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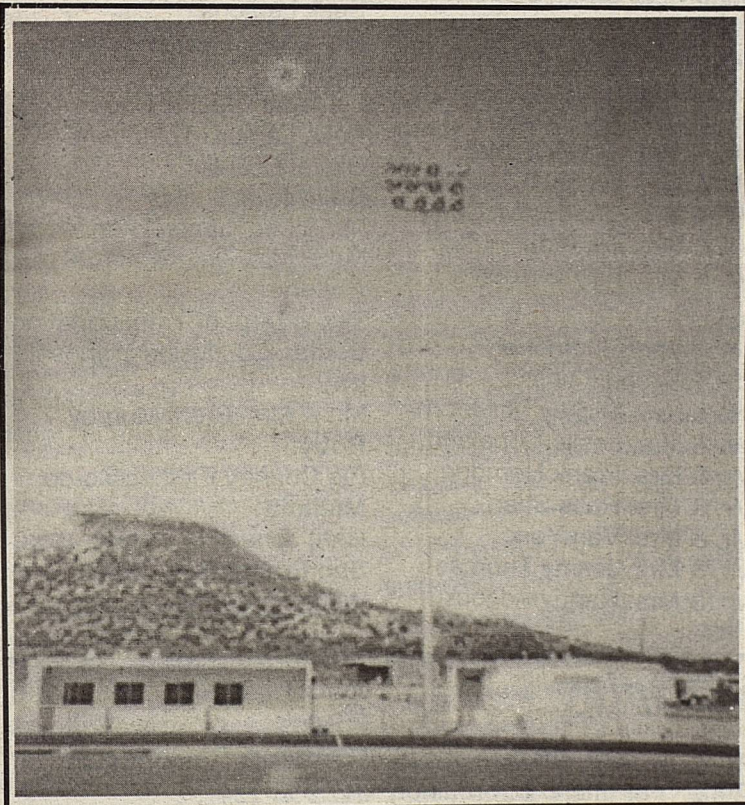
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June 13, 2001

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New Stadium Lights brighten things up!



When you drive around the mountain and look toward the school, no doubt you have noticed the new lights towering over the Coyote Football field. These new lights will be completed in the near future and will be greatly appreciated next fall when the Coyotes begin the 2001-2002-football season. In compliance with the manufacturer, the light will be turned on after completion and will stay on for 100 hours. We apologize for the "bright light", but this is necessary. Thank you for your understanding. We are looking forward to a *bright* Coyote football season this coming fall.

Flag Day
Thursday,
June 14th 2001



Time Square with 19 Cool Texans: Front row: Bekah Hensley, Tom Griffin, Shawna Kempf, D.J. Smith, Ross Aten, James Bond, Jerry Hernandez. Back row: (L. to R.) Dennis Poole, Sheri Poole, Carol Lewis, Kim Thomas, Chet Dye, Shirley Dye, R.D. Lewis, Krystle Lee, Kandace Kimmel, Jimmy Thomas, Holly Thomas and Abby Flanigan.

Historic Flags on Display at Texas State History Museum

Four historic Texas flags are flying high once again after their preservation two years ago through the Friends of the Texas historical Commission. One was sewn by a general's daughter, another carried by Mexican troops when the Alamo was stormed. All can be viewed on the second floor of the

new Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in exhibits depicting the era in which they originally were flown or carried.

The four flags are part of a group of 23 that have long resided in the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in need of a variety of repairs. Through

the support of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in partnership with Friends of the THC, more than \$217,000 was raised from foundations, private individuals and corporations to conserve these treasures.

The flags include: The Guerrero Battalion flag which was carried at the fall of the Alamo; the Matamoros Battalion flag named for Mariano Matamoros, a

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BHS Project Graduation 2001



May 25, 2001

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who have contributed in any way to help make Project Graduation a success. So much time and energy goes into keeping our students from harm following one of the biggest events in their lives - Graduation. Thank you all for caring, for working the long hours, before, during and after, but most of all for being there for our children. Without your hard work this would not be possible and we sincerely appreciate your donations and support for the Borden County Project Graduation 2001.

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4-H News

4-H Horse Projects Night Schedule

Tuesday, June 5	Practice
Thursday, June 7	Practice
Tuesday, June 12	Practice
Thursday, June 14	Practice
Tuesday, June 19	Point
Thursday, June 21	Point & County Horse Show

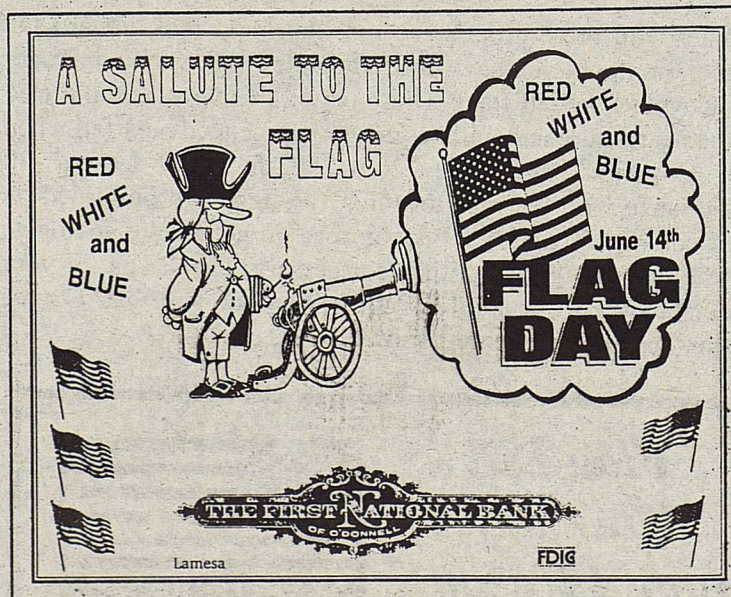
If you have any questions about the horse project or any activity sponsored by the Extension service, please feel free to contact our office at 756-4336.

Historic Flags on Display

Mexican hero who served with Santa Anna in one of the units that stormed the Alamo; the First Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade Lone Battle flag carried in the 1861 Battle of Antietam where nine Texas standard bearers fell carrying this flag; and the Shield and Star flag which came from an unidentified Texas unit and is believed to be the original flag of the 6th Texas Infantry.

The flag s will remain on display in Austin until October. They are scheduled to join nine other restored historic flags in an exhibit at the Houston Museum of Fine

contact Linda Lee with Friends of the Texas Historical Commission at 2002. For more information 512/936-2241.



SENIORS TAKE A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE

It is arguably the entertainment mecca of the United States, and its nickname of "The Big Apple" indicates that New York City is indeed an exciting place for anyone, much less 11 seniors from rural West Texas.

Accompanied by their sponsors, the Senior Class of 2001 spent May 30-June 3 in the world's ninth largest city.

Sandwiched on either side of the time spent in New York, however, were some rather "entertaining" moments spent in airports, and it may be that this group will long remember DFW as much as they do LaGuardia.

Rather than dwell on airplane delays, the seniors and sponsors returned home with tales of typical New York City.

Upon arriving Wednesday, the class was to have embarked on a cruise in New York Harbor in a spacious yacht-type vehicle. Because of the delays from Midland, the cruise left without them, and the seniors were soon introduced to its back-up boat, "The Beast."

"The Beast", as it became affectionately known by all aboard, literally baptized the West Texans, converting them to drenched New Yorkers just seconds after taking off.

After the "cruise," the seniors were encouraged by the fact that mealtime was at hand. Food, being the great pacifier, was Chinese food in Chinatown, no surprise there.

And it would be here that the Texans discovered another part of their conversion process: meal portions back East are not the same as the generous ones served back home.

The remainder of the trip found the Borden County contingent making cameo appearances on "The Today Show", stopping in Harlem for Krispy Kreme donuts, visiting studios of such talk show hosts as David Letterman and Rosie O'Donnell.

And, a trip to New York City would not have been complete without visits to the customary sites such as the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and Broadway, where students and sponsors saw two plays.

"The Lion King" and "Les Miserables" were two shows that most seniors agreed were "outstanding."

Throughout the trip, Borden County was hosted by various tour guides who were taught Texas slang such as "fixin'." The seniors were proud to report that one tour guide informed them they were "fixin'" to get on the subway.

Speaking of the subway, students were exposed to the New York City that is often seen in movies and television when a distressed lady sat down and began communicating with language that even Texans know but are usually afraid to use in public.

It could have been that she was ticked off with the Texas songs being sung by the group. "The Yellow Rose of Texas" obviously did not have quite the sentimental attachment to New Yorkers as it did for the 19 Texans on this trip, and quite frankly, sponsors were glad that the woman only opened up with a barrage of language and not something else.

Shopping was a

highlight, too, and the seniors were stunned to see their thrifty sponsors (Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Poole) fork over \$6.79 for one, that's right—ONE—chocolate covered strawberry.

In defense of these two ladies, it was Godiva chocolate.

Mrs. Lewis and R.D. were also able to find a special baby doll for granddaughter Jesse B's first birthday at Schwartz's, the world's largest toy store.

In Central Park, in addition to seeing scenes where movies and television shows were often filmed, the group encountered Moses, a 400-year-old claiming to be the oldest man alive. Why not? It must be the fountain water in Central Park, and the seniors later recounted that they saw Mrs. Lewis drink heavily from that fountain of "youth."

The baseball game in Yankee Stadium was called in the early innings, but not before the seniors soaked up the history of the field where Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe Dimaggio, and Mickey Mantle all played.

Another site on the tour was Radio City Music Hall, home of the famous Rockettes.

Students and sponsors were allowed a peak at preparations that were underway for the Tony Awards (Broadway's best) that were held live in that venue on the day the seniors departed.

Speaking of departing, little did the group know that Sunday would not be the last day or night of the senior trip.

For the first time in the school's history (so

we're told), a senior class had to stay an extra day thanks to "procedural" problems at DFW.

Tired, hungry, and a little crabby, the group still managed to walk a mile to Bennigan's in Dallas to eat some welcomed "home cooking." (Isn't Bennigan's an Irish restaurant?)

Coming home never felt better, and in two groups, the Class of 2001 and their chaperones landed in Midland Monday evening, June 4, and kissed the West Texas soil.

They then kissed each other good-bye and headed for their homes with vivid memories of the Big Apple in 2001.



"The Beast" greeted seniors Abby Flanigan and Holly Thomas



"Les Miserables"—the airport version



"Les Miserables"—the Broadway production



Texas Stories
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Cruising with Anahuac Jack

I was in the city hall at Anahuac the other day and saw a guy wearing camouflage clothing and wadding boots. He looked like an interesting character, so I struck up a conversation with him.

He calls himself Anahuac Jack. He is a historian, guide, naturalist, alligator hunter and owner of a schooner that once belonged to Bill McCoy, whose illegal hootch had a special taste. When customers sampled it, they said, "It's the real McCoy." Anahuac says he hopes to restore it someday.

He lives in a modest cabin on a strip of land adjacent to the Trinity River, one of the main entrances to Texas years ago. He has been on the coast since coming down 30 years ago from his home in Oklahoma. He worked as a ferry operator, hauling people back and forth to oil-rigs out in the Gulf.

"I take people out in canoes and show them the river and the wildlife around here. It's kind of a sedate, quiet getaway for them, especially if they come during the week. Weekends sometimes get crowded."

One of the favorite birds people come down to see is the Roseate Spoonbill. It's the color of a flamingo, but has iridescent plumage and a bill shaped like a spoon.

"I can take people to a place where they nest. In the mornings you can see a whole tree full of them."

Mostly, people go to Anahuac to see alligators. The city has a Gatorfest in the fall that attracts people from all over Texas and Louisiana. People bring in alligators to be measured and

sold. The longest ones are around seventeen feet.

"We've got roughly 75,000 alligators in this county. That's about three times the number of people that live here."

A large bull alligator lives in the water right in front of his cabin. "During the mating season in late April and May, that alligator bellows real loud. His whole body comes completely out of the water. He lifts both his tail and his mouth and makes a sound so loud tree leaves shake. "It's a pretty awesome thing to hear and see. He makes all the water and everything around him within several yards just vibrate. It's pretty interesting. It'll make the hair stand straight out on the back of your neck. It's just part of their mating system. I've

been around alligators for a long time and when I hear a big one like that, I get just a little bit of a chill. These creatures go back thousands of years. If there's anything pre-historic that's still with us today, it's the alligator."

He says alligators are smart, curious and react to all kinds of stimuli. He takes people on alligator hunts during the September hunting season. They are after the big bulls, which are not much good as far as breeding goes because they kill females and eat their young.

"An alligator will eat just about anything alive that's smaller than he is. An alligator judges its prey according to size. If you ever get in a situation where you have an alligator charge, you want to stand up and stick your hands in the air as high as you can, because the bigger you look, the less likely he is to eat you."

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Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Creighton

Creightons celebrate wedding anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Creighton of Paris celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to the Grapevine Opry. They were met in Grapevine by friends from West Texas, some whom were members of the couple's wedding party.

J.O. "Bo" Creighton and Thelda "Whiz" Lee were married June 1, 1961 at the Ackerly Church of Christ in Dawson County. They resided in Borden County for 13 years before purchasing a ranch 10 miles south of Paris, where they have lived and ranched for the last 27 years.

The couple has one son and daughter-in-law, Quint and Tana Creighton of Paris, and one daughter and son-in-law, Cristy and Rickey Brazeal, also of Paris. They have four grandchildren.

Have a
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Dad!



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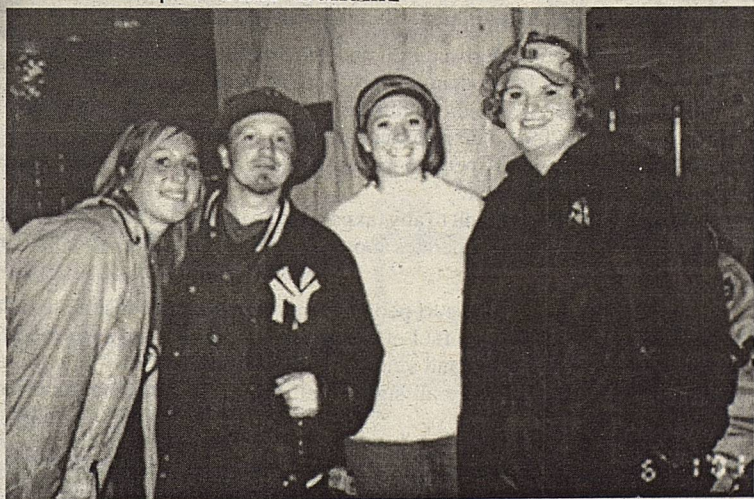
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Yankee Stadium, "the House That Ruth Built" (1927) and one site visited by the Class of 2001



"96th Floor, Please"...seniors preparing to tackle the Empire State Building



Tour Guide Cory with seniors Krystle Lee, Shawna Kempf, and Kandace Kimmel.



The Statue of Liberty greeted the 19 Borden County students and sponsors



At Rockefeller Plaza (site of NBC's studios) are

PETS & PEOPLE

What You Don't Know About Your Cat's Health Could Harm Your Feline Friend

(NAPS)—If any of the estimated 59.1 million American house cats are yours, there's something you should know.

Explains James Richards, DVM, director of the Cornell Feline Health Center at Cornell University, "Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), the feline version of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), causes a chronic infection cat owners need to know more about. FIV suppresses a cat's immune system, so it cannot protect against other infections. So, whether healthy or sick, every cat should be tested for FIV. The infection can be devastating, not only to the health of the infected cat, but to other cats.

"Since FIV is highly specific to cats," Dr. Richards adds, "owners don't need to worry about contracting AIDS from their pet."

The condition is, however, a leading cause of disease and death in cats, with as many as one in 12 U.S. felines testing positive. Fortunately, there are steps cat owners can take to protect their pets. First, ask a veterinarian to test the cat for FIV. Early diagnosis can make a huge difference in a cat's long-term health. Since the early signs of FIV are non-existent or common



All cats should be tested for feline immunodeficiency virus, veterinarians say.

to many other diseases, the only way to tell a cat is infected is by testing.

"Early detection is an important part of caring for cats, particularly cats infected with other diseases," explains Lynn Buzhardt, DVM, a companion animal veterinarian. "By knowing the FIV infection status of a cat, the cat's owner and veterinarian can work together to make critical decisions about medical care and protect the health of other cats. Knowing your cat's health status can pro-

vide peace of mind."

Although there's no cure for FIV, a positive test result is not an automatic death sentence. FIV infected cats may live for years with no signs of clinical disease.

Caring for a cat with FIV doesn't have to be expensive, either, according to Dr. Buzhardt, but does require teamwork by the cat's owner and veterinarian.

"One of the most important things a cat owner can do for an infected cat is to protect its health," she explains. "FIV positive cats need a stress-free indoor environment to reduce their risk of exposure to other infections, good nutrition that supports the immune system and possibly more frequent veterinary examinations." It is also important for a cat owner to recognize the signs of other diseases and discuss these with a veterinarian as soon as they're noticed.

• These facts come from the experts at the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP), a professional organization of veterinarians who share an interest in providing excellent care and treatment of cats. For more information on testing your cat for FIV, go to www.fivetest.com.

Local Talent Staying Busy Thrift Store Cowboys Set to Release Debut CD

Thrift Store Cowboys, six-piece alternative country entourage featuring some Borden County talent, plan to release their first musical album in mid June.

The album, *Nowhere With You*, was recorded over the course of a year at Studio 84 in Lubbock, under the production skills of Wally Moyers and Brooks Grant.

The group has been playing together for almost five years; their music offers a mix of country and rock thus covering a wide spectrum encompassing both styles.

Members of the Thrift Store Cowboys include Borden County graduates Clint Miller ('95), Colt Miller ('99), and Jeff Dennis ('99).

Other band members are Daniel Fluitt of Post, Amanda Shires of Lubbock, and Cody Banks, also of Lubbock.

To find out more about the band, the album, or upcoming gigs, their web site can be accessed



Performing Thursday and Friday at Einstein's in the Depot District in Lubbock are the Thrift Store Cowboys. Band members pictured left to right are Colt Miller, Clint Miller, Jeff Dennis, Amanda Shires, Daniel Fluitt, and Cody Banks. *(photograph by LaNita Avery)*

at www.mp3.com/ThriftStoreCowboy.

They can also be reached by phone at (806) 756-4410 or (806) 781-6768.

ANOTHER LOCAL MUSICIAN TO SING WITH "TEXAS PIPELINE"

Guy Will Zant, Class of '93, is also making roads in the musical horizon.

Currently, Zant is lead singer for the West Texas group based out of Big Spring, "Texas Pipeline."

Zant and band members will be featured at Mel's Restaurant June 13-16 on Gregg Street in Big Spring.

A feature review along with upcoming gigs for Zant and the band will be in a future *Borden Star* issue.

Did you know.....?

...that Borden County also boasts yet another musician who studied at South Plain renowned school for music and has been playing drums for various groups during the 1990's?

Can you name that artist?

a. Mark Walker, '80

b. Jason Sharp, '91

c. Kirby Williams, '85

Answer in next week's issue

Next week's *Borden Star* will run a feature story on the group based on reviews from performances at the South Plains Opry in Levelland and Einstein's in Lubbock.



The Statue of Liberty stands 151 feet, 1 inch from the feet to the top of the torch. It weighs 225 tons.

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ENERGY SUPPLY IN DEMAND

Eight years of neglect and shortsighted policies have brought our country to the worst energy supply crisis since the 1970s.

Energy shortages are hurting millions of Americans: drivers are paying sky-rocketing prices for gasoline, on average 30 cents to 40 cents per gallon more than a year ago. Winter heating bills in some states have tripled. Californians are experiencing rolling blackouts and high fuel costs are destroying jobs in the transportation, lumber and agriculture sectors. A fundamental imbalance of supply and demand has brought on this crisis.

We rely on foreign imports for more than 56 percent of our oil. Our energy infrastructure has been allowed to deteriorate. Not a single major oil refinery has been built in nearly 25 years; our outdated network of generators, transmission lines and pipelines is in critical need of modernization.

Unless we act, the situation is only going to deteriorate. America's future energy needs far outstrip current levels of production — over the next 20 years, US oil consumption will rise by 33 percent, natural gas consumption by more than 50 percent and demand for electricity will rise by 45 percent.

The President has issued an energy call to arms — a balanced energy policy that includes:

- Modernization and expansion of our energy infrastructure;
- Diversification of our energy supplies;
- Strengthening American's energy security;
- Modernizing and increasing our conservation and efficient energy use programs.

The President's plan aggressively addresses the toughest problem areas we face: production, delivery and consumption. Our greatest challenge right now is delivery bottlenecks — we don't have enough pipelines or refineries. It approaches the situation head-on, pushing for the creation of a new, high-tech energy delivery network.

I plan to offer legislation that will complement the Administration's energy initiatives by creating two kinds of tax credits: one set to encourage production from marginal wells, and another offering tax incentives to individuals who cut their personal energy consumption. My proposals include:

- Offering a tax credit for small oil and gas producers of marginal wells (those producing fewer than 15 barrels of oil per day).
- Allowing a \$250 tax credit if, during the period from June 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, a taxpayer can show he or she has reduced home energy consumption 10 percent when compared with usage over the same period the previous year.
- Allowing a \$250 tax credit to any taxpayer who purchases a fuel-efficient motor vehicle, one that operates above 27.5 miles per gallon, in calendar year 2001.

This is just common sense. If people lower their energy consumption at home by 10 percent, or buy a fuel-efficient car, let's give them a tax credit. Having fuel-efficient homes and vehicles and continuing efforts to explore alternative energy sources are all significant elements in making America more energy self sufficient.

But it is also critical that our domestic producers have the incentives to keep their wells pumping. The only permanent way to address the supply problems that are driving consumer oil and gas prices sky high is to boost domestic production. My legislation encourages production from existing oil and gas wells by offering incentives that will make them more cost-effective to operate. It is estimated that my bill would spur the reopening of 75,000 domestic oil wells able to produce 250,000 barrels of oil a day; it includes a corresponding provision to encourage natural gas production.

More than 150,000 domestic oil and gas wells were closed during 1997 and 1998, when oil prices fell below \$10 per barrel. This cut daily domestic oil production by 500,000 barrels per day. Though prices are higher today, many independent producers are reluctant to incur the high costs associated with reopening these wells without assurances that they will not face additional losses if oil prices again fall below break-even levels. Another ramification of that bleak period was the crippling loss of energy-sector jobs: More than 65,000 well paying American jobs disappeared, 18,000 in Texas alone. These are jobs we should bring back to America.

Curtailing dependence on foreign sources is the only way discourage disruptive spikes in energy prices. America's long-term economic and national security may well depend on it.

**Drive Safely
Watch for our Children**

Heart and home...

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



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Mold and Mildew in the Home

Even though we live in a dry climate, we can still have mold and mildew in our homes. Mold and mildew can grow almost anywhere and their spores are almost everywhere. Mold and mildew need moisture for growth and will also grow in stagnant water. These microorganisms are mainly a nuisance, in terms of unpleasant odors and destruction of materials. However, mold and mildew can cause more serious problems, such as health effects and structural damage to buildings.

Mold causes health problems when it is dispersed and inhaled by people. Common places of mold growth are bathrooms, window seals, behind vinyl paper, ductwork, drip trays under air conditioning units and refrigerators, and humidifiers. Stachybotrys has been blamed for the deaths of some newborn infants, and can cause serious health problems for adults. Scrubbing this mold can release dangerous particles, thereby risking inhalation and serious health problems.

Occupants of a home can

usually identify mold problems through smell and visual observation. If you think a mold may be Stachybotrys, have it tested by a professional laboratory. This is especially important if large areas of mold, more than a few square feet, are involved.

One way to decrease the occurrence of mold in the home is to keep humidity levels from rising too high. Generally this is not a problem in West Texas, but with the higher humidity levels we have had lately and the moisture levels that can accumulate in our bathrooms and kitchens, one can never be too cautious. Moisture contributes to the growth of mold. Also make sure drip trays are emptied regularly, and clean and disinfect humidifiers often, adding fresh water daily.

For more information regarding mold and mildew in the home, contact the Extension office at 806/756-4336.

Smoked Foods - The Simple Mealtime Solution

Smoking food has always been acclaimed for flavor, but the time and difficulty of the task caused many people to pause. It certainly wasn't simple. Now, smoking food has just become one of the most convenient ways to quickly and easily solve the dinnertime dilemma.

The Smoker Bag, by Williams Foods, is the answer for excellent

...no grill to tend, wood to add or grate to clean...

flavor and convenience. First, choose the type of meat you prefer, beef or pork, poultry or fish and place it in the bag. Simply close the bag and place it in the oven or on the grill. The heat from the oven or grill causes the blend of alder wood chips, hardwood syrup and natural sugars that are sealed in the bag to smolder. The smoke stays in the bag, surrounding the food with a delectable smoky flavor and aroma. Just enjoy great smoked foods quickly and easily, even on a gas grill. No grill to tend, wood to add or grate to clean. You can also smoke foods year round, without a thought to the weather.

Just follow the cooking times listed on the inside package and your food will be moist, tasty and delicately smoked to perfection. Then, simply slit the bag, lift out the food and throw away the bag. Convenience has never tasted this good.

Williams Foods is offering three varieties: beef or pork, poultry and fish. Of course, if you wish, let your creativity shine. Smoke a combination of meat, potatoes, and corn or other vegetables. Or, add a sprinkling of fresh herbs or a tantalizing marinade. With a smoky flavor providing the background, your mealtime possibilities just took a lavish leap forward. The smoked food also transforms an everyday meal into something extraordinary. Just smoke the meat of your choice in a Smoker Bag and see for yourself. Or, try one of these easy, scrumptious recipes and get ready for rave reviews.

Patio Picnic Salad
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
5 - 6 cups torn lettuce or 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) salad mix
1 small ripe tomato, cut into wedges
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/4 cup chopped red onion
1/4 cup chopped red pepper
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Dressing:

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 cup plain yogurt
1 package (1 1/8 ounces) Williams Chicken White Bean Chili Seasoning

Using a Williams Smoker Bag for Poultry, locate "This Side Down" imprinted on the Bag and place it facing down on counter. Place chicken breasts in Bag in a single layer. To seal, double fold open end of Bag. Place Smoker Bag on grill grate over hot coals. Cover grill and cook 20 minutes. Carefully remove Bag from grill and allow to rest 10 minutes before opening. (If desired, follow package instructions and bake in oven.) Cut chicken into bite-size pieces.

Toss together lettuce, chicken, tomato, peas, celery, onion, and red

pepper in salad bowl.

For dressing, blend together mayonnaise, yogurt, and Williams White Chili Seasoning. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Garnish with shredded Cheddar cheese.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

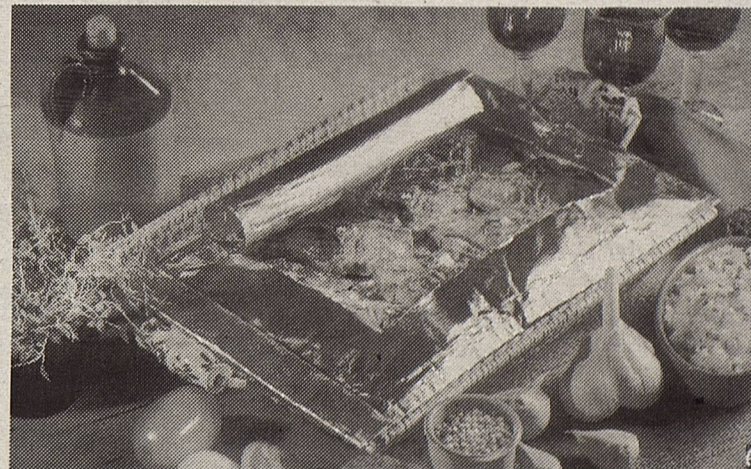
Smoked Pork and Vegetables

1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
4 center-cut, bone-in pork chops, about 1 to 1 1/4-inches thick
1 green or red pepper, cut into 1 to 2-inch pieces
2 potatoes, cut into 1 to 2-inch pieces

Combine seasonings. Rub about half of seasonings on pork chops. Using a Williams Smoker Bag for Beef or Pork, locate "This Side Down" imprinted on the Bag and place it facing down on counter. Place pork chops in Bag in a single layer. Sprinkle vegetables with remaining seasonings and arrange in a single layer around pork. To seal, double fold open end of Bag. Place Smoker Bag on grill grate over hot coals. Cover grill and cook 20 minutes. Carefully remove Bag from grill and allow to rest 10 minutes before opening. (If desired, follow package instructions and bake in oven.)

Makes 4 servings.

For additional information and recipes, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Smoker Bag Recipes, Williams Foods, P.O. Box 14067, Lenexa KS 66285.



Happy Fathers Day!
Sunday, June 17th



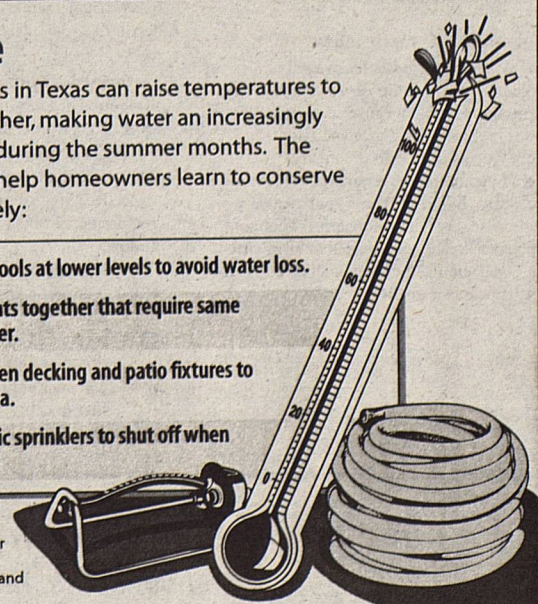
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Water-Wise

Drought conditions in Texas can raise temperatures to 106 degrees or higher, making water an increasingly valuable resource during the summer months. The following tips will help homeowners learn to conserve and use water wisely:

- Fill swimming pools at lower levels to avoid water loss.
- Group lawn plants together that require same amounts of water.
- Use rocks, wooden decking and patio fixtures to reduce lawn area.
- Adjust automatic sprinklers to shut off when it rains.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and the City of Arlington.



Area Youth Seeking SUMMER WORK

Do you need a baby sitter
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Need someone to do yard
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Call: Caden Herridge at
806/756-4460.

Appraisal Review Board For the Borden County Appraisal District

Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Borden County Appraisal District will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2001, at the meeting room in the county courthouse.

The board will here and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matter permitted by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session until all timely-filed appeals are heard and resolved.

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

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2000 Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

806/756-4391

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and they have determined that certain water quality issues exist which prevent our water from meeting all of the requirements as stated in the Federal Drinking Water Standards. Each issue is listed in this report as a violation and we are working closely with the TNRCC to achieve solutions.

En Espanol

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. 806/756-4391 par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Ground water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: OGALLALA. TNRCC will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment process will be completed within three years. It is important to protect your drinking water by protecting your water source.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents

Secondary Constituents.

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concerns. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: June 25, 2001

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Borden County Courthouse
Commissioner's Courtroom

Phone No: 806/756-4391

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety

Treatment Technique (TT) -

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)-

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/l - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)
ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1998	Arsenic	22.4	22.4000-22.4000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
1998	Barium	0.032	0.0320-0.0320	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
1998	Fluoride	5.4	5.4000-5.4000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
1998	Nitrate	0.47	0.4700-0.4700	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
1998	Selenium	11.5	11.5000-11.5000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
1995	Gross alpha adjusted	7.7	7.7000-7.7000	15	0	pci/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
1995	Gross beta emitters	10.9	10.9000-10.9000	50	0	pci/l	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

THM NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Unit of Measure	Reason for Monitoring
2000-2000	Bromoform	1	1.0000-1.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2000-2000	Chlorodibromomethane	0.5	0.5000-0.5000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1999	Lead	1.1000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.0640	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

Total Coliform NOT DETECTED

Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED

Violation	Explanation	Health Effects	Duration	Steps to Correct
MCL-FLUORIDE		Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.	1/1/1996 to PRESENT	

Water supplied by the Borden County Water System exceeds the maximum constituent level of fluoride as established by the TNRCC.

To correct the MCL violation, the Borden County Water System provides fluoride free water to all children, under the age of 14, who receive their water through service connections to the Borden County Water System.

PET TALK

If Spot never seems to come when you call, obedience class may not be the answer.

The dog may be suffering from a hearing problem and could be deaf in one or both ears, and certain breeds of dog are more prone to acquire a hearing problem.

Researchers at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University are currently investigating a common problem of deafness in popular breeds such as

Dalmatians and English Setters. Dr. Keith Murphy, a geneticist in veterinary pathobiology, began the study on genetic canine deafness in 1999. "Our major goal is to understand the basis for hereditary deafness in certain breeds, and use that information to reduce the prevalence or even prevent future deaf offspring," Murphy said.

Murphy and his team of researchers have discovered that deafness in Dalmatians and English Setters does not follow a simple pattern of inheritance.

To solve the mystery of why approximately 30 percent of Dalmatians and 14 percent of English Setters are born deaf in one ear or both ears, the researchers must first identify the genes responsible for the problem.

"We don't know what exactly we are going to find, so we are studying the entire canine genome," Murphy said.

To complete the project, researchers have collected information on 75 Dalmatians and 30 English Setters from across the United States. Murphy hopes to identify the inherited deafness genes by using a painless hearing test and collecting pedigree information on each dog.

The Texas A&M researchers are especially interested in collecting more data on English Setters with bilateral or unilateral deafness.

Pet talk is a service of Texas A&M University and its College of Veterinary Medicine. Email suggestions for future topics may be directed to kr@univrel.tamu.edu

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