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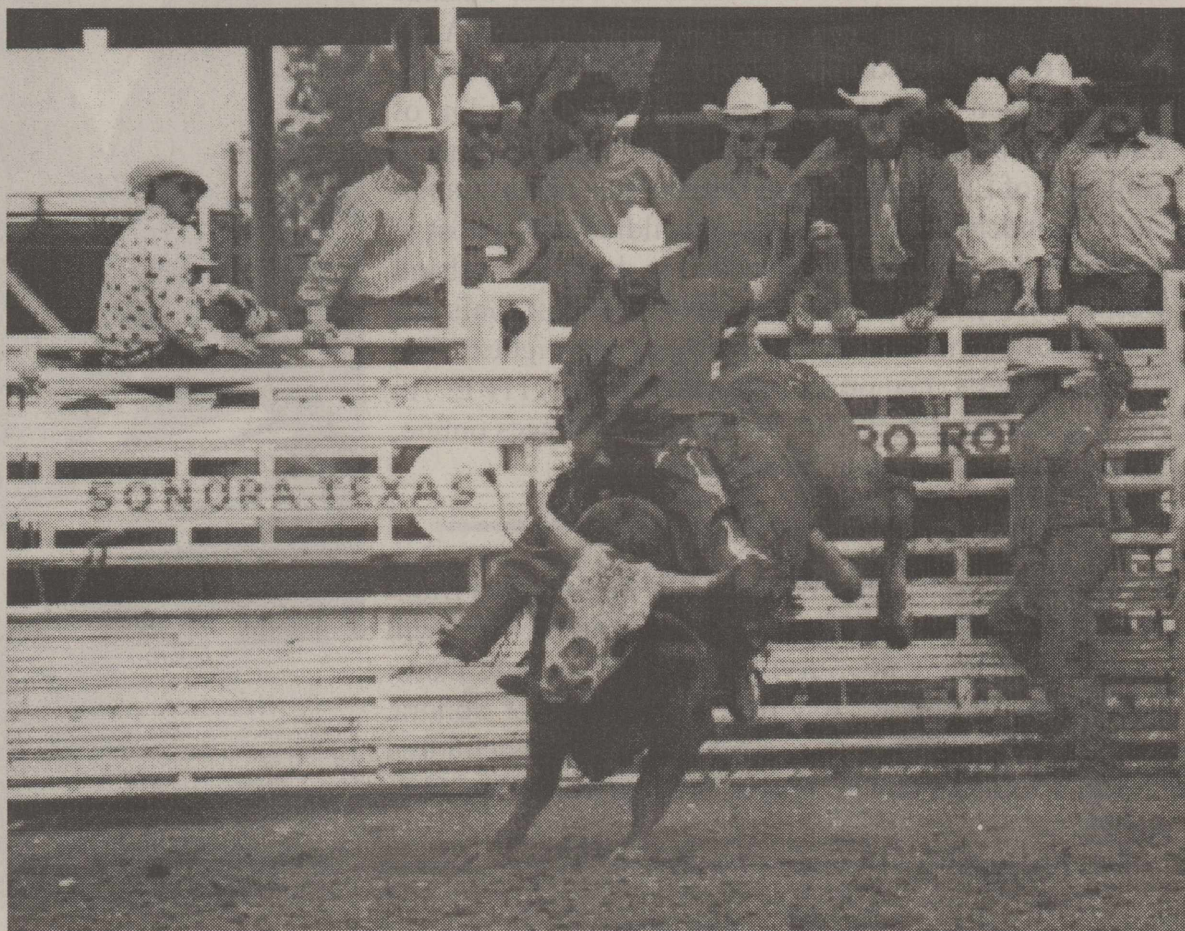
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Are you ready to rodeo? It's about that time. The 42nd annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days will be held June 26th & 27th. The event will be held at the county park. We have vendors signing up and we are very excited about a new event added to this year. The Masonic Lodge is bringing a “Horseless Goat Roping” this looks like a lot of fun for all ages. It will be brought to you by Mad Goat Productions from Crawford, Texas. The proceeds will help with the Masonic Lodge Scholarship fund. The “Boots on the Ground” Parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 27th at the elementary school on Concho Street. If you would like to enter the parade just stop by the chamber office and pick up a registration form or you may find one on our website along with vendor forms at www.sonora-texas.org and look under the events tab. If you would like to sponsor this great event and haven't been contacted please give us a call at 325-387-2880

and we can help you. Following the parade the day we will begin with the opening ceremony at 10:00 a.m. followed by the 2015 Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Contest. If you have a child that is at least 3 years of age but will not be 7 by June 27th then you may enter them in the contest. Forms are available at the chamber office. Following will be an opportunity to see the Miss Sutton queen candidates and current Miss Sutton County Abby Nolen. If you like to pitch washers then come on out and play starting at noon. Then at 1:00 p.m. the Johnny Reverb Band will take the stage for your enjoyment. The festivities will close at 5:00 p.m. Then you may enjoy some Catfish at the Civic Center prepared by the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge with proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. After your great catfish dinner then head over to the Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. and witness the crowning of the 2015 Miss Sutton County and enjoy the rodeo, then dance

under the West Texas Stars to Jamie Richards for 9:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. so mark your calendars and don't miss out on all the great things planned for June 26-27th in Sonora. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will host a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m. at 232 Main street as we welcome Armer & Andi's, we are very excited and want to wish them much success with their new adventure. Gigi's on main will be open that evening for dinner and there will be live music from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. So please come and show your support and help welcome this new business. If you have any questions about Sutton County Days, the grand opening or would like to become a member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce please give us a call at 325-387-2880 or email chamber@sonorataxas.org or stop by the office at 205 Hwy 277 N. Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

As Comes The Water, So Do The Mosquitos Residents Can Help Control, Protect Themselves From Mosquitoes

DALLAS — Anticipating a significant increase in the state's mosquito population, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists are offering tips on how Texans can help slow mosquito breeding in backyards and protect from being bitten.

“Mosquito populations are booming throughout the state and will likely not go away anytime soon after all our rains and flooding,” said Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist in Dallas. “Not all of the mosquitoes swarming us right now are likely to carry disease, but West Nile virus-infected mosquitoes are be-

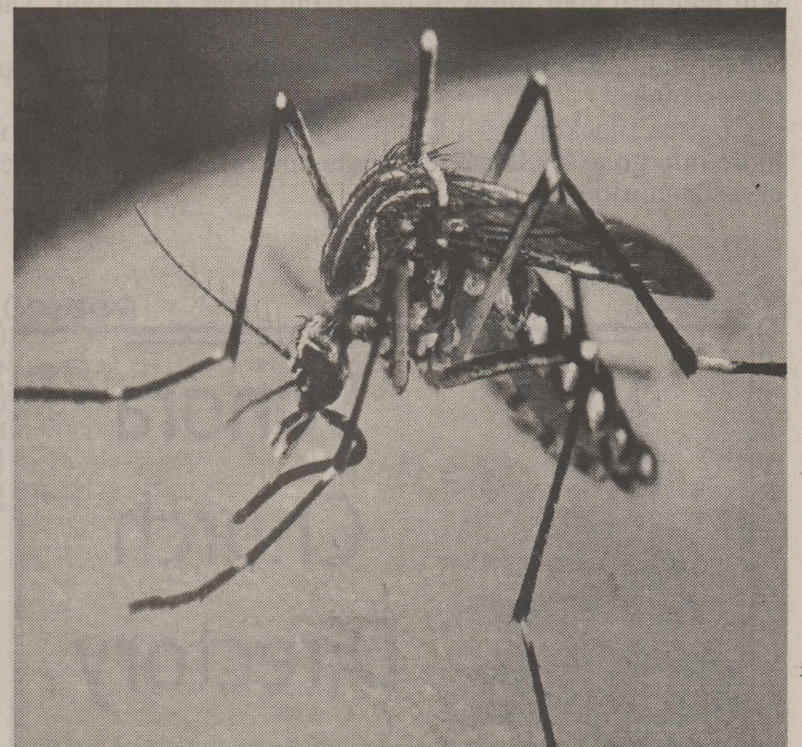
ginning to show up in traps.” Texas Department of State Health Services recently announced the first 2015 case of West Nile virus in the state, and Dallas County Health and Human Services just issued a health advisory reporting its first positive mosquito pool of the year.

Merchant added that chikungunya, another disease transmitted by mosquitoes, is on the radar of U.S. and state health officials as a growing concern. He said the virus is regularly brought into the U.S. by travelers, but as yet a human-to-mosquito-to-human cycle has not developed in Texas.

“This could change, however, as it did last year in Florida where a handful of cases occurred among Floridians who had not traveled to the Caribbean,” Merchant said. “The principal mosquito vectors of chikungunya include the Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*, and its close relative, the yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*. Chikungunya frequently comes with a very bad headache, joint pain, rash and fever. There is no treatment for or vaccine to protect from this disease.”

For more information about where mosquitoes can breed,

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What is Chikungunya Virus

By Suzanne Whitworth

Chikungunya is a virus than can be transmitted by two species of mosquitoes, scientific name being *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. Albopictus*. The common names for these two species are the yellow fever mosquito and the asian tiger mosquito. Chikungunya originated throughout parts of Africa and south-east Asia. In 2014, the mosquito borne virus moved throughout parts of Central America and Caribbean and began to spread into the United States.

The yellow fever and Asian tiger mosquitoes are container breeders, bite at dusk and dawn and have a very limited flight range. They are considered to be of public health importance.

The chikungunya virus is not normally fatal, but is painful and symptoms can last for weeks or even months.

Symptoms include: Abrupt onset of fever and joint pain; Joint pain often debilitating; In elderly people the virus can contribute to death.

Control tactics with these two species involves source reduction by eliminating standing stagnant water in tires, barrels, old boats, open trash barrels etc. Larvacide products are also useful in control of these two species and are available over the counter as Mosquito Dunks.

The Chikungunya (ChikV) virus unlike West Nile virus, can be transmitted from infected person to mosquito to person. Travelers returning from tropical climates are bringing the virus back to the U.S. If the *Aedes albopictus* or *Aedes aegypti* are present then local transmission can amplify.

In 2014, Texas documented 66 cases of Chikungunya virus in humans. For more information go to the Texas Department of State Health Services website at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/>

Next week: What's Bugging You.....



Wellness Ministry

There are many schools of thought on how to eat – vegetarian, paleo, raw, low-carb, ketogenic...and the list goes on and on. It's hard to know what to eat with so many "experts" giving us conflicting advice. Just remember that God is the true expert. He made our bodies and made the foods that our bodies need to thrive. Instead of getting hung up on a method, just concentrate on the real, life-giving foods He made for us to eat. We need clean proteins like pastured eggs, wild salmon, and grass-fed beef - from animals raised in happy and healthy conditions. We need colorful carbohydrates from vegetables and fruits grown in rich, nourishing soil. Healthy fats like coconut and olive oil, grass-fed butter, and avocados. And we need pure, refreshing water to wash it all down. Foods that live and grow are the foods that make us live and grow. Packaged foods are dead foods. The more of those you eat, the more dead you will feel. Fill your life with life-giving foods. Real food. The way God made it.

Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Genesis 9:3

Chelsea Blackbird is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. For more info go to chelsea@thechristiannutritionist or www.thechristiannutritionist.com

Obituaries

Gloria Gonzales Barron, 82, our beloved Sunshine, was called to her eternal resting place on May 22, 2015. Catholic Mass Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday May 26, 2015 at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church with Father Joseph Kurumbel officiating. Interment will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Rosary will be recited Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM and Monday, May 25, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Branon Funeral Home Chapel. She entered this world on March 6, 1933 in Sonora, TX, born to Ignacio and Josefa (Patino) Gonzales. She married Basilio Barron on June 2, 1956 in Lamesa. They were married for 58 years. Gloria was a member of St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, where she served faithfully until she lost her vision. She never met a stranger and accepted many friends and extended families into her home. She is survived by her children Samuel Barron of Lamesa, Cecilia Calzada of O'Donnell, Celia Billalobos of Carrollton, Gloria Anna Trevino of Irving, and Delia Rodriguez of Lamesa, brothers; Francisco Gonzales of Lamesa, Cleofus Bailon of Phoenix, Arizona; Fidencio Gonzales of Lamesa; Ignacio Gonzales of Lamesa and sister Maria Menjares of Lamesa; 10 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and a host of extended family. She was preceded in death by husband Basilio Barron, her parents, and sisters; Sophie Galindo; Esperanza Hernandez; and Consuelo Rodriguez. The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Big Spring, TX, 79720. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

Sonora- Emmitt Eugene Wilson, 75 of Sonora died Monday, June 1, 2014 in Sonora. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Survivors include his wife Dorothy Wilson of Sonora, son Tom Bob Wilson of Sonora, daughter Annette Thornton of Sonora, and grandchildren Daniel Thornton, James Wilson, Wesley Wilson and Hollie Wilson.

Engagement




Ed and Lori Newton are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Lucille Newton, of Sonora, to Aaron Tyler Pearl, son of Ronnie and Renee Pearl of Ozona.

The bride-to-be is a 2009 graduate of Sonora High School and is currently employed by Texas Highway Patrol in Ozona.

The groom-to-be is a 2009 graduate of Ozona High school and is working for DCP Midstream.

The two are planning a November wedding in Dripping Springs, TX and will reside in Ozona.



Sonora Church Directory

<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100</p> <p>St. Ann's Catholic Church 311 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p>Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St 387-5658/387-5518</p> <p>Faith Apostolic Church 120 N. Concho Ave. 206-0277</p>	<p>Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p>First Baptist Church 11 E. Oak 387-2951</p> <p>St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p>Casa Del Altarero Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St 325-226-1789</p>
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Practice Lawnmower Maintenance & Safety

By Pascual Hernandez

With summer vacation underway, many youth will be having to mow lawns, either their own or someone else's as a means of earning summer wages. To make sure the experience pays off, practice regular maintenance and keep safety in mind. Here are a few tips.

Sharpen the blade. Mower blades encounter rocks, twigs and other hidden objects. A dull blade rips and tears grass instead of providing a clean cut. Those with experience can sharpen their own blades, but a mower repair shop

can sharpen your blade for a small fee.

Clean out the undercarriage. Grass can get caked in the undercarriage and clog the mower's discharge chute. Use a wire brush to scrape grass clippings and dirt from the undercarriage and spray the remaining debris away with a water hose.

Check the oil. Monitor the oil level in your mower and look for debris or oil that is dark black in color. Old or contaminated oil should be drained and replaced. To change the oil, remove the drain plug underneath the mower and allow it to

drain completely. Check your owner's manual for the right type of oil to use.

Inspect the air filter. A clogged or dirty air filter stresses the mower and burns gas less efficiently. Most lawn mowers have a paper or foam air filter that can be easily accessed. Replacement air filters are inexpensive so most pros recommend an annual replacement to ensure optimal performance.

Change the spark plug. Like the air filter, the spark plug is extremely important to a functioning lawn mower, yet inexpensive and easy

to replace. Change the spark plug every couple of years to ensure an easy start. Be sure not to over tighten it.

We should all practice safety when mowing. Like what?

For starters, pick up rocks, branches (or twigs), kids toys, and hoses before you start mowing. Also, check fuel before starting and don't add fuel to your lawn-mower while the engine is running or the mower is

still hot.

It's probably also a good idea to not allow children or pets to play in the yard while you are mowing the lawn. Mowers can sling rocks and all manner of debris. For that reason, wear closed shoes and long pants while mowing.

Be familiar with the instruction manual and what it says about handling your mower. If it says to push it, then don't pull it. Some

mowers are built to go in a specific direction. Also avoid mowing up and down slopes - always mow across the slope to prevent slipping under the mower housing. If adjustments to the lawn mower mechanics are needed, turn the engine off and allow it to cool.

And remember to keep hydrated. Mowing is strenuous, and it's hot out there!

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The City of Sonora has received a contract award from the Texas Department of Agriculture through the Texas Capital Fund for sewer and water improvements to assist a private business with infrastructure needs in the City. The business, in turn, will make a major investment and create jobs for the community. Accordingly the City is separately soliciting (A) proposals from consultants for project administration and (B) qualifications from Texas-Registered Engineers to provide engineering services. Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs. Please submit a proposal of services and a statement of qualifications to:

Edward Carrasco
City Manager
201 E. Main
Sonora, Texas 76950

Submittals for these services will be accepted until **4:00 p.m. on June 19, 2015**, at the offices listed above. The Same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms and individuals that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. The City also reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to submit.

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Lions Roar May 26, 2015



The Sonora Downtown Lions club met on Tuesday in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church. The Lions Club sponsors an Eye Clinic in Ciudad Acuna where an F4 tornado hit last week. It is unknown at this time if the Clinic was affected by the tornado. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$500.00 for the families that were affected.

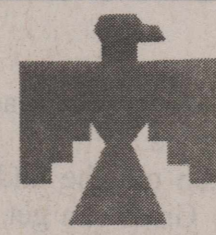
Sonora Intermediate students joining us this week

were third grader Fernanda Padilla, and fourth grader Omar Gonzalez. Fifth grader Joselyn Rodriguez was unable to attend. We offer a big thanks to Mrs. Nichols for bringing the children to join us.

Our guest speaker, Coach Sine, spoke about how happy he and his family are to be back in Sonora. He stated that one of the first things he said to the Middle School kids was to "go home and thank your parents for raising

you in Sonora". We are so very grateful to all the Coaches and Teachers who teach and train our children. We've all heard that it takes a village to raise our children and we are so lucky to live in a safe and peaceful community with these leaders.

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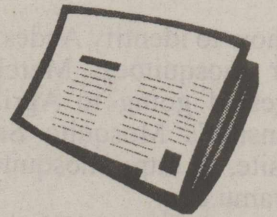
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Sonora, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

Tract 1
A tract of land containing 3.720 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 834, Sec. 66, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 2
A tract of land containing 0.431 acres (0.24 and 1.91 acres) situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 315, Sec. 85, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 3
A tract of land containing 0.250 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Lomax, Sec.85, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 4
A tract of land containing 0.420 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 1186, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 5
A tract of land containing 25.305 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 1186, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 6
A tract of land containing 0.757 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 809, Sec. 54, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas

Tract 7
A tract of land containing 0.800 acres (0.56 and 0.24 acres) situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Southwest Subdivision, Lot1 and Lot 10, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 8
A tract of land containing 5.328 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 809, Sec. 54, C F Adams & Southwest Division, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 9
A tract of land containing 16.898 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Sinaloa Subdivision, Slide 9d, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 10
A tract of land containing 29.050 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Loma Alta Subdivision, Slide 27a, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Commission of the City of Sonora, Texas on the 15 day of June, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Sonora, Texas, located at 201 E. Main, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard; of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas this the 18 day of May, 2015.

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Employment

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a part time position in the Road & Bridge Department. Experience in Road & Bridge maintenance and equipment operation is preferred. Applicant must have a valid Texas CDL license. Duties include labor connected with general maintenance including paving of roads.

Each applicant is required to submit an application for employment with pertinent information regarding training and experience. Sutton County EEO.

Applications can be obtained at auditor's office. Completed application must be returned to Auditors office by April 10, 2015.

Employment

The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for summer help. Applicants must be at least 16 years and have a valid driver's license. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 by May 29, 2015. Additional

Employment

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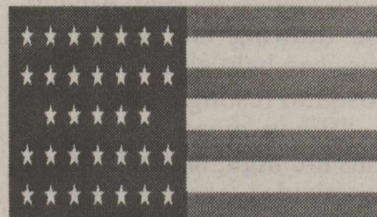
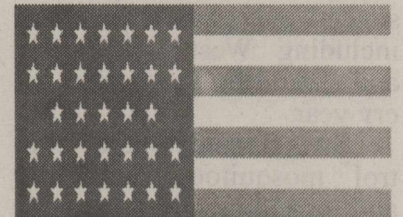
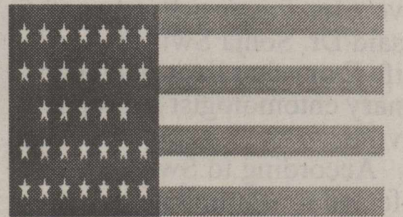
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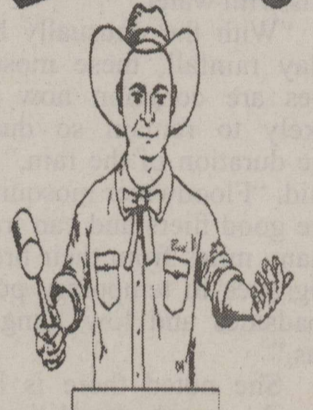
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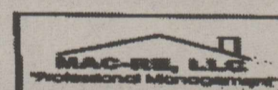
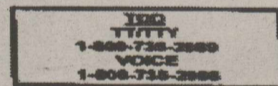
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and how to identify Aedes and other mosquitoes, Merchant suggested going to AgriLife Extension's Mosquito Safari website, <http://mosquitosafari.tamu.edu>.

Humans are not the only ones to suffer from mosquito-borne diseases, AgriLife Extension experts noted.

"Mosquitoes can also be vectors for dog heartworm," said Dr. Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension livestock/veterinary entomologist in Stephenville.

According to Swiger, an infected mosquito can pass tiny heartworm parasites on to any uninfected dog it bites. Heartworm causes lasting damage to heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's quality and length of life. In addition, horses are susceptible to several encephalitis diseases, including West Nile virus, and should be vaccinated every year.

Swiger said that to control mosquitoes effectively and economically, everyone should understand their basic life cycle and be familiar with the important mosquito types. According to Swiger, mosquitoes can be divided into two groups based on where they lay their eggs. For example, floodwater mosquitoes lay eggs on the ground in low spots, and these eggs hatch when it rains and the low area fills with water.

"With the unusually high May rainfall, these mosquitoes are common now and likely to remain so during the duration of the rain," she said. "Floodwater mosquitoes are good fliers and can travel many miles from their breeding sites in temporary pools, roadsides and low lying areas."

She noted there is little people can do on their own property to protect themselves from floodwater mosquitoes, other than stay indoors or wear repellent.

"We have more control over other mosquitoes that breed in containers and live closer to town," Swiger said. "Container breeding mosquitoes include some of the most significant species that may negatively affect human health, including the common house mosquito."

The entomologists referred to what they called "the four D's" as a general means for people to help manage mosquitoes and protect against bites. These are:

— Dusk/Dawn – Avoid being outside when mosquitoes are searching for a blood meal, which is usually in the early morning hours and just before the sun goes down. While some species are daytime biters, most prefer to feed at dusk and dawn.

— Drain – Empty standing water from "containers" around your home and work areas, such as buckets, wheelbarrows, kiddie pools, toys, dog bowls, water troughs, tires, bottles, etc. Make improvements that allow standing water to run off following rains.

— Dress – If out during mosquito feeding hours, wear long sleeves and pants in plain colors. Avoid attracting them by wearing excessive amounts of perfume or aftershave.

— Defend – Any time you go outside for an extended period of time, wear an insect repellent.

Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension entomology program leader in San Angelo, said mowing tall weeds and grass can help eliminate some mosquito resting areas.

"When mosquito populations are high, labeled contact insecticides can be used to knock down adults," he said.

"For greatest effectiveness, sprays should be directed to shady mosquito resting areas. In addition, insecticide-based misting systems can be effective short-term, but repeated

applications can cause insecticide resistance or be harmful to non-target insects and may result in loss of control. These systems are most likely to be effective if timers are set to spray when mosquitoes are most active."

Allen said there are also techniques that can help control larval stage of mosquitoes in water.

"Mosquito dunks containing insect growth regulators or Bti, the mosquito larva's bacterial natural enemy, can be used in water that cannot be dumped or drained to reduce mosquito populations," he said.

Products that apply a surface film or oil on the water can also be used to reduce larval mosquito and pupal populations by preventing them from getting air through their breathing tubes, he said. The use of films or oils should be limited to locations without any other organisms, since it will prevent oxygen to the non-target organisms as well.

According to Merchant, insect repellent is still the best overall defense against those "less savory insect and mite biters."

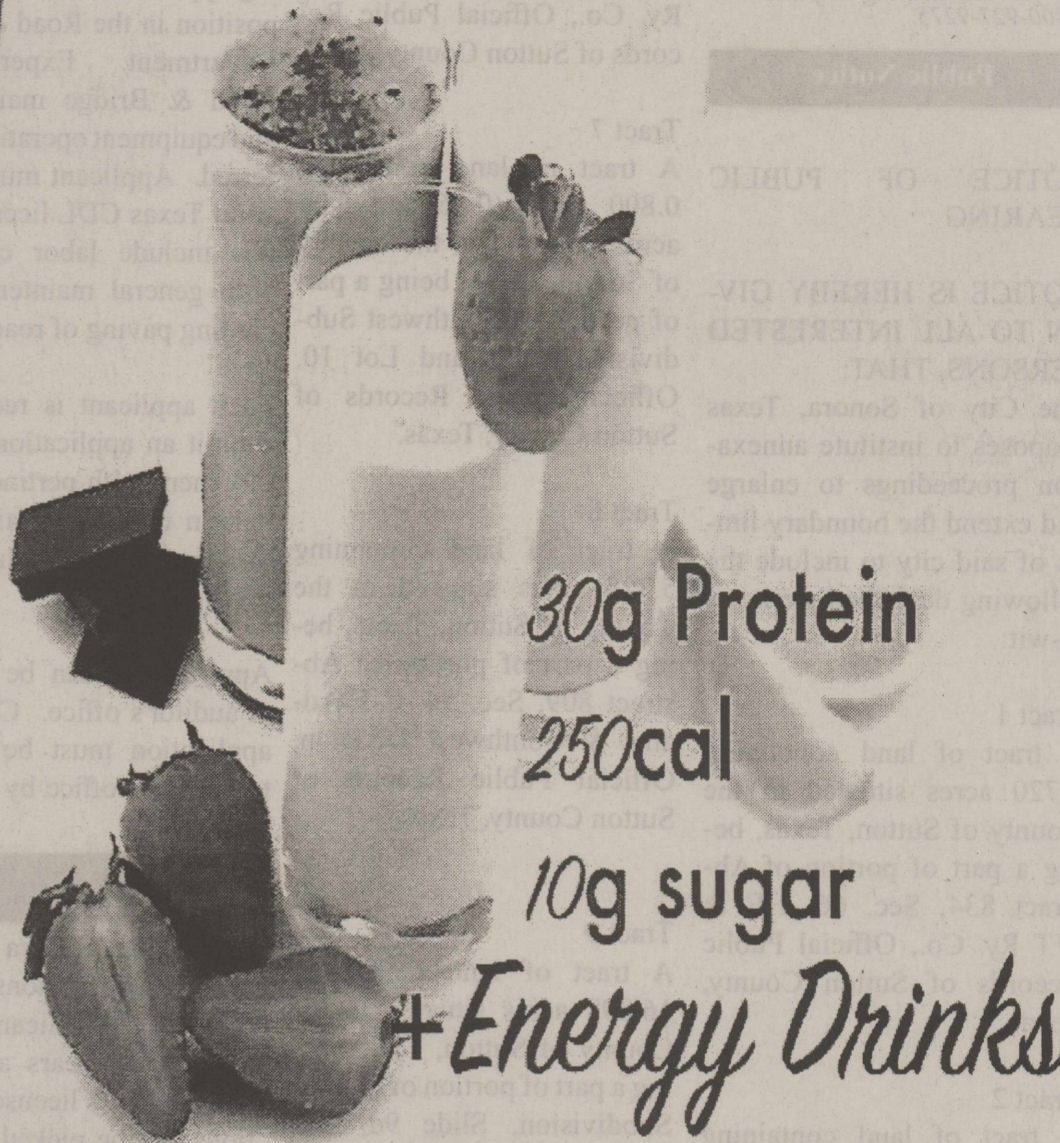
"I always suggest people keep a bottle or can of repellent just outside their doorway to remind them to spray exposed skin, even if they plan to be outside just a short while," he said. "Keeping repellent in your car is a very good idea too."

The entomologists agreed that repellents with DEET remain the gold standard for protection.

"DEET has some of the best persistence. However, there are good alternatives to DEET if you aren't going to be outside very long," Merchant said. "The natural repellent, oil of lemon eucalyptus, is a good alternative to DEET for those who prefer an organic product. The most important thing is to find a repellent that works for you and to use it."

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