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## Boys Club hotline helps B-CS school children

By BRIDGET HARROW  
Of The Battalion Staff

Area school children can get immediate help with their homework beginning Wednesday by dialing the Homework Hotline.

Hotline coordinators are looking for volunteers to answer phone calls.

"Our goal is to have approximately four or five volunteers taking calls," David Srygley, volunteer coordinator for the Boys Club, said.

Srygley said he hopes Texas A&M students from various majors will answer the phone lines so questions on any subject can be answered.

There also will be a teacher, a former teacher or a local professional acting as supervisor and backup for the volunteers.

Homework Hotline will have five phone

lines and will operate from 4 to 8 p.m. The number available presently is 822-7526.

He said some organizations already informed about the hotline include the Texas Student Education Association, MSC Hospitality and Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity that already helps the Boys Club.

"You do not have to be a member of a club," Srygley said. "We would love to have anyone come out who would be interested in working with children and teen-agers or being involved in the education aspect."

The hotline will be based at the Boys Club of Brazos County.

The hotline was recommended by the Drop-Out Task Force of "Making the Grade," which is a community-awareness program sponsored by the Brazos County Extension Service.

"Making the Grade" has a task force for the

following youth problem areas: functional illiteracy, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, juvenile crime, youth unemployment and school dropout.

According to an A&M research collaborative, the 1988-89 drop-out rate for Bryan Independent School District for grades 7 to 12 was 6.51 percent, or 285 students.

College Station's drop-out rate for the same period was 2.16 percent, or 47 students.

Judith Arnold, chairwoman of the Drop-Out Task Force, said the group decided to adopt and adapt the hotline after hearing about a program being initiated in Detroit.

"The Homework Hotline will enable students to call someone right away and get help immediately," Arnold said. "It's just a little Band-Aid. But it is another avenue we have opened for these students to get the help they need."

In addition to volunteers who will answer phones, other on-call volunteers will help students, Arnold said.

If a student's question cannot be answered by someone at the Boys Club, the student's name and number will be given to a volunteer who specializes in that subject, she said.

"Hopefully there will be someone right there on the phone, or at the center to answer the student questions," Arnold said. "But we want to make sure we can answer any questions any student may have. And that is where the on-call volunteers come in."

The kick off for the program will be Wednesday at the Boys Club's open house from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Boys Club is at 900 William J. Bryan Parkway. Anyone interested can come by or call 822-7516 for more information.

## Individuals wanted for theft by check

Crime Stoppers needs help locating the following five individuals wanted for misdemeanor theft by check:

- Ferguson, Julie — DOB: 11/13/58
- Ghazaleh, Luai M. Zuhdi — DOB: 04/05/63
- Hall, Cheyenne — DOB: 04/30/56
- Jenkins, Mary — DOB: 02/03/61
- Race, Nadine Alma — DOB: 08/19/54

If your information leads to the arrest of any of these fugitives, Crime Stoppers will pay you \$50 for each one for a total of \$250 for all five. Call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

## Correction

A cutline on Page 3 of Friday's Battalion incorrectly identified a Crime Stoppers event.

Crime Stoppers was conducting the Jail-A-Thon, an annual event that raises money for the juvenile justice organization.

The Battalion regrets the error.

## Restaurant's grand opening drops usual ribbon-cutting

By ISSELLE MCALLISTER  
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Bryan Mayor Marvin Tate was victorious over College Station Mayor Larry Ringer in a friendly "sawing of the horns" contest at the Golden Corral family steakhouse.

The steakhouse, which celebrated its grand opening Monday, is on University Drive across from the Hilton Hotel.

The mayors participated in a horn-sawing competition which replaced the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, general manager Michael Wuich said.

After the contest, the mayors shook hands and wished the restaurant success.

A coat-and-tie-clad crowd of about 80 attended the ceremony and sampled the restaurant's fare.

"I'm surprised at how big it is," one guest remarked about the restaurant's size.

College Station's Golden Corral is one in a chain of more than 500 across the United States and seats about 450.

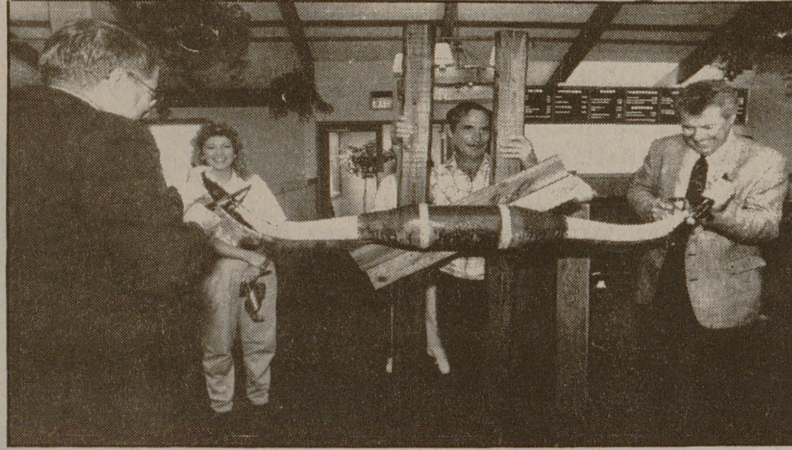


Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

College Station Mayor Larry Ringer and Bryan Mayor Marvin Tate celebrate the opening of the Golden Corral Restaurant.

He said the restaurateurs deviated from the green and red color scheme of the chain's other restaurants and opted to decorate in maroon to honor Texas A&M.

"We wanted to show support for Aggieland because it will support

us," he said.

The Golden Corral was in planning for three years, Wuich said, before builders began construction more than three months ago.

"In any case, we're happy to finally be here," he said.

## Spanish-language newscast must educate about services

DALLAS (AP) — It was meant to be a routine report: Go out and talk to Spanish-speaking people about the 911 telephone emergency system.

Instead, the simple assignment was yet another eye-opening experience for Teresa Quevedo, who also doubles as co-anchor for the station's evening newscast. "They hadn't heard of it. The ones who knew about it didn't use it. A woman said she didn't call because she thought no one would understand her.

"We knew we would get some responses like that," she continues. "But our reporter found it was most of the people we talked to. It was incredible."

The news deeply disturbed Quevedo. It had been only weeks since she was named news director of the area's only Spanish-language newscast. But eight years ago, she — like many of the people who watch her station — was a new immigrant in the United States.

It's an injustice, she says, that peo-

ple don't know about basic services most of us take for granted.

"Our station has a responsibility that's much greater than the English channels," Quevedo says. "We have to start at the bottom. The 911 story is just one example. It makes me sad and angry to see ignorance among people. We have to educate people about the services that are available. Not that we'll fix all the problems, but it's a small point."

It's not difficult to determine why Quevedo takes her job seriously. About 500,000 Hispanics live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. And there are estimates that up to half of these Hispanics arrived in the United States in the last decade.

"Channel 23," she says, "is the first station with Spanish news. A lot of people don't talk English and don't watch English TV."

Quevedo came to KUVN last September as a reporter. When she was promoted in July, she became the only female news director among Dallas-Fort Worth TV stations.

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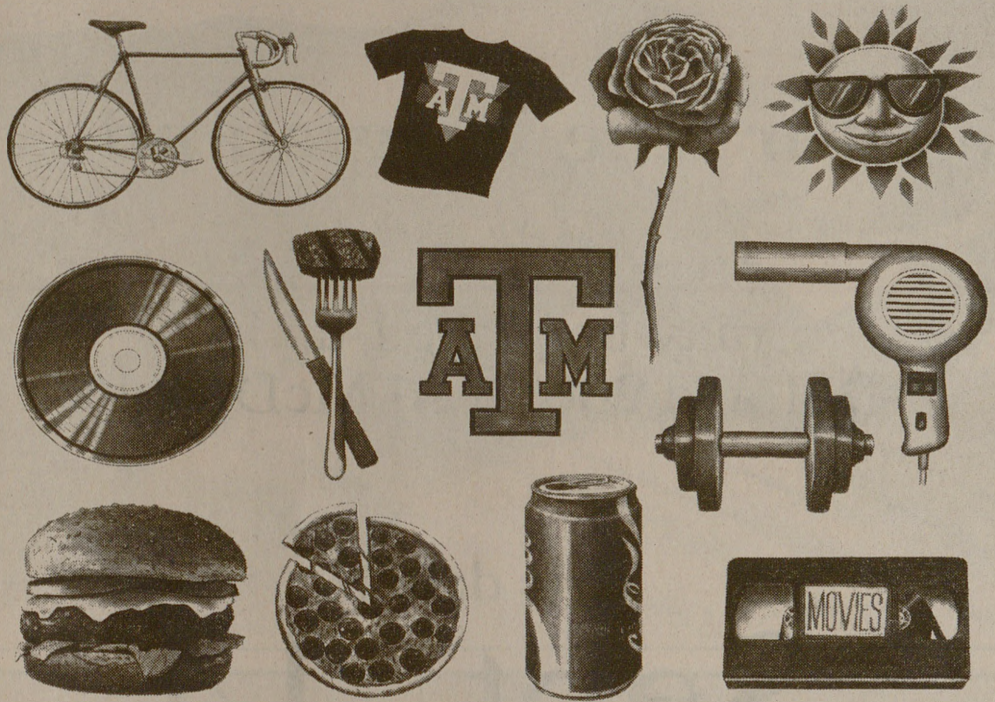
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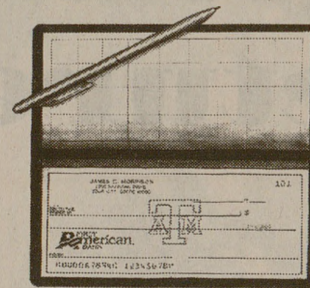
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