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## *Fourth of July in the Park*

The annual Fourth of July celebration in Towle Park in Snyder will be held again this year.

Booths open Monday, July 3rd from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, July 4th, from 8:30 a.m. until after the fireworks display.

Independence Day activities include the annual prayer breakfast, which is scheduled for 8 a.m. It will be followed by the flag raising ceremony at 9 in front of the National Guard Armory.

Parade lineup begins at 9 a.m. at Moffett Field and anyone interested in being in the parade should show up then. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Other activities include washer and horseshoe pitching and volleyball tournaments.

Registration for washer pitching begins at 8 a.m. with a $5 entry fee. The tourney starts at noon July 4th. South of the pond.

Registration also begins at 8 a.m. for horseshoe pitching. Entry fee is $5. And the tourney starts at 9 a.m. at the tennis courts.

The volleyball tournament will be co-ed with an eight-player roster. Entry fees is $70 per team. For more information, contact Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 or Chad Welch at 573-6958.

The Pride of Texas Shows will return this year. The carnival will be in town June 29th through July 4th and is sponsored by the Snyder Lions Club.

## *Assessment notices to be mailed soon*

Assessment notices for the Permian Basin eradication zone for the 2000 growing season will be mailed by August 15th.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation bases assessments on information provided by growers to the Farm Services Agency by the final certification date for their area, July 15th in the PB.

The assessment for 2000 in the PB is $6 per acre for dry land cotton and $12 per acre for irrigated cotton.

Growers who believe the information on their statements is incorrect need to contact FSA and make sure the information the agency has is accurate. If those records are in error, growers should have FSA update their records and sent the Foundation a correction. Growers must ask the agency to send the correction, or the Foundation will not know about the changes.

The due date for paying the assessment is Sept. 14th in the PB. Failure to pay on time will result in late fees in the amount of 1.5 percent of the balance being charged to a grower's account.

A 2 percent discount is available if the assessment is paid in full by August 30th.

As an example, if the assessment is $2,000 growers may deduct $40.00 from their bills if they pay by August 30th.

Growers who forget to deduct the discount or don't wish to figure it, but who pay early, will receive a refund, if the amount is for more than $10, later in the year.

The continuing drought and general unpredictability of the weather means some growers may not be able to produce a crop.

If they destroy all hostable material – any part of the cotton plant – and certify the crop as failed with FSA by July 15th. they will not be charged an assessment.

Destruction of hostable materials and keeping the fields clean is necessary to prevent weevil populations from expanding. If growers' who failed their crops have not kept fields free of cotton plants after July 15, they will be charged the full assessment.

For more information contact the Foundation at (915)672-2800.

## *Fourth of July Celebration*

The First Baptist Church of Gail is sponsoring a Community Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 2nd at the Church. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Bring sandwiches, chips, homemade ice cream and etc. and let's all get together and have an ol'Fashion Community Gathering.

If anyone would like to join in on the entertainment by picking, singing, reading poetry or any other talent please contacts Randy Hardman at 756-4364.

Bring your family fireworks and beginning at dark, we will have our very own community *Firework display.*

It's for the whole community, so come join the FUN!

Offices in the Borden County Courthouse will be *CLOSED* Monday, July 3rd and Tues. July 4th

*Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!*

***Drive Safely***

*Watch out for the Children . . .*

# BHS Gridder Attends Tech Football Camp

Sophomore T.J. Sharp, son of Toby and Nan Sharp of Gail, played some football with the "big" boys recently.

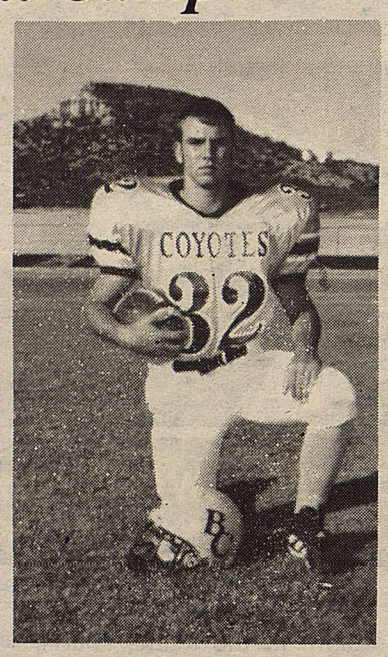
"Big" in the sense that most all of the camp participants came from larger school in Texas and even one from California.

In fact, T.J. was one of only two players among the 200 campers who comes from a six-man school.

During the four-day camp, held on the Texas Tech campus June 7-10, T.J. worked our three times a day with coaches from the Tech staff.

The drills included the same drills that collegiate players at Tech perform in their workout routine.

T.J. practiced at both the linebacker and running back positions. For the Coyotes his freshman season, he saw action mainly as an offensive guard and defensive end.



*T. J. Sharp*

Having lettered as a freshman, T.J. is expected to be a vital part of this year's 2000 Coyote team which will begin their own workouts the first part of August.

*Borden County Coyote, T.J. Sharp pictured alone with Texas Tech new head football coach, Mike Leach during Tech Football camp.*

## Summer Time Get-A-Way's

Please send me your Summer Get-a-Way stories. Mail it to Box 137, Gail, TX. or call 756-4402.

## Make the Grade

### 6th. Six-Weeks

**BETA ACHIEVEMENT**

***High School***

**Senior:** Anthony Aguinaga; Jana Himes and Ryan Sander. **Juniors:** Trent Pepper and Valerie Wootan. **Sophomore:** Andrea Lozano. **Freshman:** Micah Hensley

***Junior High***

**Eighth Grade:** Clay John Anderson; John Stamper and Evan Winegarner. **Seventh Grade:** Garrett Chapman; Billy Roper and John Wilson. **Sixth Grade:** Whitney Anderson; Andrew Lamming; Cassidy Ogden and Shiloh Pool

**HONOR ROLL**

***High School***

**Senior:** Nick Flanigan and Erica Schooler. **Junior:** Krystle Lee. **Sophomore:** Jessica Ellison, and Ed Rodriquez. **Freshman:** Michele Bond, Bobbie Kempf and Talin Pepper.

***Junior High***

**Eighth Grade:** Dan Griffin and Kyle Pinkerton. **Seventh Grade:** Emily Mayes. **Sixth Grade:** Megan Brooks and J. Ryan Gicklhorn.

***Elementary***

**Fifth Grade:** Ana Arellanos; Rowdy Clary; Sarah Harding; Alejandra Mujica; Taylor Peterson; Kalli Poole; Kylan Reynolds and Daniel Williams. **Fourth Grade:** Logan Howard; Shelby Roberts; Miller Valentine; Kate Wallace; Rachel Wilson and Cutter Whipple. **Third Grade:** Jake Cooley; Carlos Hernandez and Krystle Hobson. **Second Grade:** Flynn Chapman; Rachel Payne; Lacey Roberts; Chelsie Stephens and Raylea Underwood.

**1999-2000 BETA ACHIEVEMENT**

**Seniors:** Jana Himes. **Junior:** Trent Pepper and Valerie Wootan. **Sophomore:** Andrea Lozano. **Freshman:** None. **Eighth Grade:** None. **Seventh Grade:** Garrett Chapman **Sixth Grade:** Whitney Anderson

**1999-2000 SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**Freshman:** Michele Bond and Micah Hensley; **Eighth Grade:** Clay John Anderson; Dan Griffin; Kyle Pinkerton and John Stamper. **Seventh Grade:** Billy Roper.

## Summer Paper

Since school is out, the *Borden Star* staff will be publishing the normal summer 4-page paper periodically throughout the summer months.

**We still want your news** to keep the *Star* the same quality paper, so if you have any news about summer activities, births, weddings, death, college students or any other bits of community information, please contact the *Borden Star* at 806/756-4402 or mail it to P.O. Box 137, Gail, TX 79738

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## Basketball Camp enrolls 30 girls for three days

College-bound former Lady Coyotes Lindsey Smith and Julie Mayes will represent Borden High School one more time together this summer.

They'll both be playing in the Six-Man All Star game in Lubbock July 22.

In order to raise some money for a program ad, the young ladies conducted a three-day fundamentals camp in the high school gym for what may be some future Lady Coyotes.

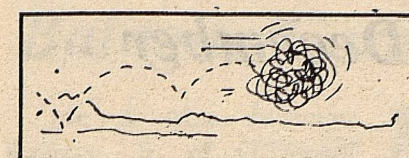
Tuesday morning some 30 girls, ages ranging from 6-13, signed up for the first ever "We Got Next" camp, which features instruction in fundamental basketball.

Lindsey and Julie led the girls in drills, some shooting games, and a session of pep talks during the three hour morning camp.

Next year Lindsey and Julie will be suited out but on different teams: Lindsey has signed with the Howard College Queens in Big Spring while Julie will be in Kingsville playing for the Lady Javelinas.

Two more former BHS athletes will also be representing their colleges in NCAA competition: Fernando Baeza at ACU in Abilene in football and Jeff Dennis at Austin College in Sherman playing basketball.

Team schedules for all four of these athletes will be posted in the early fall.



## Texas Stories

*A showcase of the Texas Spirit*

Tumbleweed Smith
*Part owner of Texas*

# Stories from Vera Poe

Vera Poe was born in Volga in 1908. She now lives in Lovelady, near Crockett. She has had a full life. She likes to recall what she calls the good old days when hog killing was a big community event and the music for dances was furnished by harmonicas, jaw harps and piano.

She has had some unique experiences and enjoys sharing them.

"There was only one phone in the community and old Dr. Dean was kin to my mama. She was going to have a baby, but it died inside her. Dr. Dean said he'd hav3e to operate and take it away. I was about 8-years old then and remember that he put her o the dinner table and he operated on her and took that baby out of her. I stood there and watched it all. Then daddy took it and put it in a shoe box and buried it in the garden. It was a boy.

"When I was growing up we lived with my grandparents in Callaway. They'd go down to the woods and find a hollow tree where the bees was buzzin' and they'd cut that tree down. Just tubs of good honey and comb would come out of that tree. And they'd give everybody who came by some honey to take home with them.

"Grandpa decided to go deer hunting early one morning. I can just see him now riding up on his horse with a deer tied to the horse's tail. He was dragging that deer with his horse. That was so cute, I thought.

"Grandma chewed tobacco. One day she was out, so she asked me to go to town with her to get some. I told her I would. She got ol'Button, our horse, all harnessed up and we took off. It was nine miles from where we lived into Lovelady. When we got to Old Kellison creek, the bridge was washed out from a heavy rain the night before. She told me not to be scared, that ol'Button would take us right on through that water. And he did. We got her tobacco. Took us all day.

"Another time she took me cow hunting. We went off down in the woods trying to find her cows and we come up on an old creek. Well, here lay a big panther on the side of that creek, asleep. Grandma told me to be quiet, that if that panther woke up, we'd be in real danger. We tiptoed outa there and got back home in a hurry.

"Back in those days they buried their money. My grandpa was sick with the colic from eating too much collard greens, potatoes and corn bread. We had them for two days in a row, every meal. Grandma had walked to town to get her tobacco ad she had stayed overnight at a neighbor's house on the way back home because it was so late. My daddy went to find my grandma and told her that grandpa was ill and getting worse. She came on back and saw he was real sick, so she asked my grandpa where he had buried the money. He died without answering her, so they didn't find out where his money was.

"Years later, after my grandparents were dead and gone, the new owner of the place dug up every inch of land around the house and found that pot of money at the foot of a pecan tree in the back of the garden. No tellin' how much he found. He didn't tell nobody he had found it until it was all spent. But he told my daddy he had found the money. It was a pot of gold and silver."

# Use caution with fireworks for saver Fourth of July

Picnics, parades, family gatherings and fireworks mark many traditional Independence Day celebrations. Unfortunately, there us another all too common occurrence – injuries from fireworks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports approximately 8,500 people were injured from fireworks in the United States in 1998. Two thirds of all such injuries occur during July. Males are three times as likely to suffer injuries from fireworks than are females and more than 40 percent of those injured from fireworks are 14 years old or younger.

The pattern is similar in Texas. During the period 1996-1998 more than half of all reported fireworks related injuries occurred around the Fourth of July, according to data from the Texas Trauma Registry of the Texas Department of Health's Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Program. All but two of the patients reported to the registry where male, and 60 percent were under age 18. Most patients suffered burns to the face and hands.

Not all of those injured were lighting the fireworks, some were bystanders who were too close.

Public fireworks displays run by professionals are generally safer than using fireworks yourself. However, if fireworks are legal in your area and you decide to use them, follow these CPSC guidelines:

**Always**

- Follow all state and local laws.
- Buy from reputable

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# Borden County EMS Member Profile

**In an effort to inform Borden County residents of current EMT, Intermediate, and paramedic personnel in the county, *The Borden Star* will run a summer series profiling these people who volunteer their time in providing a valuable service for this county. Special thanks to Borden County EMS Reporter Brice Key for his input with this article.**

This week's Borden County EMS Member Profile is Carrie Hart.

Carrie is a lifelong resident of the Borden County Community. She is a 1997 graduate of Borden County High School and is employed with the Texas Department of Transportation in Gail.

Carrie is a Paramedic and has been a member of the BC EMS for three years. She is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS); Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS); Pre Hospital Pediatric Provider Course (PPPC); and is a certified Instructor and a certified Examiner.

She previously held a director's position and currently hold the secretary/treasurer office.

Carries interest in the EMS began with the influence of Nelva Jones and Kent Holmes. "They showed me how exciting and fulfilling the field of EMS could be," said Carrie.

Carrie wants the community to know that "the Borden County EMS could not operate without the support of the community. Your support makes what we do worth while."

Carrie lives in Gail and is the daughter of Sid and Connie Hart. She can be reached at 756-4469.

***Borden County EMS: 806-756-5111***

# Houchin-Hataway Plan Wedding

*Ross Hataway and LaNae Houchins, both of Midland, plan to marry at 6:30 p.m. on July 22nd in the Mission Dorado Country Club in Midland. The future bride is the daughter of Eddy and Shirley Houchins of Midland, and Nedra and Ted Arsenault of Canada. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Cindy Nix and Emmit Hataway, both of Snyder. His grandparents are Royce and Helen Patterson of Snyder and the late Ed and Valta Hataway.*

*The bride-elect graduated from Lee High School and the University of Texas at Permian Basin. She teachers second grade with the ECISD.*

*The future groom graduated from Snyder High School and Howard College and also attended high school in Borden County. He is a canine officer with the Midland Police Department.*

*Ross Hataway & LaNae Houchins*

# Couple Plan December Wedding

**Roy Clayton and Sara Willis**

*Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Willis of The Woodlands announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Kathleen Willis, to Roy Powell Clayton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Scott P. Clayton of Gail.*

*The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of The Woodlands High School and will graduate from Texas A&M in May of 2001. She will receive her B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. She plans on teaching at the elementary school level.*

*The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Borden County High School. He will graduate from Texas A&M in May of 2001 with a B.B.A. in Accounting and a M.S. degree in Management Information Systems.*

*The couple plans to exchange vows on December 16th, 2000 at The Woodlands United Methodist Church.*

# OBITUARY

## Rita Kay Leek
### 1944-2000

Rita Kay Leek, 55, of Vealmoor, died on Saturday, June 24, 2000, at her residence. Funeral services was held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 26th, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on October 15, 1944, in Big Spring, and married Donny Leek on April 22, 1993, in Zapata.

Kay was the daughter of Otis and Edith McBride. She was a lifetime resident of Vealmoor and had attended school in Vealmoor and graduated from Sands High School in Ackerly. Kay was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Donny Leek of Vealmoor; one son and daughter-in-law, Doyce and Amber Taylor of Vealmoor; one daughter and son-in-law, Shanna and Brian Gibson of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Rowdy and Chance Taylor of Vealmoor and Kyle and Sidney Gibson of San Antonio.

Mrs. Leek was preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Edith McBride, and one sister, Donna Sue Kruse.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Allison Cancer Center; 301 N. N; Midland, TX.79701.

Kay wanted to thank Dr. Watkins, Rachel Diaz and all of her most wonderful nurses for the care given to her.

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Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

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Sin isn't natural. It's the accustomed, but not the natural. Were it natural, we'd bloom under it. But we don't. Sin blights. It breaks the body, maims the mind and slays the soul.

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# Balague/Gerda Exchange Vows

Mr. & Mrs. Juventino Balague, Jr. of O'Donnell announce the recent marriage of their daughter Elvira "Vida" Balague to David Gerda, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gerda of Arlington, Texas.

The March 4th, 6 p.m. single ring ceremony took place at Roundgrove Historic Church in Lewisville, Texas with Paris Wallace from the Fellowship Church at Grapevine, Texas officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless white gown with a lace cathedral length train.

The altar area was adorned with candelabras and featured with brass urns with urns with greenery and white flowers.

The bride bouquet consisted of spring flowers.

The couple's lone musical selection was *Amazing Grace.*

The bridal attendants were attired in long gowns of lavender and purple included Matron of Honor Cindy Massingill, sister of the bride; bridesmaids were Thelma Balague, sister of the bride and Barbara Short.

Kayla Massingill, niece of the bride, served as flower girl.

The groom and his attendants were attired in formal black tuxedos. Serving as Best Man was the groom's brother Doug Gerda; groomsmen were Scott Sellars and Todd Barnett.

Ushers were Juventino Balague III, and Anthony Patrick.

Tyrell Massingill, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Elks Lodge at Grapevine, Texas.

Following a ten-day honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple are residing at Irving, Texas.

The bride, a 1989 graduate of Borden County High School, is employed by the Four Seasons Hotel.

The groom, a graduate of Arlington, is in the furniture business.

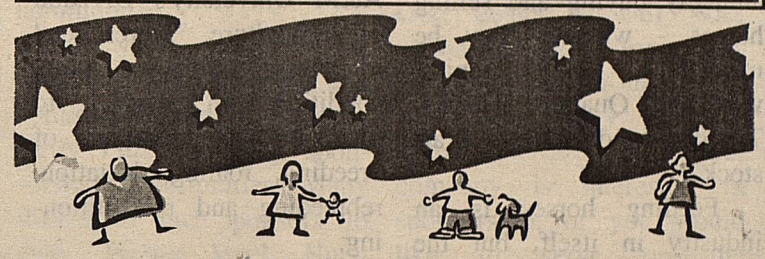
***Mr. & Mrs. David Gerda***
***...nee Elvira "Vida" Balague***

## Chelsea Rayden Steen

*Born: June 4th, - 12:52 a.m.*
*Weight: 5 lbs. 2-½ oz. – Length: 18"*

***Parents:*** *Larry & Kelly (Bentley) Steen, Jr.*
***Grandparents:***
*Elaine and Dale Green, Gail*
*Larry Steen, Sr.*
***Great-Grandmothers:***
*Ozella Green, Odessa (her 53rd grandchild)*
*Esther Vardeman, Goldsmith*

***Welcome Chelsea!***



**Have a Safe and Happy of July**

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# O'Donnell Rodeo to be held July 6th, 7th, & 8th

The "Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas" is fast approaching. This year's O'Donnell Rodeo will be held July 6th-7th & 8th beginning at 8:30 p.m. each evening.

The rodeo parade will take place Saturday the 8th at 6:30 p.m. with Texas Tech Masked Rider in attendance

Two candidates will be vying for Rodeo Queen 2000. They are: Jenna Bessire, daughter of Randy and Jana Bessire, sponsored by the O'Donnell Rotary Club and Amber Mott, daughter of Dan and Anita Mott, sponsored by the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department

1999 Queen Tonya Forbes, daughter of Don and Penny Forbes, will crown the 2000 Rodeo Queen at the rodeo Thursday July 6th.

Trophies will be presented to the best Junior and Senior Riding Clubs in the Grand Entry.

Rodeo stock will be provided by T-N-T Rodeo Co.

This years events include the wild mare race, barrels, bull riding, novice bull riding, novice saddle bronc, novice bare back, saddle bronc, bare back bronc, calf roping, kids-goat race 10 and under, team roping and breakaway roping. There is no limit on entries.

The rodeo dance on Friday and Saturday will feature the Rex Thomas Band. Admission for the dance will be $5.00

Rodeo admission prices are general admission: $4.50 advance; $5.00 at the gate; $4.50 advance under 12; and $3.00 advance under 12.

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## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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# *Feeding Your Horse "Good Groceries" Needn't Be A Complicated Matter*

Texans love their horses - whether they are kept in ranchette paddocks or ranch-sized pastures. In fact, Texans spend an estimated $342 million annually buying and selling horses - whether they be miniatures, saddle ponies, working Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, or draft stock.

Feeding horses is an industry in itself, but the bottom-line for horse owners to remember is "they all need good groceries," according to two horse experts speaking at the June 2 Western Rolling Plains Mare and Foal clinic in Guthrie.

The clinic included presentations on feeding and nutrition; live-animal demonstrations on starting young colts and body condition scoring; and a tour of the horse breeding program and facilities at the 6666 Ranch. the clinic was sponsored by the King, Kent, Dickens and Stonewall county offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; the 6666 Ranch; Tongue River Ranch; and Purina, Pfizer and Hoescht.

Feeding mares and foals for optimum health, reproduction and growth need not be a complicated matter as long as horse owners follow a few simple guidelines.

"Horse reproductive rates are low in comparison to other species, but what you can achieve in your breeding operation largely depends on mare body condition going into the breeding season," said Dr. Don Topliff, equine nutritionist, and professor and head of West Texas A&M University's Division of Agriculture. "Mares need a reserve tank of body condition in order to overcome the stresses of breeding, foaling, lactation, rebreeding and reconditioning.

"We typically rate body condition from 1 to 9 -- with 1 being very poor to barely alive, and 9 being extremely fat. In between are many different levels. of body condition. Mares that are moderately thin (4) to extremely fat (9) will breed, but the ideal body condition range lies somewhere between fleshly (7) and fat (8). Too often, we expect thin mares (4-7) to breed, foal, and nurse their foal while regaining body condition. That's expecting too much."

Horse owners can achieve 90 percent or higher reproduction rates in their mares by providing a sound health program and feeding for optimum body condition, Topliff said.

These tips will help:

*follow a regular deworming and vaccination program

*feed on a regular schedule; providing each horse one percent of their body weight in roughage each day.

*feed by body weight, not by volume, and never force horses to compete for feed – put out enough feeders (troughs, pans) for every horse, plus one.

*feed large-particle concentrates that are at least 10 percent crude fiber to encourage slow eating.

Weanling to yearling horses require a different feed management strategy, said Pete Gibbs, Texas A&M Extension horse specialist based at College Station.

"Young horses require feeds that allow them to achieve sound structural development (bone and muscle) early in life. We have to feed according to their growth rate. Colts that exhibit rapid growth will reach their mature height and weight in 18 to 24 months," he said. "Moderate growth colts won't achieve mature height and weight until they are about 3 years old. At either growth rate, we need to feed to avoid developmental orthopedic disease such as contracted tendons and epiphysitis.

"Foals learn to feed from their mothers, but we need to remember that mare rations often don't fill a colt's nutritional requirements. For example, an oats and alfalfa rating won't provide enough protein – especially lysine – for a growing colt. Keep in mind that grains are typically higher in phosphorus than calcium. Colts need a balanced, 1:1 calcium/phosphorus ration in their diet. And remember that free-choice supplements are a bad choice for young horses. We need to provide minerals in their feed to ensure adequate uptake."

Even though young horses will require 5their own ration starting at two- to six-months of age, balancing the energy, protein and mineral content of their rations isn't hard to do. A 16 percent protein commercial feed containing .7 percent lysine, .7 percent calcium, .5 percent phosphorus, about 3.4 percent crude fat, and about 6 percent crude fiber fits the bill nicely for most weanlings, Gibbs said.

"If you use creep feeders, put the feeders close to where the mare eat but make sure the mares don't get the colts;' creep feed. Young horses eat light portions almost continually – they eat all day long," he added. "So, provide enough creep feeders and feed for every colt to get something to eat; regardless of the pecking order.

"With a good nutrient program, you can start weaning colts at four months of age. Once they start weaning, their ration should contain 70 percent concentrates and 30 percent roughage. It's also a good idea to divide their daily ration into three portions and feed each portion at eight-hour intervals."

Weanling horses cannot th4rive on grass pasture – they. must receive their roughage requirement for hay. But as weanlings become yearlings, horse owners can adjust their ration to contain 50 percent concentrate and 50 percent roughage (hay or grass pasture). By this age, young horses typically exhibit moderate growth rather than rapid growth, Gibbs noted.

"How we feed, and the nutrients we feed, determines the success of any exercise program. Don't forget that yearlings require more calcium in their diet once they enter a forced exercise program," he concluded. "Stay away from feeding anabolic steroids – it just isn't a good idea for young horses. You will be more successful. and your horses will be healthier, if you simply get them on a good balanced feed and keep them on it year-round."

Texans can get Extension publications on horse management from their local county Extension office.

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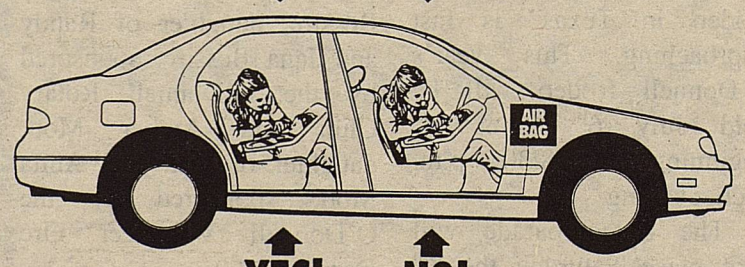


YES! NO!

The safest place for any child safety seat is in the back seat of the vehicle.
A child safety seat can save your child's life, but it's important to use it correctly!
Never place a rear-facing child seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. Your child could be in danger in a crash!

# The Journey Toward Freedom

Thoughts of fear and desperation clouded her mind as her husband drove her down a dark and deserted road.

"Oh No, this is it!" she thought. Her heart was pounding.

"We are out in the middle of nowhere; not a house, car, or person anywhere around. There is no one near to hear my screams. If he kills me like he is threatening to do who will care for my children?"

Fortunately Margaret Scott is alive today to share her story. Her journey toward self-sufficiency and freedom from violence is an inspiration to other battered women.

However, it was a long road to where she is today.

Margaret was married in October of 1970. It wasn't long before her husband became abusive.

"It started out with verbal abuse. If I didn't do things the way he thought I should do them he called me 'stupid' or a 'slob'" He also harped on my weight. He told me I was fat and ugly and that nobody else would ever want me."

"He controlled my actions, I had to have permission to do anything. I lost contact with my family and friends."

Margaret's husband soon became physically abusive. It began with pushing and shoving and escalated to being slapped, kicked and choked during arguments. Margaret's husband threw objects, pushed her down the stairs, and beat her up leaving her with black eyes.

During the last few years of their marriage, Margaret's husband would pace the floor all night threatening to kill everyone I the house. She and her children lived in constant fear of what would happen next.

As the wife of a minister, Margaret feared disclosing information about the violence to others.

"He was a minister who had a Dr. Jeckell and Mr. Hyde personality. To the outside world he was a very caring, kind, and loving person. Behind closed doors, he was an abusive crazed madman. I had not been able to tell anyone about the abuse because no one would have believed me."

After visiting with a counselor, Margaret was referred to Women's Protective Services. Margaret received shelter and WPS advocates encouraged her and supported her.

"I am most thankful to WPS for giving me a safe place to go and time to think about what I was going to do next."

It was at WPS that she first explored the possibility of gaining a vocational skill so that she could provide for her family without her husband's assistance. WPS helped her apply to Nursing School Margaret is now a nurse with University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

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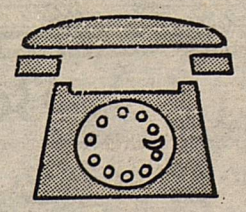

# WPS Tractor Raffle

Women's Protective Services has been helping women like Margaret for over 20 years. WPS provides a 24-hour crisis hotline, shelter, transportation, food, clothing, counseling, legal advocacy, parenting classes, children's programs, housing and job referrals, and community education throughout their 12 county service area.

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. will raffle off a John Deere 7810 150-hp tractor on August 19th, 2000 at the Lubbock Coliseum. This fund-raiser focuses on farmers, ranchers and businesses that support agriculture within the entire region served by WPS. WPS serves Lubbock county and 11 surrounding counties. WPS is the only agency providing crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and support services to battered women and their children within this 10,500 square mile region with a population of 325,000.

WPS hopes to be the first group in the nation to actually raffle off a tractor. WPS will sell a maximum of 2000 raffle rickets for a brand new 7810 John Deere Tractor supplied by Hurst Farm Supply, Inc. Ticket prices are $100.00 each and include entrance for two into the fund-raiser event on August 19th. WPS will hold a reverse drawing (the last ticket drawn wins the tractor!), during which event guests will be entertained by several local bands (Lesley Sawyer, Jeff McCreight and Miz Ayn), enjoy a J&M Bar-B-Q dinner, and sign up for dozens of silent auction items. WPS' goal is to provide the biggest fund-raising event of the year focused on the farming community.

If your company is interested in publicity and community service, contact Kelly Pitts regarding sponsorship opportunities. Many thanks to our sponsors to date: Tractor level; Hurst Farm Supply, Inc. Thompson Implement Co. and John Deere; Half Acre level; PNB Financial; Delta Pine Land Co.; Valent BioSciences Corporation; Armes and Ralls Equipment; B.E. Implement; Wells Fargo, United Agri Products Southwest; FMC Corporation; Quarter acre level; Owens Coop Gin, (Ralls); ABC Bank; Yellowshouse Gin; PYCO Industries; Idalou Coop Gin; Slaton Coop Gin; Needmore Gin; Reese Center; City Bank Lubbock; and Pollard Ford.

Individually, if you'd like to help with this fund-raiser, we can put your skills and talents to use on the committee of your choice; sponsorship, silent auction, ticket sales, logistic/decorations or publicity.

To purchase Tractor Raffle tickets, contact your local gin, bank or John Deer dealer or call WPS @(806)748-5292 for specific ticket outlets near you. Also call Kelley at WPS (806)786-1739 if your company is interested in sponsorship, or you would like to serve on the Tractor Raffle committee.

The mission of Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. is to create an environment of empowerment for women, children and families and to eliminate family violence.

# Caution with Fireworks

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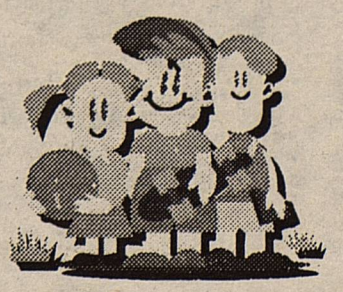
dealers. Ask to see their permit.
- Read all labels, warnings and instructions with each firework before using.
- Supervise children ages 15 and older closely when they use fireworks.
- Use fireworks outdoors on a flat, smooth surface away from houses, flammable materials, trees and dry grass.
- Have a bucket of water or hose close by for emergencies.
- Light only one firework at a time and keep unused fireworks away from flames.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from anything that could light them.
- Move to a safe distance after igniting a firework.
- Stay at a safe distance if you are a bystander.

**Never**
- Light fireworks in a container.
- Relight a "dud". Douse it with water instead.
- Aim or shoot fireworks at people, buildings or cars.
- Carry fireworks in your pocket
- Use alcohol or drugs while lighting fireworks.
- Modify fireworks or make homemade ones
- Put any part of your body over the firework while lighting it.
- Allow children under the age 15 to play with fireworks.

Injuries from fireworks can be painful, sometimes disfiguring and occasionally deadly. Following a few simple safety guidelines can reduce the risk of harm.



# *Increased fluids help battle rising temperatures*

"Exercising" common sense can keep hot-weather workouts safe.

"The key is drinking a lot of fluids," said Dr. Robert Fromm with Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital. "It is best to drink water, however, some sports drinks will also replace salts and potassium the body loses when sweating."

Fromm says stay away from alcohol and soft drinks with caffeine because both can increase urine flow, contributing to dehydration. Symptoms of dehydration include dizziness, drowsiness, headaches and a dry mouth.

It is also important to wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing and get out of the heat every 15 to 30 minutes.

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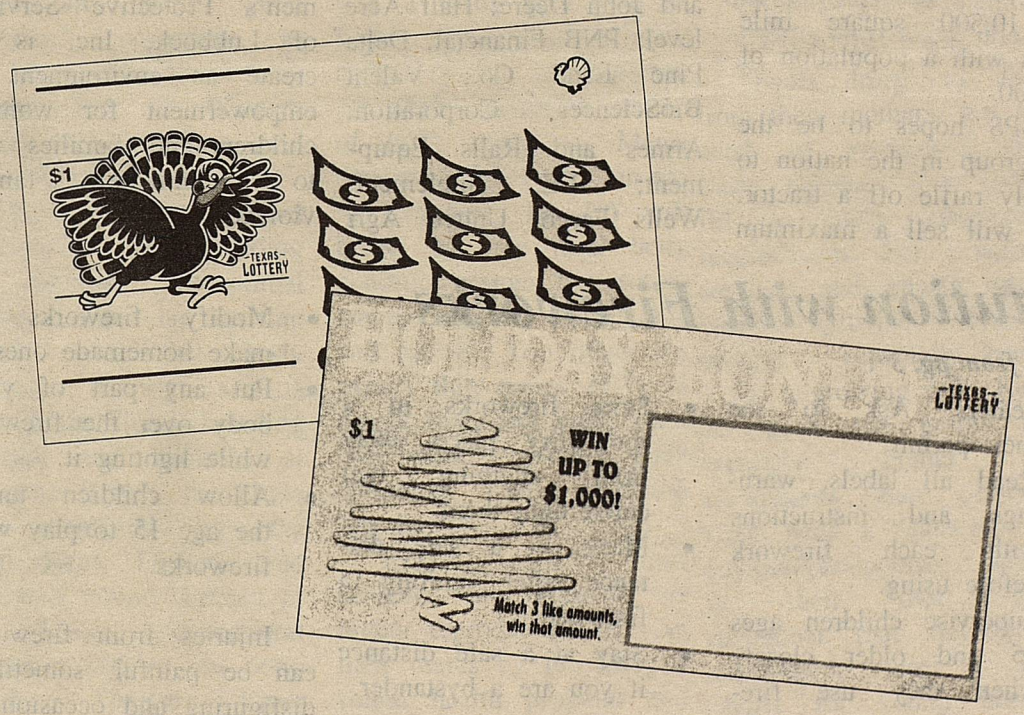


On August 30th, 2000, two Texas Lottery instant games will close – Turkey Tripler (#178) and Holiday Bonus (#120). You have until February 26th, 2001, to redeem any winning tickets for these games. You can win up to $3,000 playing Turkey Tripler and up to $1,000 playing Holiday Bonus. You can claim prizes of up to $599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of $600 or more are redeemable at one of the 23 Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).

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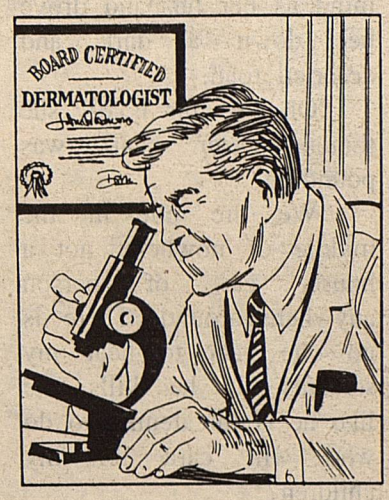
# Misdiagnosis of Skin Cancer Can Be Fatal




You may be relieved when a skin cancer biopsy comes back benign, but should you be concerned about who is reading your biopsy? Many patients are not, often resulting in tragic and fatal consequences.

Since a misdiagnosed skin cancer biopsy can spread through the body and be fatal if left untreated, dermatologists across the country are encouraging managed care companies to send biopsies to dermatopathologists – doctors specially trained in clinically diagnosing skin biopsies – rather than general pathologists for the accurate interpretation of skin slides.

A dermatopathologist is board certified in either surgical pathology or dermatology to interpret skin biopsy specimens microscopically and receives training in an accredited surgical pathology or dermatology program for at least one year. However, according to a recent study by the American Academy of Dermatology, only 40 percent of managed care approved labs allow dermatologists to send skin biopsies to dermatopathologists.

"Under many managed care plans, dermatologists are required to send skin biopsies to a laboratory mandated by the plan's contract rather than to the laboratory of their choice," says dermatologist Mark Lebwohl, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York. "When this happens, there is no guarantee that a dermatopathologist is interpreting the skin biopsy and any pathologist, regardless of experience, can end up reading these slides."

While managed care companies may save a little money up front by sending skin biopsies to laboratories that only employ pathologists, they will end up spending large sums of money to treat severe, life-threatening conditions – such as melanoma – that could have been avoided if a dermatopathologist had been used to analyze the specimen.

In the most serious cases, a skin cancer biopsy that is misdiagnosed as benign can spread throughout the body and be fatal if left untreated. Dr. Lebwohl cites one case in which a pigmented lesion was biopsied as benign, but when the referring dermatologist pressed for a review by a dermatopathologist, the diagnosis came back as melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Without the interpretation of the dermatopathologist, this serious malignancy would not have been recognized and could have been fatal.

More than 1.3 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. each year. In 2000 alone, there will be about 47,700 new cases of melanoma and 7,700 deaths will be attributed to the disease.

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