	Floydada
October 21 st	Open
October 28 th	District TBA
November 4 th	Regional – Arlington
November 11 th	State – Roundrock

From the Counselor: by Mary Airhart

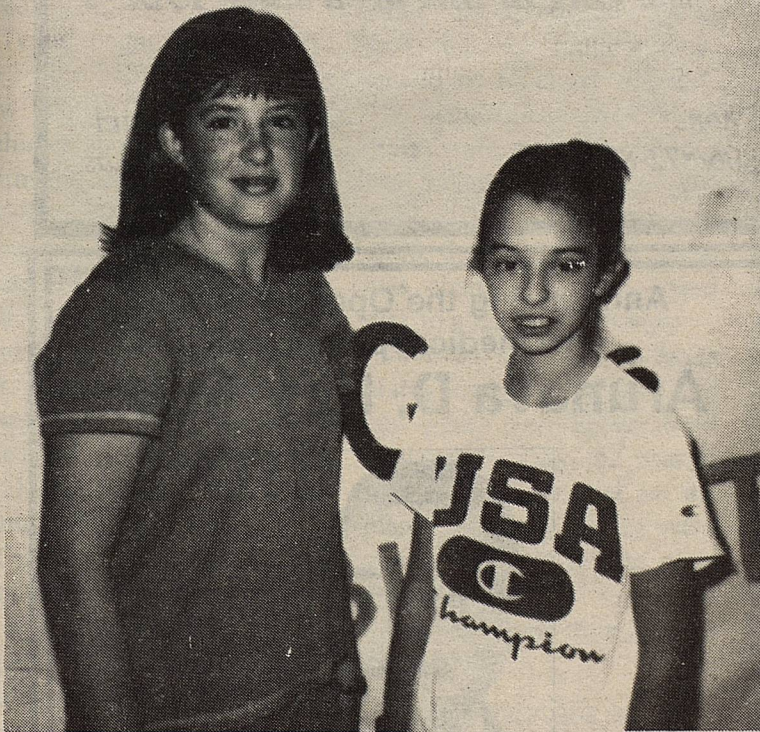
High TAAS test score make students eligible for TIP program

Congratulations to Whitney Anderson, Cassidy Ogden and a former student Jesus Gonzalez, who are eligible to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) because of their high scores on the Spring 2000 TAAS tests.

Building on a rich history dating back to 1980, the Duke University Talent Identification Program is dedicated to being a national leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support the development of their optimal educational potential. Participation in the program

is voluntary. Qualifying students are provided an opportunity to pursue an out-of-level testing experience on the same SAT and/or ACT which is taken by juniors and seniors preparing for college entrance. These tests require knowledge and skills rarely taught in junior high or middle school. In the past, however, TIP participants have scored at least as well as the average college-bound student on one of more parts of the ACT or SAT.

Good luck to Cassidy, Whitney and Jesus if they decide to take one of these tests



Borden County Seventh Graders, Whitney Anderson and Cassidy Ogden become eligible for TIP program.

PSAT Reminder

The PSAT will be administered to all Borden County sophomore and junior students on Tuesday, October 17, beginning at 8:15 a.m. The test will take about two hours and 45 minutes. Parents help is needed to insure that all students are in class if at all possible on this testing day.

Representative to visit with students

A Western Texas College representative from Snyder will be on campus during lunch Wednesday, October 11 to visit with prospective WTC students. Be sure and stop by their booth during lunch to obtain information about this college.

Making The Grade! School Lunch Menu

First Six-Weeks

Beta Achievement:

Twelfth Grade: Ross Aten, Tom Griffin, Rebekah Hensley, Krystle Lee and Trent Pepper.
Eleventh Grade: Andrea Lozano
Tenth Grade: Michele Bond and Micah Hensley.
Ninth Grade: Clay John Anderson, Dan Griffin, Kyle Pinkerton, and John Stamper
Eighth Grade: Garrett Chapman, Casey Divin, Emily Mayes, Billy Roper and John Wilson.
Seventh Grade: Whitney Anderson and Shiloh Pool.
Sixth Grade: Alejandra Mujica

First Six-Weeks

Honor Roll:

Twelfth Grade: Shawna Kempf and Kandace Kimmel
Eleventh Grade: None
Tenth Grade: None
Ninth Grade: Evan Winegarner.
Eighth Grade:

College Night Successful

The College Night presentation sponsored by Lamesa High School was a great success with many of our Borden County High School students who accumulated information from some 35 colleges and military representatives and visited with other high school students there for the same purpose. A special treat was at the Midland College booth where Ambassadors Hailey Adcock a 2000 BHS graduate and Caroline Madison of Grady offered friendly smiles and dispensed information in a very professional but small-town-friendly manner. It's always good to see our students and ex-students performing well and making a positive impact on other young people.

Our thanks to the Lamesa High School counseling staff for hosting this event.

None Seventh Grade:

Cassidy Ogden. **Sixth Grade:** Clint Chapman, Christina Soto and Daniel Williams.
Fifth Grade:

Logan Howard, Shelby Roberts, Miller Valentine, Kate Wallace, Cutter Whipple and Rachel Wilson.
Fourth Grade:

Baylee Benavidez, Clay Harding, Carlos Hernandez, and Krystal Hobson.
Third Grade: Erica Hartley, Karl Lamming, Rachael Payne, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens, Raylea Underwood and Skyler Williamson.
Second Grade: Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Keri Anna Howard, Miles Valentine and Ethan Winegarner.

Week of:

October 9th - 13th

MONDAY: Beef & Bean burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit square & milk.

Breakfast: Eggs & ham, toast, juice & milk

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, corn, hot roll, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, fruit, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas, bean salad, tortilla chips, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes & ham, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger Mac, spinach, black-eye peas, corn bread, jello & milk.

Breakfast: Hot pocket, hash brown, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Rib on a bun, French fries, salad, cookie & milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, juice & milk

SENIOR CLASS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The senior class will be sponsoring a book fair to be held Monday, October 9, 2000 in room 73 of the new Distance Learning Center. Brochures will be distributed to the students before the fair. Be sure to pick out some good books, and keep those students reading!!!

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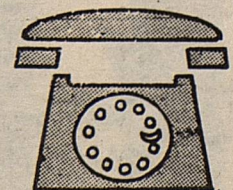
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4-H News

4-H Celebrates National 4-H Week and Salutes Volunteers

Across the country, 4-H will celebrate National 4-H Week 2000 Sunday, October 1st - Saturday, October 7th. National 4-H Week, celebrated annually, provides recognition to the 6.6 million youth involved in 4-H programs and the 6.3 million 4-H volunteers.

Pledging their hands to larger service is a key component to the 4-H philosophy of learning by doing. This year, 4-H made a pledge to America's Promise to strengthen youth participation and youth/adult partnerships in order to build an infrastructure in communities where youth and adults commit to making their communities better places for everyone. 4-H, recognized for its service and volunteer activities has promoted youth volunteerism through its national PSA campaign, Are You Into It? In 1999, more than 217,000 youth got involved in volunteerism, service learning and community service nationwide.

From water quality to recycling to nutrition, more

than 30 4-H volunteers in Borden County pledge their head, heart, hands and health toward improving their communities and themselves. 4-H volunteers contribute their knowledge and expertise. Whether planning projects, 4-h meetings or fund-raisers, the skills volunteers bring to 4-H strengthen it and help the young people. Over and over, volunteers say they concentrate on what they can contribute, yet are amazed at what they gain. People enjoy volunteering when they're able to make changes in a community that are needed.

4-H volunteers range in age from 13 to well over 70. Many of them, though not all, are 4-H alumni who wish to give back to the organization that they benefited from. They come from a wide array of economic situations and backgrounds and share the common interest of youth development.

A variety of 4-H volunteer opportunities are available in Borden County. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 756-4336.

Holiday Quilts Needed

It's beginning to look like the Holiday Season, and the Scurry County Museum is starting to develop its Holiday theme. For 2000, the theme is Holiday Quilts. If you have a Holiday quilt which means ANY holiday in the year, the Museum would like to display the quilt or any other quilted items, such as a pillow or will hanging, from November 1 through December 8, 2000. The items are needed by October 23, 2000.

Please contact the Museum at 915/573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend. The Museum is located on the southwest corner of Western Texas College's campus, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder. The winter hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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God Bless each of you,
Randy & Verna Adcock
and family

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The Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer for 4-H

1. Share skills to help youth succeed.
2. Become a community leader.
3. Attend 4-H "Citizenship Washington Focus" or National 4-H Conference as a chaperone.
4. Share your concern for the environment.
5. Meet volunteers from across the country.
6. Participate in county-wide events.
7. Show and teach citizenship.
8. Learn new things.
9. Be a positive role model.
10. Have lots of FUN with 4-H'ers!

4-H is the
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4-H reaches over
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The History of Texas License Plates

The idea of requiring an automobile to display its own individual insignia originated in New York in 1901. Back then, the 954 vehicle owners in that state were required to place the initials of the owner's name on the back in a conspicuous place. Some people painted the initials on the body of the car. Others painted the information on a piece of wood or metal and fastened it to the vehicle. Such a device evolved into our present day license plates.

Texas began the registration of vehicles in 1907. The law stated that owners of vehicles should register them with the county clerk, who would write their names in consecutive order in a book. Numbers were issued in the order of their registration. The figures had to be at least six inches in height and displayed in a prominent place on the vehicle. Owners paid the county clerk fifty cents for the registration.

Only one plate was required and it had no date on it. Some drivers had wooden plates with hand painted numbers. Others went to a blacksmith shop and had a license plate made. Iron frames covered with leather were becoming popular in larger cities so some northern firms started making the blanks and selling them in stores throughout the country. Numbers made of aluminum (probably apartment-type figures) were attached to the leather by spreading-type cotter pins. In 1916, ceramic numbers became popular.

The Texas legislature approved the establishment of a state highway depart-

ment in 1917. One of the department's responsibilities was to handle vehicle registration. The annual registration fee was \$3 for each motorcycle and .35 cents per horsepower for a motor vehicle with a minimum fee of \$7.50. In addition to the license plate, a seal reading "Registered Motor Vehicle, Texas" had to be displayed on the radiator of each motor vehicle or the front of each motorcycle.

The same license plates were displayed year after year, but the radiator seals had to be replaced annually. The license plates were black with white numbers. "TEX" was written vertically on the right side of the plates. In 1920, the yearly renewal seal was changed from a round disk to a rectangular shape.

In 1923, all existing Texas plates were declared void and new plates were issued to all vehicles. In 1925, the year of issuance was printed on the plates. In 1928, plates were manufactured with one plate showing the word "front" and the other place showing the word "Rear."

Letters were first issued in conjunction with numbers of Texas plates in 1931. The letter A represented 100,000, B represented 200,000 and so forth. The manufacturing of the license plates was undertaken by the state prison in Huntsville in 1935 and continues today.

During World War II, no new plates were issued, but small metal tabs had to be attached to the plates each year. In 1947, a shortage of license plates required the issuance of windshield

stickers as evidence of registration.

In 1965, the issuance of personalized plates began and that triggered an avalanche of all sorts of license plates saluting various groups. The new Texas plates are red, white and blue and depict a series of oil derricks, a starry night sky, a man on horseback and tumbleweeds. All good Texas symbols.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES General Election November 7th

September 8th

First Day to apply for a ballot
By mail

October 10th

Last Day to register in person to vote in the Nov. General Election

October 23rd

First Day to vote early in person

October 31st

Last Day for early voting clerk to Receive an application to vote by mail

November 3rd

Last Day to vote early in person

November 7th

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The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28th beginning at 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the County Showbarn.

There will be Class Booths, Bingo, and a Concession Stand.

Come out enjoy the evening and help support the youth of Borden County.

Midland International Airport announces Website

Midland International Airport's new Internet website is now available to the public. The site is found at www.midlandinternational.com and contains a tremendous amount of information for travelers, as well as discount coupons that can be redeemed at the Airport.

Passenger information shows scheduled arrivals and departures. Soon the site will be directly linked to the airport flight information screens, which will show any flight delays. The site is linked to an Internet flight flowing service that shows the physical location of each flight and the estimated time of arrival. Links are also available to each airline website for flight scheduling, pricing and ticket purchase. This allows the convenience

of using one site for complete trip planning and ticket purchase.

Maps are provided showing the Airport location and access to the various parking areas. Parking rates are shown to help the travelers decide which lot they want to use. Maps of both Midland

and Odessa are shown to help people unfamiliar with the area find restaurants, hotels and other destinations. Links provide actual driving directions to an address.

The general public will find considerable information about events and activities in the Midland/Odessa area. All

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Homecoming Dance 2000



Friday - October 13th
Following football game until 12:30 a.m.

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Snyder to host White Buffalo Festival

Snyder will host the annual White Buffalo Festival on Oct. 6th and 7th paying tribute to J. Wright Mooar and Scurry county's pioneer heritage. Mr. Mooar is best known in Western lore as the man who killed a rare white buffalo on Deep Creek northwest of Snyder on October 7, 1876, but he is also recognized as the first settler of the county and he came to be fondly called "Scurry County's No. 1 Citizen."

This year's Festival will get underway on the night of Oct. 6th with the Rodeo Ranch at 7 p.m. in the Scurry County coliseum. The coliseum grounds will open at 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 7th and welcoming ceremonies are planned there at 10:15 a.m.

Bus tours to the ranch of S.D. and Judy Hays where the hide of the white buffalo is displayed will leave from the coliseum at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Judy Hays is the granddaughter of J. Wright Mooar. The Hays ranch is on what was once part of the Mooar Ranch. The White Buffalo Park on the ranch is near the site where the white buffalo was killed.

An exhibit of picture of the Mooars will be shown in the Dermott School on the coliseum grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cowboy poetry and music will be performed under the tent on the parking lot and arts and crafts booths will be inside the coliseum throughout the day.

J. Wright Mooar left his native Vermont to seek his

fortune as a young man and was already an experienced buffalo hunter when he reached Scurry County in 1876 at the age of 25. It is estimated that he killed as many as 22,000 buffalo during his hunting career, a record perhaps unsurpassed, and his ability to hit a vital spot on a buffalo at a distance of 1,000 feet or farther won the respect of such Indians as Comanche Chief Quanah Parker who became his friend in later life.

Wright and his older brother, John W. Mooar, became partners in the hunting business. Wright did most of the hunting while John transacted the business affairs. Buffalo hunting was a business that required capital,

management, work and the ability to withstand hardships. When the hunting days ended, the brothers became partners in ranching and in a livery stable in Colorado City. Wright married Mrs. Julia Swartz in Colorado City in 1897 and they built a two-story home on the Scurry County ranch where visitors sometimes sat on the white buffalo hide while he told of his early years in the area. An official Texas Historical Marker on the northwest corner of Snyder's courthouse square recounts Mooar's hunting career briefly and a bronze replica of the white buffalo stands nearby.

Charles Anderson, Snyder

educator and author, has written a book about Mr. Mooar's hunting career. Titled *In Search of the Buffalo*, it is available locally. For more information about Mr. Mooar and the colorful buffalo hunting era, many public libraries have copies of Wayne Gard's book *The Great Buffalo Hunt* and Don Hampton Biggers' book *Pictures of the Past* (recently re-printed by Texas Tech Press).

When Mr. Mooar died in Snyder in 1940, at the age of 88, it was estimated that 3,000 people from all over West Texas came for his funeral. Both he and Julia are buried in the Snyder Cemetery.

Dry eyes can cause tearless trauma

Crying is a natural response to many situations, but a common eye problem is preventing many of us from shedding tears.

"Dry eye is a condition that affects about 10 percent of the population between the ages of 30 and 60," said Dr. Stephen Pflugfelder, a professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Over the age of 65, it runs even higher, about 15 percent."

Pflugfelder, with a grant from the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, is currently involved in several research projects targeting tears.

"We're identifying the key elements in tear production that keep the surface of the eye healthy and examining what happens when eyes become dry," Pflugfelder said. "Perhaps the most exciting phase is 'cell therapy,' where we take cells, grow them in the laboratory and actually transplant them to the surface of the eye to stimulate tear production."

When tear glands shut down, the eye surface becomes inflamed. Symp-

toms range from mild irritation to near blindness. In some cases, the dryness is so severe that ulcers form or cloudiness appears on the cornea, distorting vision.

"Tears serve an important function because they nourish the surface of the eye," Pflugfelder said. "Without this fluid, the eye is left unprotected."

A number of factors cause the tear glands to slow or even halt production. For many, air-conditioning can dry out the eyes. Medications such as antihistamines and some antidepressants can do the same.

Hormonal changes brought on by menopause can cause dry eyes in older women. Others susceptible to dry eyes include people suffering from diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus. Or neurological disorders and those who wear contact lenses.

"Wearing contacts can cause the eye to grow numb, and there's no sensation to stimulate tear production," Pflugfelder said.

Pflugfelder noted that some patients who undergo laser surgery to correct vision have reported dryness in their

eyes.

"Dry eye is mentioned as a side effect of procedures such as LASIK, but it's usually a temporary one," Pflugfelder said.

Although most people with dry eyes can be treated with common eye drops, many don't respond. Anti-inflammatory agents such as cyclosporin and antibiotics like tetracycline have been used effectively. But Pflugfelder said even those drugs don't work on everyone.

"I liken the eyes to flowers in a garden," Pflugfelder said. "If you don't provide the water and fertilizer, the flowers aren't going to thrive and will eventually dry out. That's more or less what happens without tears."

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Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will be selling the following surplus equipment at auction. The auction will be held at the Towle Park Barn in Snyder, Texas on October 14, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

Equipment can be inspected the day before the auction at the Towle Park Barn, Snyder, Texas

Equipment is as follows:

- One 1979 gasoline Ford Truck with dump body
- One 1974 gasoline International Truck
- One 1962 gasoline International Truck
- One 1972 diesel 290 Cummins International Truck Tractor

For further information contact Doug Isaacs, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6619; Larry Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4346; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 915/965-3393; Huston Lemons, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 915/573-1459 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

Equine Industry Input Sought

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is to be exported."

"In addition to health implications, EVA also has economic repercussions," said Dr. Conger. "Abortions, foal deaths and lost breeding seasons resulting from this disease can substantially impact the equine industry. Most worrisome is the challenge to guard against the spread of disease by infected stallions. Many countries also bar the importation of affected equine and/or their semen."

A full text of the proposed programs may be found on the internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/pd/rad/webrepor.html> or obtained from the TAHC by calling 1-800-550-8242, ext. 710. Dr. Conger has summarized the USDA's five possible programs, all of which include disease education and range from voluntary to highly restrictive:

A minimal voluntary program:

- *no USDA regulatory involvement
- *focus on disease education
- *equine industry to determine method to identify infected stallions (and semen).

Voluntary control program:

- *Equine industry to manage and monitor program with assistance of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and individual states.
- *USDA-APHIS would quarantine and test internationally imported stallions and/or semen; record results on the import permit and notify animal health regulatory officials in the state of destination.
- *States urged to consider testing positive imports to attempt virus isolation.
- *Under this program, states are urged to develop testing program for domestic stallions and semen, control interstate movement of affected equine, and make test records public.

Voluntary and Uniform Control Program:

- *Equine industry, USDA and states to develop national standards, called uniform methods and rules (UMR), encompassing EVA disease control, detection, and movement requirements for stallions that are "shedders" of the virus.
- *USDA-APHIS would quarantine and test internationally imported stallions and/or semen; record results on the import permit and recommend the state of destination hold the positive stallions for virus isolation tests.
- *States urged to test domestic stallions and semen; require tests for interstate movement, and conduct virus isolation (confirmation) tests on all blood-test positive stallions. Test records would be public record.

Certification Program

- *USDA-APHIS would release internationally imported blood-test positive stallions and/or semen only to states participating in certification program.
- *Known infected domestic stallions and/or semen also could move only to certified states.
- *Certified states would run virus isolation (confirmation) tests on every blood-test positive stallion entering the state, and test and record results on all incoming domestic equine semen.
- *Certified states would also regulate the in-state movement of infected semen and stallions.

Eradication Program

- *Equine industry, USDA and States to develop national standards called uniform methods and rules (UMR), encompassing EVA disease control, detection, movement requirements and prevention.
- *USDA-APHIS to quarantine and test imported stallions and/or semen; move positives to APHIS-approved site for virus isolation (confirmation) testing. Results to be

recorded on import permit accompanying animal or semen.

*USDA-APHIS would require domestic stallions and semen to be testes for EVA prior to interstate movement, with results recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

*Movement permits required for interstate movement of infected semen or stallions shedding the EVA virus. USDA-APHIS recommends semen from these affected stallions undergo a virus isolation test prior to the first breeding in the new state.

*USDA-APHIS to initiate an EVA-vaccine program for domestic mares.

To provide input on these proposed EVA programs, send three copies of comments to:

Docket #99-074-1
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS suite 300-3
4700 River Road, Unit 18
Riverdale, Maryland
20737-1238

Midland Airport

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of the major attractions are listed and current events are posted. Of special interest are the direct links to local weather radar. The discount coupons will change each month providing new and different discounts at the Airport.

Private pilots will find a section of the website devoted to the types of special information they need for flight planning. Pilots will also find information about services available at the Airport.

The website will be continuously updated with new additions being added. The site serves people flying out of the Airport and also people flying into the area who may need some of the information provided.

Halloween Entertaining-

Tricks for Your Treats



Halloween and the "Trick or Treat" tradition have evolved into America's most popular holiday next to Christmas. Americans now spend over \$2.5 billion annually on Halloween decorations, costumes and treats. Sixty-five percent of Americans are expected to decorate their homes and one-third of adults will put on a costume during the autumn Halloween season.

Kids of all ages will enjoy getting into the spirit of Halloween entertaining with easy party planning ideas. A colorful, idea-packed brochure, "Tricks For Your Treats," offers dozens of great ways to turn Halloween parties into a real scream. Spin spider webs from fabric threads. Create billowing, eerie fog from pails of water and dry ice. Make hanging glow-in-the-dark ghosts with simple household items. Prepare a dramatic Dr. Jekyll stunt with an easy-to-create bubbly test tube potion.

Have fun building scary Halloween party snacks and haunted hors d'oeuvres. Create spectacular spider, pumpkin, snake, and cat treats with great tasting cheese, crackers, HORMEL® Pepperoni, olives, pretzels and other snack foods. All these ideas plus more are available from Hormel Foods in a special new complimentary brochure or on the Web.

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Centipede Centerpiece

Ingredients: •10-12 HORMEL® Pepperoni slices • 10-12 round crackers • thin slices of cheddar cheese • olives (sliced) • cherry tomatoes • two toothpicks

Arrange crackers on baking sheet in a long, curving line. Place cheese slice on top of each cracker. Cut a square out of each pepperoni slice and place on top of cheese. Use remaining sections of pepperoni slice as legs. Use sliced olives as eyes and cherry tomatoes on the end of toothpicks as antennae. Bake at 350° for about five minutes, until cheese melts.

Special Halloween party ideas plus extra recipes can be found at www.hormelpepperoni.com. To receive a complimentary "Tricks For Your Treats" brochure, send a self addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Halloween Brochure, P.O. Box 270071, Minneapolis, MN 55427. One request per envelope please. Offer good through November 30, 2000 or while supply lasts. Valid in USA only.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene

Contract 6064-25-001 for LITTER PICKUP AND DISPOSAL in BORDEN County will be opened on October 31, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$15,337.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, as the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1504

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601
Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.