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Wolf Pen project may start in fall

First phase will include amphitheater

By Morgan Juday
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Construction of the first phase of the Wolf Pen Creek development project could begin as early as next September, said College Station's director of Parks and Recreation.

"Architects are finishing designs and engineers are finalizing plans for Phase I of the project," Steve Beachy said.

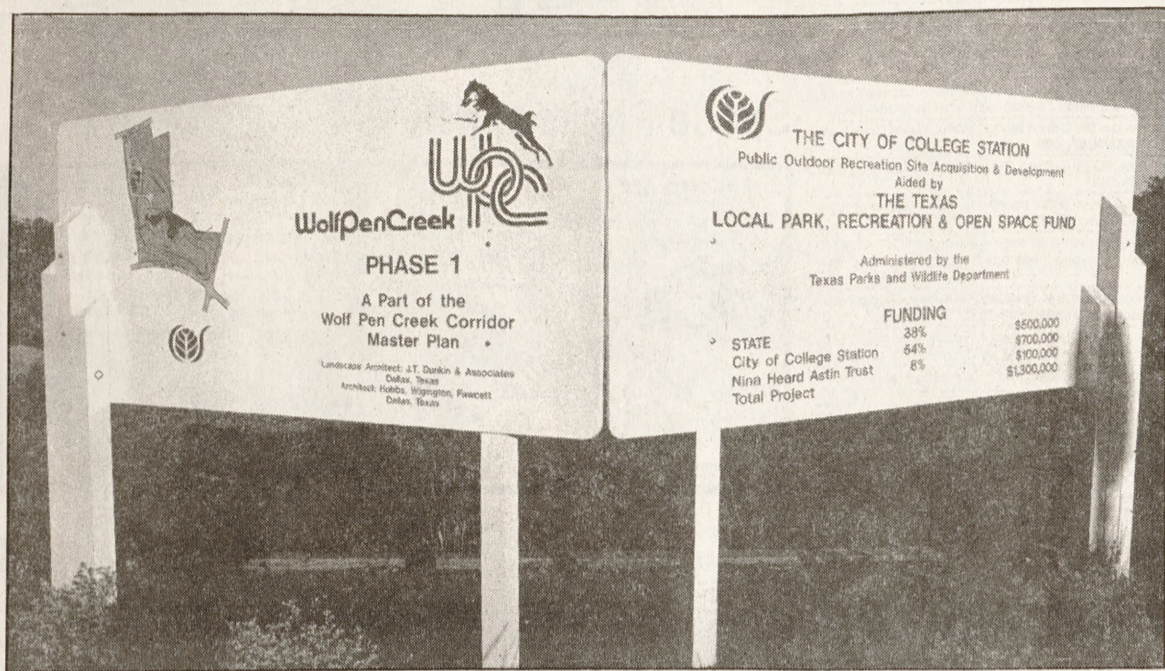
He said bids for contractors should go out in July or August.

Once the bids are approved by the College Station City Council, construction of Wolf Pen Creek's Phase I will begin, Beachy said.

"If the bids are approved by late July or early August, construction will start in September," Beachy said.

The initial project, which is estimated to cost \$1.3 million, will include a small lake, walking trails and amphitheater. It will take about six months to complete, Beachy said.

Phase I is the first step of an extensive development plan for an area south of Harvey Road between Texas Avenue and the east bypass in College Station.



The Wolf Pen Creek development sign at the corner of Holleman and Dartmouth displays the funding breakdown of the project.

The City of College Station will provide 54 percent of the needed \$1.3 million.

A portion of this area near the intersection of Holleman and Dartmouth streets already is owned by College Station and will be developed during Phase I.

Additional funding required for a second phase of the project was rejected by College Station

voters in December.

Beachy said additional funding, however, might be approved once Phase I is completed.

Once the city land is developed, residents in the area will be encouraged to donate land in the floodplain of Wolf Pen

Creek, Beachy said.

"It will be a partnership between the public and private," he said.

Beachy is hoping that Phase I will be completed and ready for College Station's 1992 Jazz Festival.

Experts blame deserted wells for ruined crops

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Oil wells that have been abandoned or neglected are to blame for poisoned water supplies and destroyed crops in rural West Texas, say environmentalists who want the government to intervene.

Hundreds of old wells have

oozed toxins and drilling wastes that destroyed more than 2,500 acres surrounding San Angelo, bubbled onto some downtown streets and polluted the Concho and Colorado rivers and water wells.

"We don't know exactly

what's going on beneath the surface, but we know it's bad," said Ralph E. Hoelscher, a Miles wheat farmer who has led West Texas' fight against unplugged wells.

Farmers say wide stretches of wheat, cotton and alfalfa fields

are now a salty white wasteland because of the well leaks.

Environmental experts said the region's problem with waste from hundreds of abandoned or unplugged wells may be a prelude to an abandoned well crisis that soon will touch almost every county in Texas.

In Advance

A&M Senior Weekend kicks off with Bash

Texas A&M's Senior Weekend kicks off at 8 p.m. Thursday with the Senior Bash at Texas Hall of Fame.

A live band and door prizes will be included at the Bash.

The Senior Banquet is Saturday at University Tower. Dr. Red Duke will be the keynote speaker. A cash bar opens at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. There is limited seating, so seniors are encouraged to buy tickets early.

Ring Dance will be in the MSC and Rudder Tower from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. The theme is "The World is Ours" and will include three entertainment themes.

The piano bar will be located in the Paris Room. An orchestra will be located in the Hollywood Room and a live band playing rock, Top 40 and country will be located in the Singapore Room.

The photographer will be available beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, so couples can avoid waiting in long lines to get their picture taken that night.

Tickets can be purchased at the Rudder Box Office throughout the week. The total package including the Senior Bash, Banquet and Ring Dance is \$75 per couple. The price of attending only Ring Dance is \$45. Two free Senior Bash tickets are included.

For more information, contact the Student Programs Office at 845-1515.

Dunk-a-prof will benefit A&M Cancer Society

The A&M Cancer Society will be having its annual DUNK-A-PROF Tuesday to raise funds for the society. Proceeds go to children with cancer.

Professors and student leaders will be at the booth waiting to be dunked by students or anyone else. Professors include Dr. Paul J. Wellman, associate psychology professor, and chemistry professors. Students include newly-elected Student Body President Steven Ruth, and newly-elected yell leader Ronne McDonald and many more.

DUNK-A-PROF will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the East Academic Building.

For questions or any other information contact Ruchna Gupta at 847-6309.

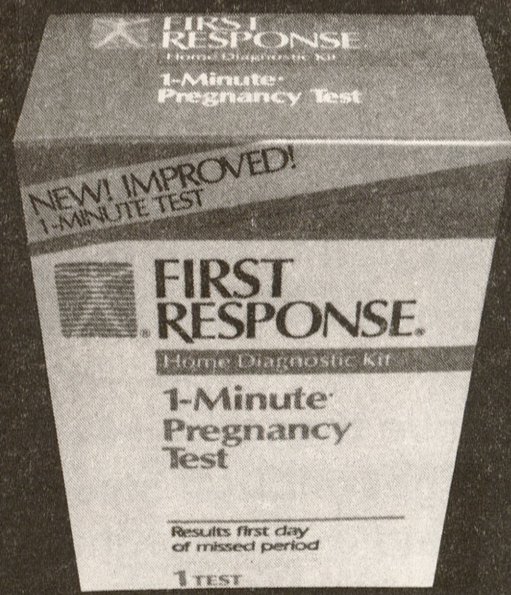
A&M Library Week events begin Tuesday

National Library Week programs begin at Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Room 204 of the Sterling C. Evans Library, as local author Sunny Nash speaks about "Once a Stepchild."

A Great American Read Aloud is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the sunken lounge on the second floor of the Evans Library. Activities continue as the Davis Scholarships and Longevity Awards Ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 204 of the Evans Library.

National Library Week concludes with a book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the south side of the Evans Library. For more information, call 845-1342.

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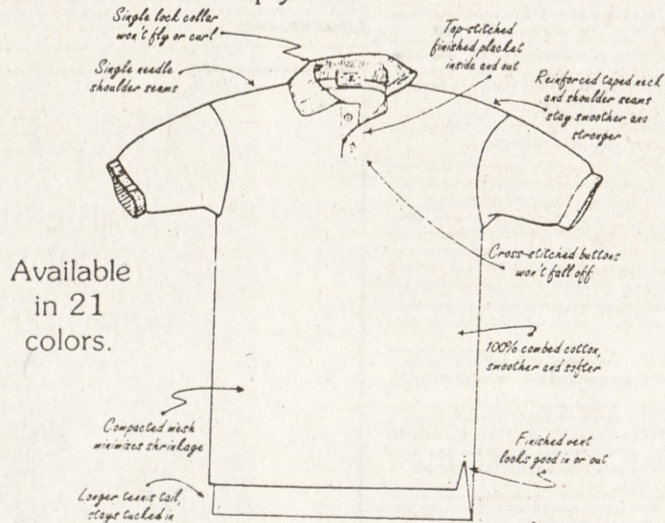
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