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Health educators sponsor night at Olsen Field

By Melissa Jacobs
The Battalion

Spectators at the Texas A&M-Sam Houston State baseball game Tuesday night at Olsen Field can participate in a variety of games aimed at increasing students' awareness about health issues.

Dr. Jane Cohen, health education coordinator at A&M, said "Hit a Home Run for Health" night will be informational and fun.

"This is an opportunity for students and people to come to a game and see the Aggies play and get information on health issues," she said.

Michael Caruso, information representative for the athletic department, said this event is directed at spectators.

"There will be a number of health issues that pertain to people who like sports events," he said.

Cheryl Slinkard, graduate assistant for the

Health Education Center, said spectators need to consider several factors when attending sporting events.

"Spectators need to wear hats to prevent skin cancer and exercise to stay healthy," she said. "Hopefully, they will take these tips into their everyday lives."

The event is sponsored by the Texas A&M Athletic Department, A.P. Beutel Health Center, the Health Promotion Department and Scott and White Health Clinic.

Sponsors will be set up in five booths distributed along the concourse, between the first and second levels.

The Scott and White Health Clinic will have two doctors at the event to talk about skin cancer, and the A&M Emergency Care Team will provide information on high blood pressure.

The A.P. Beutel Health Center and the senior Community Health Class will focus on smokeless tobacco, which has been banned from athletes at sporting events.

There will be games, prizes and free t-shirts given to the first 1,000 fans.

Caruso said spectators will be given a crossword puzzle that will ask questions about health.

"We will pick three people who complete the crossword correctly, which will be given out at the gate, and they will win prizes," said. "We will award two one-month memberships to Northgate Athletic Club, a one-month membership to Lifestyles Fitness Center and a health pack from Scott and White containing vitamins, lotions, aspirins and all kinds of fun stuff."

Every Tuesday is two for one night, so people can get into the game for the price of one. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

"Hopefully the baseball team will win and it will be good night for baseball and health," Caruso said.

Texas ranks 42nd in child poverty levels, report says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas has one of the nation's lowest recorded birth rates by unwed teen-age girls, according to a national report on the well-being of youngsters.

Only New Hampshire and Utah posted lower rates of pregnancies by unmarried teens during the 1985-1991 period surveyed in the "Kids Count Data Book," funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Almost 20,000 births in 1991 in Texas were to unmarried teens under the age of 18 — accounting for 6.3 percent of all births in the state. The national average is 9 percent.

That doesn't necessarily mean Texas teens are giving birth at a lower rate than their peers nationally, a Kids Count coordinator said Monday.

The difference might be explained by the fact that Texas doesn't specifically ask a person's marital status when registering births, said Patrick Bresette, an associate director at the Center for Public Policy Priorities of the Benedictine Health Resource Center in Austin.

If a father's name is listed on the birth certificate, it is assumed the couple is married, Bresette said. "We've been really pushing the health department to get that changed," he added.

"I think it skews our numbers fairly dramatically,"

Texas posted slightly lower infant mortality rates than the national average, with 7.7 deaths per 1,000 live births versus 8.9 deaths per 1,000 live births.

But the news wasn't all rosy for Texas' 4.8 million children under the age of 18.

Twenty-four percent of the state's children lived in poverty, compared with a national rate of 20 percent — placing Texas 42nd among states and the District of Columbia.

"One thing that I think is particularly troubling for us and has to be addressed is that while the national child poverty rate has shown some improvement, we're going in the other direction," Bresette said.

National rates have dropped almost 1 percent since 1985, while Texas' child poverty rate has increased by 1.4 percent in the same period.

At the same time, 22.5 percent of the state's youngsters lacked health insurance coverage in 1991 — a ranking Bresette said was the worst in the nation.

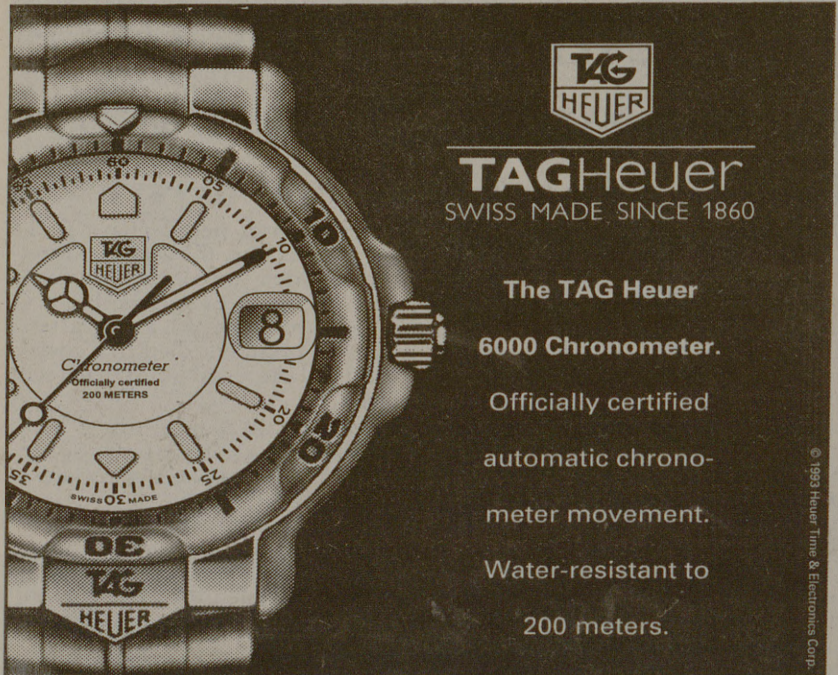
Texas and five other states — California, Illinois, Michigan, New

York and Ohio — also account for almost half of the nearly 3.9 million children living in the nation's worst neighborhoods.

"We can no longer be surprised by the terrible outcomes experienced by young people who grow up in environments where drug violence, welfare and teen pregnancy are far more prevalent than safe schools, high school diplomas and good jobs," said Douglas Nelson, executive director of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

"These neighborhoods offer real choices. We need to change that," he added.

Almost 5 percent of Texas children lived in severely distressed neighborhoods during the six-year period surveyed. Almost 2 percent lived in houses without complete plumbing or kitchen facilities. One-quarter lived in homes that were overcrowded.



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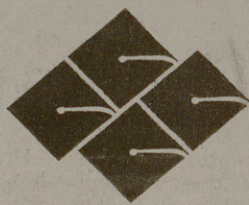
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