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ALL-DISTRICT OFFENSIVE PLAYERS selected recently were back row, guard, Jason San Filippo; end, Brad McMinn; tackle, Stoney Garland; running back, Ace Williams; front row, wide receiver, Shannon Ward; quarterback, Victor Bernal; and running back, Jose Ramirez.



CHOSEN FOR ALL-DISTRICT DEFENSE HONORS were, left to right, lineman, Jamie Vasquez; secondary, Shannon Ward; linebacker, Jose Ramirez; and defensive end, Ken McAdams.



SECOND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL PLAYERS - back row, left to right, wide receiver and secondary, Lenny Morrow; kicker, Victor Bernal; center, Trey Peeples; tackle, Gerald Goodman; front row, defensive end, Brad McMinn; defensive linebacker, Stoney Garland; and defensive lineman and guard, Michael Salas.

Christmas Tree Lighting Held In Pioneer Plaza

Christmas in Plains was ushered in Wednesday evening when the annual Tree Lighting ceremonies were held in Pioneer Plaza. Santa Claus arrived for a pre-holiday visit with youngsters as the Plains High School Cowboy Band played "Here Comes Santa Claus".

The Rev. Bill Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church, shared the Christmas story from scripture. Carols were led by Patrick Hamilton, music director of First Baptist Church.

Child Welfare Board members Sarah Guetersloh, Janie Crawford and Malisa Rogers were on hand to take color snapshots of children in exchange for a food item. Those foods will be distributed to needy families at Christmas.

Harry Richardson served coffee compliments of Plains Lions Club and Toni Jones served the Extension Homemakers Council hot chocolate. Special thanks are given to everyone who helped decorate the plaza for this, the eighth annual tree lighting.



SITTING IN SANTA'S LAP - B.D. Guetersloh was one of a large number of children who had their pictures made with Santa at the annual Tree Lighting festivities Wednesday.

Caprock Cotton Conference To Launch New Crop Year

The latest information to help cotton farmers plan their 1993 crop will be presented in Crosbyton Jan. 25-26 during the Caprock Cotton Conference. The two-day program, featuring national leaders in the cotton industry, will be at the Crosbyton County Pioneer Memorial Museum and Civic Center, 101 West Main St.

The conference is especially designed for growers of the Rolling Plains, South Plains and West Texas, said Rick Smathers.

The program has been approved for eight continuing units for licensed private chemical applicators who attend.

The first day's technical sessions will open with information on growing cotton with limited water. It will be presented by Dr. Dan Krieg, professor of agronomy at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Dr. Harlan Thorvilson, professor of entomology at Tech, will discuss insect management.

Smathers and Mark Brown, extension entomology agent for Crosby and

The latest information to help Floyd counties, will cover weed control. Roger Haldenby, Plains Cotton Growers coordinator of the boll Wee-

> vil diapause program, Lubbock, will report on that long-successful effort. The proposed boll weevil eradication program for Texas will be discussed by Dr. Ray Frisbie of College Station, coordinator of integrated pest management with the Extension Service.

> The second day will be open with an update on work of the Extension Service by Dr. Chester Fehlis, associ-

> ate director of that agency. Characteristics of the cotton plant's physiology which can benefit the farmer will be detailed by Dr. Kater Hake, National Cotton Council, Memphis. In February, Hake will join the Extension Service as cotton agronomist at Lubbock.

> Management and economics of conservation tillage will be discussed by Dr. Wayne Keeling, assistant professor of systems agronomy with the

> Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock.

Blaine McWhirter Is Recognized **At District Gold Star Banquet**

Thirty-five outstanding members of 4-H Clubs across the South Plains comed by J.C. Roberts, general manwere honored in Lubbock, Monday, Nov. 23, at the 35th Annual District Gold Star Banquet. Blaine McWhirter, Kathy Volanty and Dr. Bob Robinson, Plains 4-H Club President, was the Yoakum County recipient. He is the son of Macky and Connie McWhirter.

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, highest honor presented at the county level by the youth organization, the youths heard Dr. Lynn Thibodeaux, assistant director for 4-H and youth with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, trace past successes and future challenges of the program.

The youth development program of the Extension Service, 4-H is an educational arm of the Texas A&M University System.

Joining the youths at the event at the KoKo Palace were parents, government officials, Extension Service faculty, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and other community leaders. The event has been sponsored each year by 11 area electric cooperatives: Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.



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This year's audience was welager of South Plains Electric Cooperative. The awards were presented by Dr. Extension Service district directors.



POLICY MANUAL COMPLETED . Ruby Bruton, Yoakum County Clerk, shows off a copy of the newly prepared "Yoakum County Personnel Policy Manual". Compiled by elected officials and department heads, the manual was adopted by Commissioners Court Nov. 16 to become effective Jan. 1, 1993. Each employee of the county will be issued a copy and a copy will be available at Yoakum County Library at all times.

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Brad and Teresa Kenney of Allen are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Nicole. Arriving Wednesday, Nov. 25 at H.C.V. Hospital in Plano, she weighed seven pounds, six ounces and measured 19 and one-quarter inches long. She has a two-year-old brother, Bret. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kenney of Dayton, Ohio; and Faye Nelms and Dub Nelms.

Glenn and Christy Stocky of Gulfport, Miss. announce the arrival of a son born Nov. 25 in Ocean Springs, Miss. Weighing eight pounds two ounces and measuring 20 and threequarters inches long, the little lad has been named Charles Thomas. He has a brother, Mitchell Barron, three. Grandparents are Darrell and Sue Barron and Mrs. Bobby Barron of Austin. Great-grandmothers are Marguerite Barron and Veenie Scherer of Austin.

Melinda and Ernie Lazos would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Jessica Marie Lazos. Born at University Medical Center in Lubbock Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 3:46 a.m. she weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 and three quarters inches long. She has a sister, Monica, 12 years old. Grandparents are Lala Zavaleta of Olton and Oscar and Irma Lazos.

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith of Lubbock announce the birth of a son born at 10:34 p.m. Nov. 17 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Weighing in at seven pounds, 13 ounces, he measured 19 and one-quarter inches long. Named Joshua Austin, he has a sister, Jessica, nine, and brother, Jacob, 17 months. Grandparents are Lanny and Sheron Smith. Louise Smith of Tahoka is his greatgrandmother.

Chamber Meets, Finalizes Plans

Directors of Plains Chamber of Commerce met Dec. 1 in Johnnie's Restaurant to finalize plans for the annual tree lighting ceremonies.

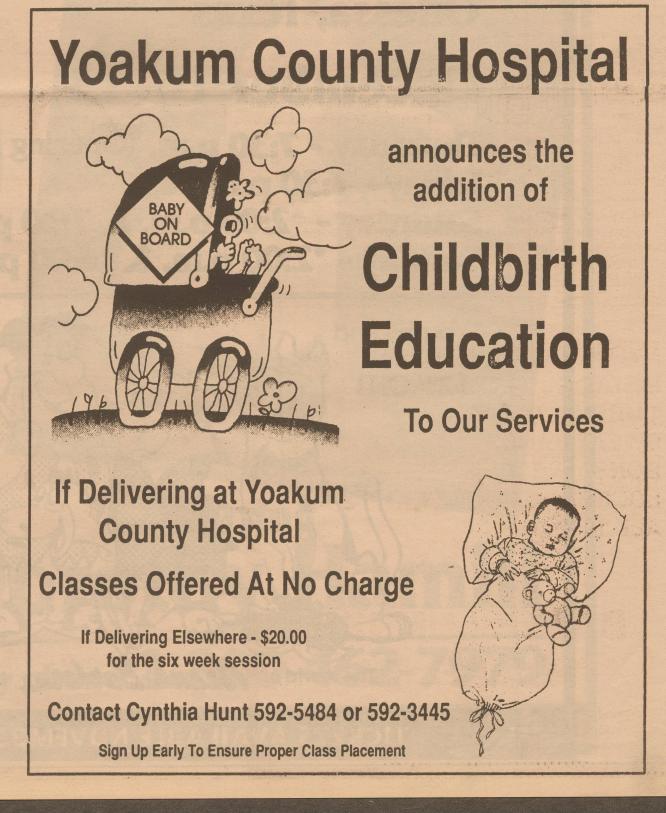
President Jim Warren announced the South Plains College Country Caravan would visit Plains on June 18, 1993.

Attending were Warren, Toni Jones, David Brunson, Travis Jones, David Bunch, Harry Richardson, Carolyn Culwell and Gary Walker.

Next meeting of the Chamber is Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7 a.m. in Johnnie's Restaurant. Interested persons are invited to attend.



CRUISING THE CARIBBEAN - Clyde and Ila Trout of Tokio, celebrating their 52nd anniversary and their son and wife, Cote and Barbara Trout, newlyweds from Memphis, Tenn. are shown aboard the Commodore Cruise Liner as they set sail for a seven day Caribbean Cruise.

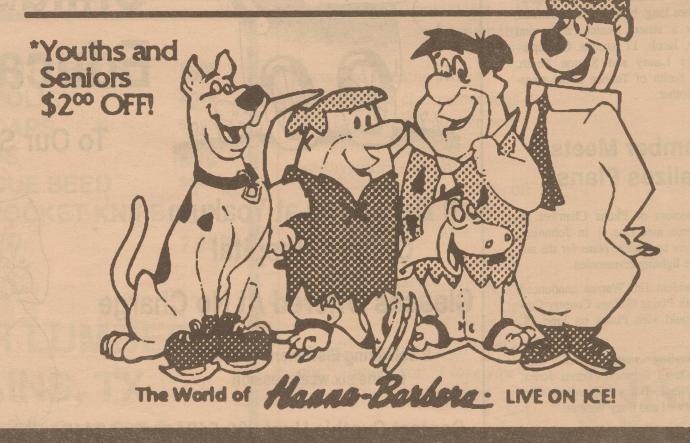




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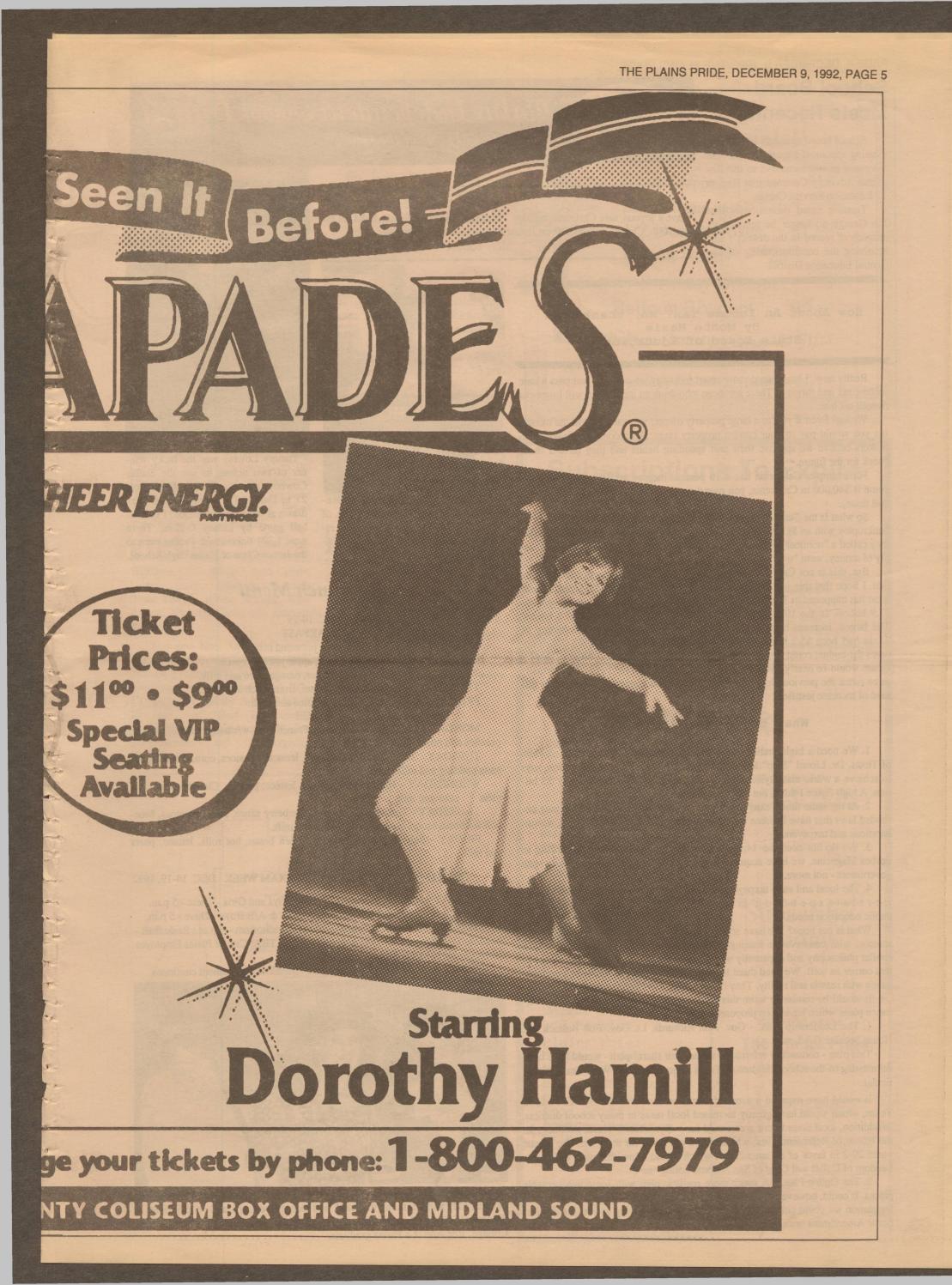
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School Board Meets Recently

School board members in a recent meeting appointed Superintendent Pete Simmons as representative to the Regional Advisory Committee at Region 17 Education Service Center.

Trustees voted unanimously that Jim George no longer be retained as attorney of record in the district's suit involving the constitutionality of the Central Education District.

Plains Independent School District

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"Have a joyous, safe Christmas holiday - Students dismissed for the holidays on Dec. 18th. Classes will resume on January 4th at the regular time.

How About An Income Tax? No, thank you! By Monte Hasie State Board of Education

Really now, I have heard some smart folks say we ought to just pass a state income tax and forget it. There are those who think an income tax will lower our overall tax bite.

Wrong! Even if you're a large property owner, you can just add the income tax you would pay to your current property taxes. An income tax makes lawmakers believe we approve their past spending habits and they have a blank check for the future.

For example: California has a 10 percent income tax (if your taxable income is \$40,000 in California, you owe the state an additional \$4,000, plus federal taxes).

So what is the State of California's financial condition? It is on the verge of bankruptcy with an \$11 billion deficit. California's lawmakers started with what they called a "nominal" income tax and, feeling that they had an unlimited supply of money, went "wild".

But, this is not California. We live in Texas. Our legislators would not do that. I hope that this is a correct statement. But, nonetheless, let's just look at what has happened in Texas. In the 1972-73 biennium, the total state budget was \$7.9 billion. In the 1990-91 biennium, the budget had grown to \$46.5 billion. The largest increase between bienniums (two year periods) in the history of Texas had been \$5.7 billion. Halfway through this biennium (1992-93), it appears the budget could be \$62 billion plus, an increase of \$15.5 billion. This increase would be nearly twice the size of the total budget for 1972-73 or virtually three times the previous highest budget hike in the history of the state. Is this kind of increase justified?

What do we need in Texas?

1. We need a high quality public education system for the school children of Texas. Dr. Lionel "Skip" Meno, the Texas Commissioner of Education, says to achieve a world class system, public education needs approximately \$3 billion. A high figure I think, but let's presume the amount is correct.

2. At the same time Texas needs some relief for school districts on past unfunded laws that have become the responsibility of local school boards, administrations and taxpayers.

3. We do not need the 14,000 new state employees, which, according to Forbes Magazine, we have acquired in the past 14 months. We need less state government - not more.

4. The local and state taxpayers of Texas need plain old relief spelled "l-ow-e-r s-t-a-t-e s-p-e-n-d-i-n-g" in many areas, using the economies to fund our public education needs.

What is our hope? We have some, indeed we do. We in this area have state senators with conservative leanings. We have conservative Legislators with a similar philosophy and apparently we will have the new Speaker of the House in that corner as well. We need them to exorcise this demon of unbridled extravagance with reason and reality. They can do much and I believe they will.

It would be remiss to write this article without reference to the school finance plans which have been proposed.

1. The Leadership Plan. - Gov. Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Gib Lewis.

This plan - commonly referred to as the "fair share" plan - would have been devastating to the school children of Texas in general and to West Texas in particular.

It would have required a successful raid on the Available School Fund of Texas, which would have greatly increased local taxes in many school districts. In addition, local taxes in our area would have skyrocketed. Thank goodness for the House of Representatives, which would not stand for this plan. The Senate voted 29-2 in favor of an amendment which would allow this plan with Sens. Leedom of Dallas and Crier of San Antonio voting "no".

2. The Ogden Plan. - A much more realistic plan with some unacceptable pieces. It could, however, form the basis for some progress later. At least, it was legislation we could either support or reject without having to vote a Constitutional Amendment prior to knowing what we would be facing.



GIVES TIPS ON ESSAY REQUIRE-MENTS - Mario Avila was guest of Mrs. Rogers' English III classes recently to share tips on the essay writing contest sponsored by SCS.



WINS TICKETS TO SEE COWBOYS - Tammy Lowrey was the lucky winner of two tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys play the Chicago Bears Dec. 27 in Dallas. The winning ticket was drawn at halftime of the Dec. 1 basketball game by Linsey Cullins. There were 1,324 tickets sold. Profits went to the Junior Class of Plains High School.

School Lunch Menu

DEC. 14-19 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk. TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls, toast, apple juice and milk. WEDNESDAY - Toast, peanut butter, orange juice and milk. THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup, butter, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chick Fil-A sandwich, French fries w/catsup, lettuce, pickles, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY - Taco salad w/taco sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, crackers, banana pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, onions, lettuce, pickles, Chee-tos, fruit, apples: cake and milk.

INURSDAY - Turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot rolls, fruit salad and milk.

FRIDAY - Salisbury steak w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, lettuce, pears and milk.

School Events FINAL EXAM WEEK DEC. 14-19, 1992

MONDAY - Basketball - Anton - 7th/8th Boys and Girls - There - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY - Basketball - Amherst - A Girls & A/B Boys - There - 5 p.m. THURSDAY - Band Christmas Concert - Auditorium - 6 p.m.; Basketball -Meadow Tournament - A Girls & Boys - There - TBA; City of Plains Employee

Christmas Party - Cafeteria - 7 p.m. FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Basketball - Meadow Tournament continues



SMALLWOOD SCHOLAR AT SPC - Vee Ann Fitzgerald, shown with her parents, Judy and Vennum Fitzgerald, was recognized as a Smallwood Scholar at the annual Scholars Recognition Luncheon held for honor students at South Plains College. Vee Ann is a Plains graduate.

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY - Kimberly Jackson celebrated her fourth birthday with Filmtime youngsters recently at Plains Library.

Filmtime

Filmtime youngsters at Yoakum County Library Wednesday sang Christmas carols and listened to the reading of "Hurry Up, Christmas!" and "Polar Express". Films of the day were "Feliz Navidad", "Christmas Feast" and "Night Before Christmas".

Attending were B.J. Lester, Amber and Allison Friesen, Todd Williams, Callie Howell, Seth Cypert, Lauren Davis, Kimberly Jackson, Blake Parrish, Alisha Wauson, Abel Ramos, Nicholas Curtis and Zachary Ramos.

Filmtime Nov. 18 found youngsters joining in celebrating Kimberly Jackson's fourth birthday. Films were "Ferdinand and the Bull" and "The Grass Hopper and the Ants". Book of the day was "Best Thanksgiving Book". Boys and girls sang "Pilgrims and Indians" and "Thanksgiving Song".

Optometrist Gives Program To Lions Club

Dr. Mack Wright, optometrist from Seminole, was guest speaker for Plains Lions Club Nov. 22. He spoke (of the District 2T2 Lions Eye Bank.

Other guests were Bruce Parks, Melvin Dearing, J.W. Michaels and Mario Avila.

Members attending were Milton Bayer, David Brunson, Jack Cobb, Paul Cobb, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Larry Mason, T.J. Miller, Harry Richardson, L.J. Sanders, Pierre St. Romain and Sherm Tingle.

Past District Governor Wayne Ward was expected for the Dec. 3 program on Girlstown.

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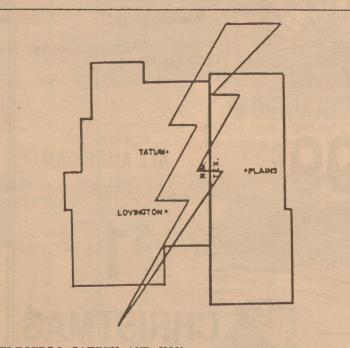
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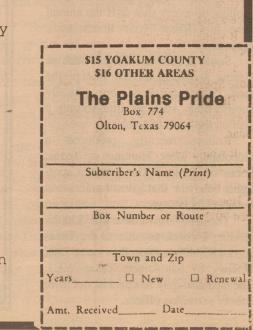
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Hunters Beware

The future of hunting was never more in jeopardy than today, and hunters need to be aware of their responsibilities to their sport, said Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"An array of animal rights organizations place the demise of hunting high on their list of priorities." Rollins said. At the same time, "the number of hunters is shrinking across the nation and in Texas."

The 1992 deer gun season began Nov. 7 in most counties in the state. Each year more than 600,000 Texas deer hunters head afield in pursuit of their favorite quarry: the whitetailed deer.

"Over half a million Texans will be serving as ambassadors for hunting over the next several weeks," he said.

Some hunters are blatant, perhaps intentionally, in actions that discredit hunting, he said. However, most hunters who behave unethically don't realize how bad it looks to a nonhunter.

"Decked out in the latest camo fashions, hunters are easy to identify and are very much in the public eye," he said.

A common problem concerns hunters not respecting the rights of non-hunters.

"I've seen hunters walk into a restaurant and relive their morning's hunt with boisterous blow by blow accounts that are not suitable for mixed crowds. Often as not, they arrive at the cafe or convenience store with blood on their camouflage pants and all over their arms," he said.

Hunters also should exercise common sense when taking photographs of dead animals.

"Take photographs while you're still in the field and before you field dress the animal. Clean up the animal, and yourself, to dispel the image that hunters revel in blood. Avoid the 'pickup tailgate' pose if possible."

Practice discretion with alcohol. "If you must drink, do so responsibly. Wait until the hunt is over. If you go into a liquor store, don't go dressed in your 'hunting uniform,' or camo clothes."

Additionally, be a responsible hunter. "Don't take a shot that may leave a wounded animal," Rollins said. "Follow up every shot as if the animal were hit. Know your limits as a marksman."

Some actions are illegal, such as leaving a carcass on the side of the road. Others are legal, but ethically questionable, such as transporting a deer on the hood of a vehicle.

Rollins recently produced a videotape, "Deer Hunting in Texas: Focus on Ethics." The program spotlights behavior that gives hunters and hunting a black eye.

The tape is available for \$20 by sending a check payable to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 7887 N. Hwy. 87, San Angelo, Texas 76901. The tape also may be checked out from county extension offices.

"As the recent elections will attest, m public opinion is a powerful force," of

Rollins said. "As hunters, and others who benefit from hunting, we must strive to put our best foot forward each time we head afield. Otherwise we may find ourselves the ultimate target of society."

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