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Congratulations to the Graduating Class Of 1990

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A.G. (Arent Geert) and Kate Buining.

Heritage Sunday Includes Bluegrass Performers

May 27 is Heritage Sunday, "Our Heritage" will be the theme of the morning service at 11:00 a.m. We will see and experience our heritage from a different view point at 7 p.m.

All Members of the community and especially all Country and Western and Bluegrass fans are invited to enjoy a special treat this Sunday, May 27, at First United Methodist Church, 210 W. James St. (one block West of the courthouse), 7:00 p.m. A.G. and Kate, performers on the Grand Ole Opry and owners of the Grand Ole Opry House in Rijen, Holland, bring their considerable talents vocally and instrumentally (acoustic guitars, the autoharp and the five-string banjo) not only to entertain and offer people traditional music, but they also share not only traditional gospel music but their unique renderings of the hymns of Charles Wesley and early Methodism with CW/Bluegrass rhythms and style.

A.G. (Arent Geert) and Kate Buining hail from Holland. For 18 years they have travelled the world with their blend of country and gospel music, performing in fairs and churches in England, Wales, the Shetland Isles, Holland and America. In 1989 they toured for four months across the U.S., and have many albums to their credit. They've played with the best. Their "Good Friends Volume I" album was made with Don Stover (the White Oak Mountain Boys bluegrass) and Red Rector, "the Cadillac of mandolin pickers." Their latest album is devoted to new arrangements of Charles Wesley hymns. A.G. says,

A lot of young people think that the hymns are old-fashioned, and some of them are sung dreadfully slow. But many of them seem to change their minds when they hear our versions.

Immensely popular in the Netherlands and Great Britain, they have also become popular in America with their own particular style and unique interpretations. A.G. is tall, bearded and with mustache, and at first seems like someone from another century. Kate Buining, his wife, is pretty, perky, vivacious and also extremely talented vocally and instrumentally.

Their love of music and love for people, their desire to celebrate what's deepest, good, and true, comes through. Even persons who at first have a somewhat negative reaction to a real country sound soon find themselves tapping, or clapping, and whole-heartedly enjoying themselves and what they are experiencing.

George Hamilton IV, who did a tour of churches in Holland with A.G. and Kate, doing country-gospel concerts, has written: "Then, in the summer of 1988, my wife Tinky and I went along to see A.G. and Kate sing at some churches here in Tennessee, doing a program of Charles Wesley Hymns, country-style. We were amazed and much blessed about the beauty of those great old hymns sung country-style for the first time in A.G. and Kate's very unique and refreshing style."

Dr. Billy Abraham, Macreless chair of Evangelism Professor at Perkins School of Theology, SMU / and one of the outstanding preachers of United Methodism, has said:

For years I have been searching for someone who would take the music and poetry of the Wesleys and bring it to the common people of our day. After hearing A.G. and Kate, I have stopped searching!

Charles Wesley took the gospel and gave it to the common people of their day. The church took it away from them and hid it in their hymn books. A.G. and Kate have taken Charles Wesley's work and given it back again to the common people. God be praised.

Time: 7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 27, First United Methodist Church. A love offering will be taken. No charge for the service. All interested persons are invited.

Congratulations to Jeffery Potter who was confirmed into full membership at the First United Methodist Church, Sunday, May 6.

Using the new ritual, Jeffery was officially received into the church by Mr. Don Sims, Lay Leader and Pastor J. Roland Cole. Standing with Jeffrey were his parents Danny and Jaye Potter and his grandparents Ira and Leola Finger, all of whom are members of the First United Methodist Church.

Spofford Home Burns

During the early morning hours on Wednesday 23 at 2:52 a.m. a four alarm fire siren blew through the sleepy town of Brackettville. The town was soon filled with the sounds of rushing vehicles and the fire engine's siren as volunteer firemen rushed to the scene.

Firefighters understand that quick response is the key to successfully extinguishing a house fire, distance

was against them this night as the 10 mile drive to Spofford curtailed their speed and resulted in the total loss of a vacant house and trailer.

According to Fire Chief Adrian Reyes the property belongs to an out of town Doctor that used the home for hunting trips. Origin of the fire is unknown at this time but it is hoped that further investigations will produce evidence to the cause of the fire.

Buried Mysteries Revealed

At 10:00 a.m. May 26th in the Sabre Room, Fort Clark Springs, Dr. James Harber will speak to the Fort Clark Historical Society. Dr. Harber will reveal the results of his extensive research into local history buried in the local Masonic Cemetery. Studying inscriptions and carvings on

tombstones, Dr. Harber was intrigued by the fact that insignias at two graves indicated that the occupants fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. His tracing of these lives, and others, has revealed many interesting facts. Everyone is welcome to attend this talk.

Wool & Mohair Farm Bill Stirs Concerns

Ranchers in sheep and goat counties in this area are concerned about the renewal of the Farm Bill which contains the Wool & Mohair incentive program. There have been heated negotiations on the overall concept and major provisions of the new farm bill from various interest groups. "From what I have received from our extension economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, House Ag Committee members remain split on a number of farm bill issues," said Alan McWilliams, Kinney County Extension agent.

McWilliams states that if the House Ag Committee members cannot come to an agreement on basic farm bill provisions to present Congress at this late date, the probability of a one year extension of the current farm bill program improves every day.

The rancher's concerns stem from a recent termination recommendation by the General Accounting Office (GAO). The GAO recommended the termination of the wool, mohair and honey price support programs in 25 part recommendation report to Congress on April 20, 1990.

Fortunately, the Senate Agriculture Committee and the House Agricultural Subcommittee on Dairy, Livestock and Poultry approved sections of the 1990 farm bill setting subsidy levels for producers of wool, mohair and honey. "The wool and mohair titles were left essentially as they are under the 1985 Farm Bill," states McWilliams.

McWilliams also stated that the

Senate Agricultural Committee accepted retention of the wool and mohair program during their regular session on April 24, 1990.

Wool and mohair producers receive an incentive payment based on the quantity and quality of wool and mohair produced. The program is funded by an import tariff provision in which the cost of the program is

off-set by tariff revenues.

The Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman indicated that he would offer an amendment to the 1990 Farm Bill at a later time which would impose a payment limitation on producers of wool & mohair. Currently, program crop producers are subject to a \$50,000 limit on producer subsidies, while wool &

mohair program participants have not been made subject to such payment limits.

All indications look good at this point, but McWilliams states that producers should keep in mind once a compromise proposal is accepted by the House and Senate Committees, the bill must still be passed by Congress before it becomes a law.

Central Power and Light Requests \$120 Million Rate Increase

AUSTIN-Central Power and Light Co. today, (Thursday), filed a request with the Public Utility Commission to increase electric rates by \$120 million. The request is the result of a settlement reached earlier this year.

Today's (Thursday's) rate case filing reflects CPL's investment in Unit 2 of the South Texas Project. When the decision to settle was reached no specific dollar request had been presented to the PUC which reflected CPL's investment in Unit 2. If this rate increase is approved as requested, CPL will seek no more increases reflecting the original cost of STP in its rates.

"This rate case should not be unexpected. Its amount and effective date were detailed in the settlement agreement signed earlier this year," said Jeff Stracener CPL area manager.

After several years of negotiation, CPL and intervenors representing the

majority of its customers reached a \$264 million settlement agreement on issues relating to the company's investment in the South Texas Project. The settlement called for rates to be increased in two steps. The first step of the settlement increase was applied to customers' bills beginning March 21. Those rates are subject to refund, pending a final ruling on the case from the PUC.

The settlement's second step increase is what CPL filed today, (Thursday). It is proposed to take effect on or after Jan. 1, 1991.

"We are asking for a \$120 million increase in base rates, but fuel savings will reduce the retail increase to customers to an annual estimated increase of \$106 million. This is an 11 percent increase over CPL's yearly revenues from rates made effective March 21," said the area manager.

If the rates are approved as requested, residential customers us-

ing 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month would pay \$11.91 per month more on their summer bills than they are now paying for electricity.

In addition to the two-step increase, the settlement offers a carefully balanced package of both financial and economic benefits and provisions, including special programs for commercial, industrial and residential groups.

The settlement agreement also requires CPL's base rates to remain flat through 1994. Fuel costs would continue to be adjusted, in accordance with PUC regulations. After Jan. 1, 1995, CPL would limit its base rate increases for an additional five years.

"Both these assurances will keep our rates competitive in future pricing markets, and will provide our customers with more stable rates, at known levels," said the area manager.

Commissioners Court Special Session

Commissioners met in special session May 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kinney Co. Court House. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Ruben Fuentes, County Attorney Tulley Shahan and County Auditor Asst. Terri Sand-oval.

Below are the unofficial minutes of that meeting.

J.P. Gets Space

Justice of the Peace, Alvin Hall has been approaching the Court periodically throughout the year requesting additional office space. Last Friday morning he got it.

His request was attributed to the overcrowded situation at the Court House Annex. Three departments share the small building.

"My office needs to be very private, we have people with domestic problems you need to allow them privacy. In the Annex, even when you shut the door they can be heard," stated Hall.

"A secretary is stationed right out in the hall way, that's how crowded it is," he added.

During this special session when Hall approached the Court, he was prepared. He had his location picked out and costs available.

The location approved is in what used to be the T.V. Cable Building located at 201 Spring St.

Commissioners decided to go with the one year lease with option to buy at a cost of \$255 per month. Commissioner Garza showed strong favor in buying the \$35,000 building. Both Bizzell and Slubar disagreed with Garza's suggestion. Bizzell stated, "We already have land it would be cheaper to build something."

Raises

Commissioners re-opened the discussion on raises for county employees. During the past regular meeting it was reported that some of the employees were asking for a third raise in the 1989-90 year while others had only received one raise during that period. Further investigations revealed that several employees had received two raises that year but no one had received three. Even with the new findings it still left a percentage of the employees with two raises for the year while others had just one raise.

County Treasurer, Charolotta De La Rosa reported to the Commissioners that she had always referred to the 1986 policy on raises that states that all employees would receive one annual raise.

Commissioner Slubar said that she thought that policy was obsolete. De La Rosa replied that it was the only

policy, so she did not know how it could be obsolete.

In remedying the situation Slubar suggested that they allow the second raise to employees that had not received one for the year.

Bizzell disagreed and motioned that the county put a freeze on raises until the new budget year which begins in October of 1990. Garza seconded the motion. Slubar voted against it.

Kinney Co. Ranchers Estates Adopted

Commissioners accepted the dedication of Kinney Co. Ranch Estates main road from FM 2804 to the entrance of L. Schermerhorn property, known as Guajillo Rd. as plat filed Vol. 1, pa. 38A Plat Records of Kinney Co. Representative from the estates, Molly Ardrey

has approached Commissioners Court repeatedly since 1985 asking that they adopt the main road leading

into the area. Ranchers Estates was first purchased in 1977 at that time the area brought in a total of \$148.00 towards school and county taxes. Presently the area brings in over \$8,000 annual towards taxes on the two entities.

Largest Law Enforcement Class Graduates

The largest graduation class in the history of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Texas Junior College was honored in convocation ceremonies in the Tate Auditorium May 16.

Guest speaker, the Honorable George Thurmond, District Judge of the 63rd Judicial District presented a comparison of law enforcement from the past to the present.

"The most noticeable improvement I have seen in law enforcement is the improved investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses by police officers," Judge Thurmond said. "I believe this is due to the training you receive at academies such as this. Today law enforcement officers are better trained in the handling of evidence and are making better witnesses."

Thirty law enforcement officers graduated including Arturo R. Cervantez and Alejandro Silvas Jr. with the Crystal City Police Department; Richard Gonzalez, Gerardo Hernandez, Raul Rodriguez and James Arthur Smith Jr. with the Del Rio Police Department; Jessie Dean Johnson II, and Robert G. Mendoza with the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office; Jesus Mejia Leal with the Dimmit County Constable Precinct 3; and Hilario Cantu, Javier H. Cazares, Clemente De Hoyos, Juan

Garcia Jr., Enrique Garza, Jesus H. Melendez, Humberto Morales, Jose Angel Rodriguez, Ricardo Salazar and Ernest Saucedo with the Eagle Pass Police Department.

Also graduating were Walker Shane Merritt with the Bandera Police Department; Jose Rolando Perez Jr. with the Maverick County Constable Precinct 2; Randy Ray Brown with the Medina County Sheriff's Office; Robert Verlyn Stahl with the Real County Sheriff's Office; Israel Cuellar Aguilar and Randy Michael Davis with the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office; George Olan Groomer, Ramon Hernandez, Raymon M. Hernandez and Leonel Johnson Jr. with the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office; and Jerry McHazzlett Jr. with the Zavala

County Sheriff's Office.

Awards presented during the ceremony include High Scholastic Average to Walker Shane Merritt, High Pistol Score, High Stress Course Score and High Overall Range Average to Jerry McHazzlett Jr., Physical Education to Hilario Cantu and High Night Firing Average to Robert Mendoza.

Class officers were George O. Groomer, president, Jesse M. Leal, vice-president and Randy Brown, secretary treasurer.

W.C. "Bill" Madison is the coordinator of the law enforcement academy at SWTJC and in his closing remarks stated that the academy belongs to every law officer in the region and that it is only as good as they will let it be.

Student Council Elected

by J.J. Guidry
Brackett High School recently elected its 1990-91 student council officers. Eight students ran for the three available positions. Yvonne Luna is the current president, while Bonnie Frerich is vice president and Vivian Luna is secretary. Yvonne and Bonnie are both Seniors.

The new officers are: Clay Hunt, President; Vivian Luna, Vice-President; and J.J. Guidry, Secretary.

Others running for positions were Shelley McDaniel, Regina Pena, Melinda Sandoval, Kasey Hall, and Michelle Brandt. Susan Harrison is the student Council Sponsor.

TEAMS Scores Outstanding

Brackett Independent School District has recently received the results of the 1990 Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) that were administered to grades 3, 5, 7, and 9 in February. Students in the third grade exhibited 100% mastery on both the mathematics and reading portions of the exam and a 75% mastery on the writing portion of the exam.

Fifth grade results showed a 94% mastery in both mathematics and reading and an 87% mastery on the writing portion. At the seventh grade level, students showed a 97% mastery on the mathematics section, and

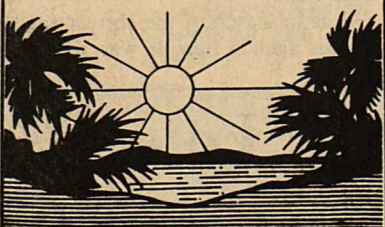
87% mastery on the reading section, and an 89% mastery on the writing portion of the exam. Ninth grade results were reported as 70% mastery on the mathematics exam, 72% mastery on the reading exam, and a 40% mastery on the writing portion of the exam.

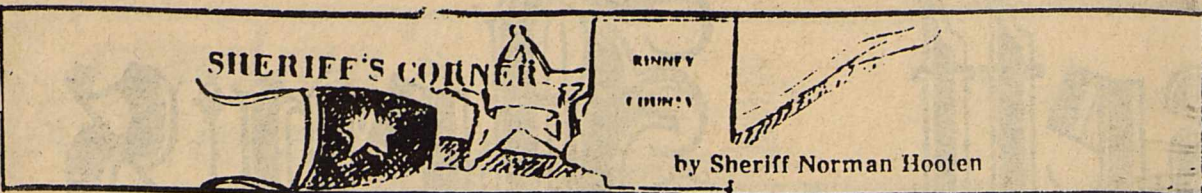
Individual student results and parent reports will be distributed to each parent in the District who has a child that was tested. Brackett Independent School District is proud of the increasing mastery levels the students are achieving on the TEAMS test. The students and teachers are to be commended for the excellent results.

Rain Fall Report

This Week

One and seven tenths on Pinto Farm. One inch in Brackettville, .95 on Fort Clark Springs.





All too often it seems, we receive reports of a fellow peace officer being killed in the line of duty. The means and methods may vary, but the end result is just the same, another officer is dead when it's all over, leaving behind grieving family members and friends.

This week's column is dedicated to the memory of such a victim of the profession, Highway Patrol Corporal W.D. (Dale) Taylor, 50, of Ozona, Crockett County, Texas.

Corporal Taylor, a 28 year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Division, was killed in a tragic traffic accident 5 miles west of Ozona on IH 10 at approx. 2:20 pm the afternoon of Saturday, May 19, 1990. Investigators at the scene determined that Corporal Taylor had just completed a routine traffic stop and had re-entered his patrol car, hooked up his seat belt, and was evidently completing his paperwork on the traffic stop when struck from the rear by a 3-ton truck. The impact of the terrible crash broke the nylon seat belt in half and pushed the front seat and Corporal Taylor through the front windshield of his Ford Mustang

patrol car, killing him instantly. The driver of the huge run-away truck had fallen asleep at the wheel. He has been charged with Criminal Negligent Homicide, a Class A misdemeanor.

Corporal Taylor joined the Highway Patrol on October 2, 1962 and had served in Crockett County since January 31, 1979. He is survived by his wife Gloria Jean, and two married daughters, Lorie Wiggins, and Pamela Welch. Corporal Taylor was laid to final rest in Ozona at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, May 22nd. Our

heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family and friends who will mourn their loss forever more.

I didn't know Corporal Taylor, but he was a fellow peace officer, and that makes him special. All of us in the brotherhood of law enforcement feel a special loss when one of our brothers loses his life, especially while in the line of duty. For we all know that but for the grace of God and Good Luck there we go also.

That's All!

Letter to the Editor

I would like to reply to an article in your news paper May 17, 1990. First off. Before the County Precincts were annexed and brought into the city limits we, the ranchers, voted in our precinct and elected the party we thought best for job. As he or she also lived out on these dirt roads.

Now we don't have this anymore and the two commissioners complaining really don't know that much about the county roads.

One owns a store and never lived out in the country the other might now but does not know what the country people have lived with all our lives.

I feel sorry for the lady with kids that had to walk the river every morning to catch the bus and then walk home in the evening. 1st she knows nothing about this country if she did she would have walked with them. As every one knows these rivers and creeks come up and go down when least expected. And I also know where she is talking about. Ranchers have put up with it for years. Also when it happened they kept their children home. And as to Lee Lawson, road supervisor until he was hired we had some of the worst roads in the state. The crew before cared less about County Roads. We can now drive on them and not tear up our automobiles.

I do not believe it was his fault. If he knew this was happening he would have been here. Plus the county has just so much money to spend and they cannot do every thing perfect. George Bayer A concerned citizen and Rancher

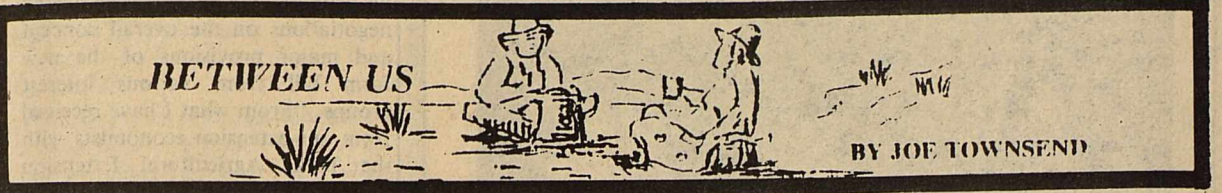
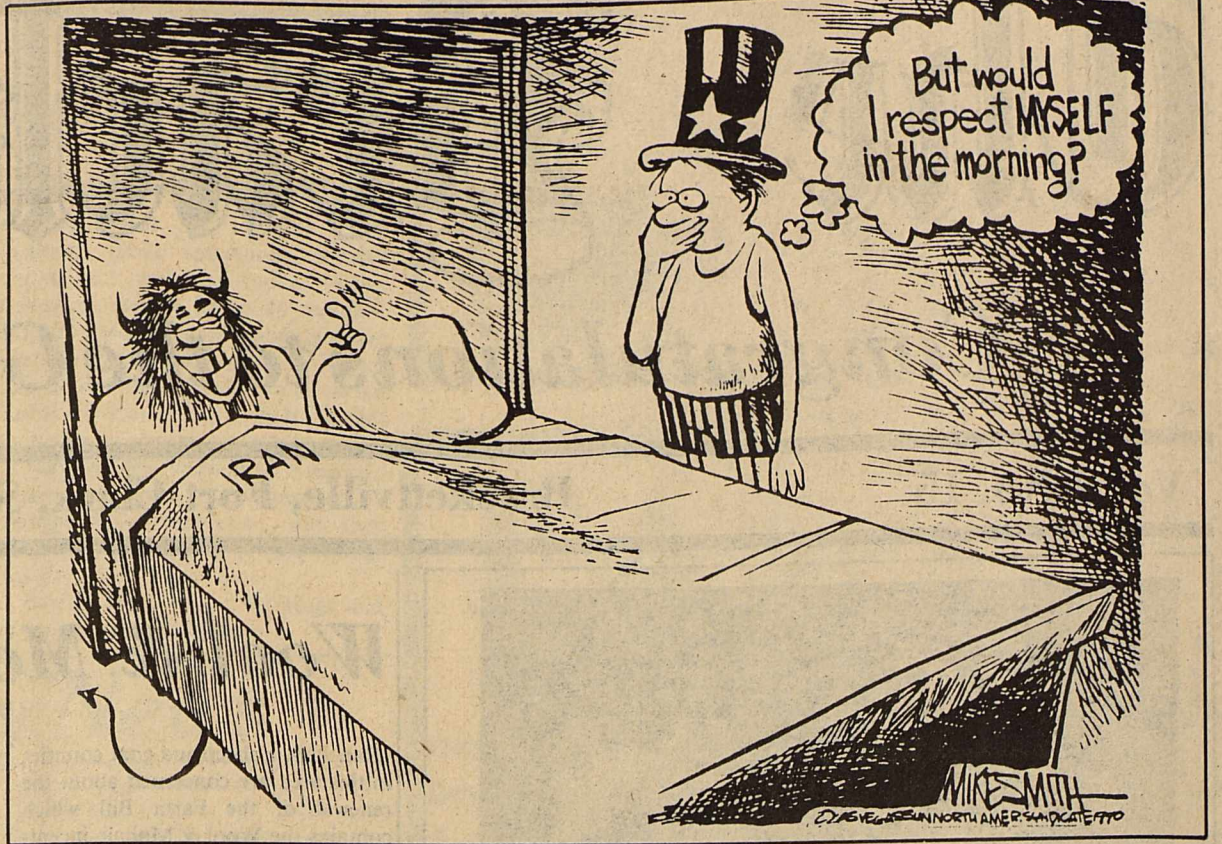
Letter To The Editor

In reply to Commissioners Court Article, May 17-1990.

Let the Commissioners be notified and corrected: In explaining to the Ranchers in attendance about the 2 man road crew. #1. The one man that was in Del Rio for the day was there on an emergency (his family).

#2 Lee Lawson was not in San Antonio getting medicine for his wife. He took his wife to San Antonio to a cardiologist. There is a difference so let's just keep the story straight.

Signed Laura Lawson



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May 25	Friday	9:00	Fireballs	Bombers	
May 26	Saturday	10:30	Cardinals	Top Guns	
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May 29	Tuesday	5:30	New Kids	Leprechauns	
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		7:30	Astros	Lions	

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Video Views

by Robyn Henderson

In video terms "sleeper" means an unexpectedly good movie, even sometimes excellent. This is a video that has no big names and no box office success but the story and direction are above average.

Every once in awhile, when I find a sleeper, I have need to share this movie with as many people as I can. In the case of "Lionheart" I find myself wishing that as many children as possible could get to see this enchanting movie. "Lionheart" is very much a family movie.

"Lionheart" is an adventure in which orphaned and forgotten children follow a young knight on a quest for peace. The children are victims of war and the movie is very much like "Lady Hawk" or "Willow".

The journey is a crusade to join King Richard on his campaign to the Holy Land. Like most adventures, the children are faced with all kinds of evil.

One evil is the Black Prince. The Black Prince has been rejected by God and in turn has decided to gather all children to sell into slavery. These children of God and their Gallant champions can fill your heart with laughter, love and dreams.

"Lionheart" is a video where myth and history meet, where good defeats evil and the heart of a lion beats in the body of a child.

It seems that arrogance is a major characteristic of the crusader. If there are any characteristics that outweigh arrogance of R.C. Hirsch it would be his verbosity and ability as neutral gymnast. To try to tell people his questions are a simple search for information shows his contempt for the intelligence of readers. I have got to read a question posed by him that is not pointed and declatory. Never is he more right than when he says, "The issue -- is regrettably divisive." It was not divisive until local negativists encouraged and abetted by others tried to build an emotional hysteria without regard to facts. I agree "We would all like to put it in the past." However, I do not necessarily mean what Mr. Hirsch means. It does no injustice to him to say he means he wants the idea to be buried. He would never be happy to "put it in the past" by letting it become a reality. If it did it would force him to find another straw man to fight.

His condemnation by fairest praise gives the lie to his verbose praise of the Commissioners Court. In one breath he is affluent in praise and in the next, "it may be too little and too late."

I resent the arrogance that makes anyone proclaim he represents the

"majority", purely on the basis of ego bolstered by a loud handful of zealous crusades. I do not know how he knows Bill Bizzell is for Tex Cor. I've discussed almost every issue confronting Commissioners Court and have yet to find him favoring the "dump."

The quotation of Bizzell, "Some of my constituents are strongly opposed to the waste project and some are just as strongly in favor of the project; many just don't understand the issue to have an opinion." Only a person with tunnel vision and inability to think clearly could question the truth of the statement. The arrogance of such impervious statements as, "aligned with an intelligent voter group, we helped to confirm that there is reason to believe our Commissioner has been out of touch with most of his constituents" really deserves no rebuttal because it speaks loudly of the writer far more than the defendant. Mr. Hirsch, for one so newly on the scene and so totally uneducated in local politics you would do well to learn before you reveal your ignorance. You seem to say the only issue dealt with by the Commissioners Court is the "divisive issue." This, Sir, is a minor consideration compared to the total responsibility of the Court. For your information many did indeed vote

for Mr. Bizzell. You see there are many of us who remember when your knight in shining armor was on the Commissioners Court and was overwhelmingly voted off. Of course that was before we had the benefit of you and your "intelligent voter group." As a Bible teacher in your church (which you touted in a former letter) I'm sure you would have been thrilled to stand in front of City Hall on election day and hear your fair haired boy yell from his car "Don't vote for that -- mayor." You see arrogance carries over. He does not live in Brackettville and thanks, we don't need a loud mouth from Spofford to tell us how to vote.

I'm convinced that many of those who voted along with your intelligent -- group" considered more than the "dump" issue when they voted. If every vote the new commissioner received was based on the tunnel vision you reflect, our Commissioners Court is in for a rough two years.

I would echo what Bill Bizzell said, "You do have integrity and justice in your county now. If people like yourself would try to work with your county instead of writing trash and trying to tear down what is there, we would all prosper and work together."

Endangered Vireos To Be Studied

DEL RIO-Biologists of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) have launched a study to determine nesting success of endangered black-capped vireos at three sites in the southwestern Edwards Plateau.

The research will be conducted at the Kickapoo Caverns State Park and the Devils River and Lost Maples State Natural Areas. Lost Maples is open to the public and the other two are closed pending natural and cultural resource assessments.

Wildlife Division biologist Sylvestre Sorola of Del Rio said researchers will locate vireo nests and check on them weekly to follow their progress, ultimately determining the percentage having fledged young. Also, the number parasitized by brown-headed cowbirds will be determined, Sorola said.

The project is coordinated through the Endangered Resources Branch of

the Resource Protection Division and funded through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act.

Findings of the study will be used in future development plans and management decisions in these parks and elsewhere. Research and baseline population information will be used

to draft a TPWD management plan, in cooperation with the USFWS. Information on species biology, landscape ecology and management techniques will also be available from this project for other endangered species planning efforts, such as the Balcones Canyonlands Habitat Conservation Plan in the Austin area.

Worship at Alamo Village

With the coming of Memorial Day Week-end the summer season begins at Alamo Village. One feature of the summer is a worship service. Each Sunday morning at 9:00, time is taken to attend a church service. The stores are closed and the interest is focused on taking a few minutes to worship. While the attendants are primarily the staff invitation is given to anyone who may be on the location. There have been worshippers from

over the state and from foreign countries, especially Germany, France and even Russia. This is the brain child of Happy Shahan. Services are in the church and have

been conducted by Joe R. Townsend, Pastor Frontier Baptist Church for more than 20 years. This is an outreach of Frontier Baptist Church and is an important part of the summer program at Alamo Village.



Well, Well, Well, the 1989-90 school year has come and gone. It has been a great year, full of joy, fun, laughter and champions!

The Tigerettes won Bi-District. The One-Act play won District for two years in a row. The golf team also won District, and BHS got another State Champion, Bonnie Frerich in accounting, and Rose Mary Rubino competing in State for her graceful twirling again! And many, many other accomplishments that we can all be proud of.

To all my fellow Seniors, good luck, and congratulations. Com-

Did-ja ever notice how time flies when you're having fun! The past four years has been one big party. I have certainly enjoyed it, especially with people from here as friends.

Well, its been fun, but its time for our curtain call, I guess I'll see you next week!

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Correction

It was mistakenly reported in last weeks paper that during the Regular session of Commissioners Court May 14, J.P. Secretary Ailene Reid received a raise which was rescinded the same day.

The J.P. Secretary that did receive a raise that was later rescinded was Rosa Pena.

While in search of the correct facts on this agenda item it was realized

that 4 persons were on the agenda for raises.

Ailene Reid was on the agenda in reference to budget funding to cover the raise she received last month. Ailene was employed in September of 1989. She received her first raise in March and then again in April.

This was the first time Rosa Pena was on the agenda for a raise.

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Golf News by Les Roper



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Old Dan, never accused of being a malingerer, went down for the count with a bout of bronchitis, coughing seizures, headaches, and hot flashes. This little guy is proud of his title of *toughest little S.O.B. on the Fort* and he does everything he can to live up to that image. Saturday morning, Marti, Dan's lovely little wife and his own earthly guardian angel, rushed him to Uvalde for a much needed visit to the doctor. After a thorough examination of the little 'gnome' the doctor promptly ordered him to a private room and extended visit with the nurses at Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

The latest report is that Dan is recuperating nicely and should be home sometime this week. In the meantime, the nurses will have to get used to him as he wreaks his unlimited supply of humor on them.

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lady whose name has regularly been appearing on the leader board as of late, blistered the back nine and turned in a net score of 30.5, the best of that round. Doris Eckenroth, the chairman of the Ladies Golf Association, has attended to the duties and responsibilities of her job like the real champion that she is... a fact that Frank knew all along.

The chairman of the Entertainment Committee, J.E. Meil, really went out on a limb this past Friday night as he planned a Night Time Golf Tournament to be played in total darkness. He not only planned it but he actually pulled it off. He had 30 players signed up by tee off time and he divided them up into teams of 5 players each. Before he released them for play he fed them hamburgers which he personally cooked behind the club house on an open fire. With all of the trimmings along for 'kickers' the meal was a total success. The night time game of golf is played with special balls that have a small light inside of them. The balls are easily seen as they rest on the ground and the golfers have no trouble spotting them after they hit them. It is a very different and exciting game of golf and everyone is invited to participate in the next tournament which is now in the planning stages.

Overcoming any adversity and the jitters from swinging a golf club in the dark was the team of Sondra Meil, Dee Curry, Flip Talamantez, P.M. Moore, and Dave Sharp as they recorded a 34 for first place honors. Outlasting the rest of the field to claim the runner-up check was Margot Kendrick, Avis Anderson, Ken Curry, George Miller, and Bobby Miller. Whatta nite...whatta game...whatta bunch of golf addicts!

When you talk about enthusiasm at it's best the nine hole tournament that takes place every Monday Morning has to rate at the top. This

past Sunday night there were three tents, two camper trailers, and four sleeping bags out in the open around the nine hole course as the golfers came early assuring themselves that they would not be late for tee off time on Monday morning. Talk about dedication!!!

Sondra had no sooner finished assisting her husband, J.E., with the all night tournament at the 18 hole course when she showed up early Monday morning, bright eyed and bushy tailed, rearing to go. Asking Sondra just what it would take for her to miss Monday with her flock and she promptly replied, "An earthquake, a flood equal to Noah's, or maybe a nuclear attack. I hope I'm not leaving anything out."

After eighteen players were divided up into teams of three each the gun sounded for play to commence. Roaring across the finish line with the best score of the day was Fay Gooch, Dave Yates, and Frank Eckenroth with a 28. A logjam for second place was shared by three teams comprised of Bill Koons, Lou Sofaly, and Harold Miller...James Stafford, Hugh McManess, and J.E. Meil...Dick Hirsch, Ron Frisby, and Jerry O'Brien.

There is a golfer at the course who was heard bragging that he lit his cigar with a hundred dollar bill. Turned out the bill was his electricity bill for April.

The oil industry is experiencing many problems as of late. To many folks it seems a shame. The head of a company with earnings of \$2,000,000,000 was recently heard to say, "Oh well, it's a living."

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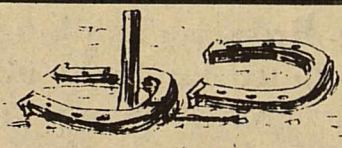
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Sports



by J.J. Guidry

Lions vs. Rams

The Lions kept their undefeated mark unblemished as they defeated the Rams on Tuesday 5-0. The hot pitching duo of Andres Garley and Ramon De Leon are hot as the season progresses.

The Lions scored first when Ramon De Leon made a hit driving Beau Smallwood home in the bottom of the first inning. In the third, Mike

Aguirre hit a single and stole home plate. Smallwood also scored in the inning for a 3-0 lead. Andres Garley stole home in the fourth and Marcus Garley did the same in the fifth for the remaining two runs.

Scoring by Innings

Rams	000	000	0
Lions	102	11-	5

Cowboys vs. Astros

The Cowboys have given up only one game this year, which was to the league leading Lions. The Cowboys are still fighting and have maintained their second place spot as they defeated the Astros 7-3.

Mike Meyer scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the second inning to give the Pokes a 1-0 lead. The Astros quickly tied up the game during their next at bat when Rocky Aguirre crossed the plate.

The Cowboys broke the game open

in the bottom of the third, when Munchie Falcon, Rene Luna, Jaryd Shahan, Moses Hernandez, and Josh Crumley all scored for a 6-1. The Astros pulled withing three in the top of the sixth when David Foster and Demetrious Williams both scored. Jaryd Shahan added one more run for the Cowboys to increase the winning difference to four runs.

Scoring By Innings

Astros	001	002	3
Cowboys	015	10-	7

New Flag Corps Members

by Gus Garcia
On Wednesday, May 16, the Tiger band had their tryouts for flag corps, drum major, and twirler.

The 1990-91 flag corps members are Mary Duran, Julie Lopez, Diane Castillo, Debbie Buantello, Jessica Williams, Tanya McClure, Lisa Dalton. The feature twirler for next year is Rosemary Rubino, Rose will perform at State this June.

Hannah Reschman will also be high school twirler. Jr. High twirler is Valerie Jimenez-this girl has a future in twirling, she's so full of energy! The Tiger band will be under a new field director next year, due to Gus Garcia graduating this year. Myrna Gonzalez, a gold medal Saxophone soloists will be the next drum major. Good Luck to all Winners!

Hatchery Production Has Luck With Largemouth Bass

AUSTIN-State fishery officials, somewhat giddy over this year's hatchery production of largemouth bass, pronounced that if this spring's fingerlings were laid nose-to-tail they would reach from downtown Dallas almost to Waco.

"I still think we can get past Waco with a little luck this year," laughed Bill Rutledge, hatchery chief for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, explaining that the first spawning and grow-out period produced 4.48 million one-inch bass and the next batch could easily push the total past 6 million and bring the Waco skyline into view.

By comparison, total production of Florida bass fingerlings last year was 2.7 million, or only enough to stretch

from Reunion Arena to just past Waxahachie, laid end-to-end.

The mileage was calculated by dividing the number of one-inch-long bass fingerlings by 12 to get the number of feet, then dividing that sum by 5,280, the number of feet in a mile.

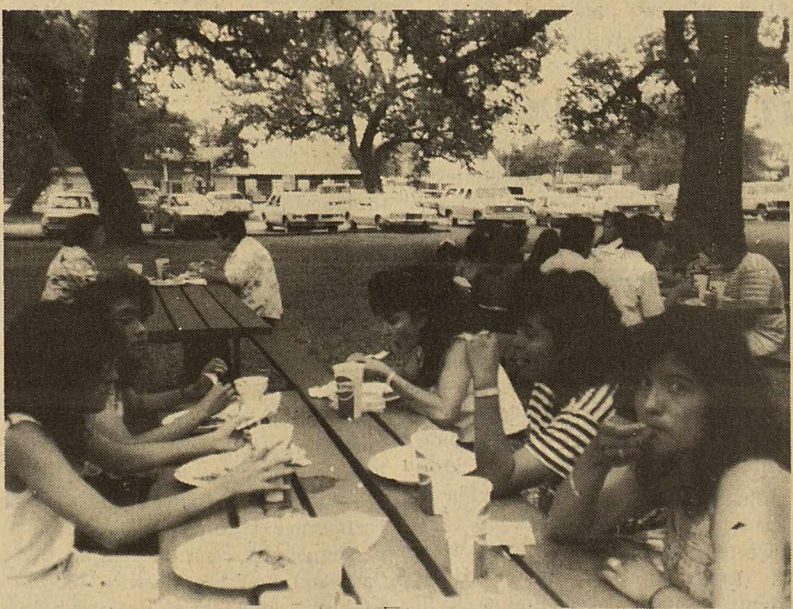
Rutledge is especially pleased with the increased production because it was a direct result of new technology at the A.E. Wood Fishery Center at San Marcos State Fish Hatchery. "The indoor raceways at the Wood facility are producing record numbers of fry during a year when spawning in outdoor ponds would have been severely curtailed because of the weather," Rutledge said. Bass also are produced at the department's Jasper and Tyler hatcheries.

Local Ladies Win Devine Tournament

A very select quartet of "Giddy Gals", made up of Fern Dyer, Chick Cruse, Helen Miller, and Jan Chism, traveled to Devine this past week for the sole purpose of entering and winning the Devine Ladies Golf Scramble. Well, "Gag me with a spoon" if two out of the four didn't do just what they set out to do.

Fern and Chick teamed up with Mary Forester and Joyce Galloway and after some strategy was discussed and a little "girl talk" (B.S.) took place this fearless foursome teed off and never looked back. Mary's

prodigious tee shots, Chick's climactic chipping, Fern's prolific putting, and Joyce's all around steady play was just too much for the other frail females as they recorded an 8 under par 62. This was good enough to claim the first place trophy and winner's check for this most prestigious golf tournament. A group of ladies from Devine finished second and the Del Rio group finished third. When asked about the win Fern gave a little impish grin, did a little dance, and replied, "We just played our lil' husband luvin' hearts out."



Students, Faculty and Parents all enjoyed the great eats at the F.H.A. banquet.

First Annual Banquet

by Gus Garcia
The F.F.A.-F.H.A. first Annual Banquet was held last Thursday, May 17. With a delicious meal, and great entertainment by the Southwest Wranglers, the evening was a huge success! Several awards and presentations were appreciated. The F.F.A. presented their Chapter Farmer award to Kasey Hall. Honor-

ary Chapter Member was Mr. Charles Hall. The F.H.A.'s honorary award went to Gus Garcia, and 2 Honorary Chapter Members were named: Mr. Eloy Garcia and Mr. Happy Shahan. "The banquet went very well" stated Mrs. Mary Lee Haby, F.H.A. advisor. Mrs. Haby would like to thank everyone who made the evening a success!

Little League Standings

Lions	6-0	1.000	--
Cowboys	5-1	.833	1
Rams	1-5	.170	4
Astros	0-6	.000	6

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1989-90 Perfect Attendance Jones Elem.

Nueces Canyon F.H.A. Officers Installed

FHA officers for the 1990-91 school year were installed at the FHA end-of-school party on Thursday, May 10th, at the home of Chapter advisor Ivie Vernor.

Outgoing president Melanie Wilmoth presided at the meeting, and the following new officers were installed: President, Norma Falcon; Vice President of Programs, David Satterwhite; Vice President of Projects, Elsie Nevarez; Vice President of Public Relations, Courtney Ewing; Vice President of Star Events, Bambi Renfro; Vice President of Power of One, Candyce Newman; Vice President of Recreation, Julie Moore; Secretary, Carolyn Hodges; Treasurer, Jane Nelson; Parliamentarian, Tara Hamilton; and alternate, Angie Whittley.

Senior FHA members Jamie Phillips and Conrad Falcon were named chapter sweetheart and beau, respectively. Linda McDonald was chosen as honorary member, and certificates of appreciation were given to James Deatherage, Chris Lacey, Barbara

Burleson, Glyndell Ewing, and Warren Colwell. Pat Millioni was presented a plaque of appreciation for his support and help in FHA over the years.

Power of One Certificates were awarded to Elsie Nevarez, Bambi Renfro, Elaine Valenzuela, Melanie Wilmoth, Donna Stewart, Carolyn Hodges, and Jana Merritt. Named as Most Improved Power of One student was Carolyn Hodges, and Tara Hamilton was chosen as Most Dedicated FHAer. Bambi Renfro was the high point FHA member.

Melody Wilmoth was named the Outstanding FHA member for this school year.

Jamie Phillips was awarded the Tammy Nelson Memorial Scholarship. The Freshman Class was named as this year's honor class.

All those present enjoyed a delicious Mexican Supper prepared and served by the FHA members before the presentation of awards.

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Nueces Canyon News

by Karen Collins

1990-91 Band Try-out Results

Band director Todd James announced at the conclusion of Flag try-outs last Tuesday afternoon, May 15th, that the following girls had

been selected to be on the Panther Band flag line next year: Janie Aguero, Cari Fontenot, Carolyn Hodges, Elsie Nevarez, Sandy

Raborn, Bambi Renfro, Michelle San Miguel, Toby Winston, Shonda Wareham, Chanda Walzel, Shelly Watters, and Donna Welfring.

Bambi and Carolyn were named as captains. They will perform with the band at all the football games next year, and at the UIL Marching Contest.

Graduations Set for 24th, 25th

The Nueces Canyon Eighth Grade class will graduate into high school in a ceremony on Thursday night, May 24th, at the NCHS campus at Barksdale.

The class of 1990 will graduate from Nueces Canyon High School on the following night, May 25th, also at the high school campus in Barksdale. Everyone is invited to attend both graduations.

'A Touch of Class' was the theme of the annual prom on Saturday, May 19th, at the Elementary School Campus in Camp Wood hosted by the Nueces Canyon Junior Class to honor the seniors. Elaborate decorations in black, magenta, and white made a festive

setting for the gala occasion, and all juniors, seniors, and their dates seemed to really enjoy the evening. Melody Wilmoth was crowned prom queen and Cory Evans was selected as king. Prom princess was Norma Falcon and Joe Shipman was named prince.

Sports Banquet Set for May 26th

Members of the Nueces Canyon Sports Boosters Club have announced that the annual Sports Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 26th, at Lost Canyon Camp, east of Barksdale.

School To Be Out on May 30th

Because of the rains during the past weeks and missed school time, three days have been added to the Nueces Canyon School schedule, and classes will not be dismissed until Wednesday, May 30th. Seniors will graduate as scheduled on the 25th, but students will be taking exams on the 28th and 29th instead of the 24th and 25th, as previously scheduled.

School officials have announced the following honor students from the Nueces Canyon Eighth Grade Class. Sherry Halsell, daughter of Jerry and Nell Halsell will be valedictorian and will finish this year with a grade average of 95.05. Shelly Watters, daughter of Steve and Dale Nance, will be salutatorian

with a grade average of 94.95. Other honor graduates will be Jo Jo Ortiz with a grade average of 90.95, and Shelly Hurt with a grade average of 90.30.

These students will graduate on May 24th at 8 p.m. at the NCHS Campus.

School Board Honors Student Achievers

Members of the Nueces Canyon School Board, meeting in regular session on Tuesday, May 15th, voted to commend all students who participated in recent regional and state competition and who were on the basketball teams earlier this year.

finalist in persuasive speaking; Andrea Wallace, headline writing; and Donna Stewart, poetry.

the state solo and ensemble contest. She will be playing a trumpet solo in that contest in Austin on June 2nd.

Nineteen persons had applied for the career ladder, and all were placed on Level 2, on the recommendation of a previously selected committee. Don Jackman was named as delegate to the TASB Convention next fall, with Carl Walzel as first alternate.

Linda Fish was commended on the success of the one-act play, "Threads," and was asked to name the cast members. The play won at zone, district, and area, and performed in the regional contest this year. Cast members were as follows: Jason Hale, Chad Lloyd, David Satterwhite, Missy Burleson, Wayne Humphrey, Carie Fontenot, Michael Dalton, Chanda Walzel, K.C. Allan, Courtney Ewing, Leslie Terry, Carolyn Hodge, Angela Crawford, and Jennifer Noblett. Stage crew members were Michael Shults, Sonia Hidalgo, Andrea Wallace, and Kandy Pruitt.

Athletes who participated in regional and state competition were next introduced by Coach James Russell. Michelle Flach was honored for participating in the regional meet in the mile relay, shot put, and discus, and for placing third at the state contest in shot put with throw of 36 feet. Other members of the girls mile relay team at regional were Samantha Shipman, J.J. Pope, and Sonia Hidalgo. J.J. also ran in the 800 meter contest and Samantha was also in the 400 meter dash.

Board members present at the meeting were Don Jackman, Steve Jechow, George Sweeten, Jerry Halsell, Carl Walzel, Billy Boatright, and L.A. Field, Sr. Others present were James Deatherage, Floyd Collins, Kenneth Perkins, Joe Shipman, Jerry Shipman, Bobby Sloan, Samantha Shipman, Michelle Flach, Kristi Collins, T.J. Plueger, Lee Sweeten, Debbie Cox, Jimmie Baxter, Lupe Sifuentes, Jeremy Boatright, Kathryn Walzel, Emma Dean, Jerry Micknal, Linda Fish, Sam Fish, Guy Agy, James Russell, Becky Field, Roland Hernandez, Matt Massey, Arthur Nevarez, Courtney Ewing, David Satterwhite, and Bubba West.

The school calendar was amended to add one day, so students will be in school until May 30th and teachers until June 1st, because of the recent holidays caused by heavy rains.

The ten students participating in the regional academic contest in Brenham were commended next and named by board president Don Jackman as follows: Kristi Collins, first in keyboarding; J.J. Pope, news writing and editorial writing; Andrea Wallace, second in headline writing; Melody Wilmoth and Cory Evans, ready writing; Courtney Ewing, poetry interpretation; Melanie Wilmoth, accounting; Michelle Flach, informative speaking; K.C. Allan, first in persuasive speaking; and Donna Stewart, third in poetry interpretation.

The boys sprint relay team of Matt Massey, Roland Hernandez, Bobby Sloan, and Arthur Nevarez was recognized for placing second at regional and third at state, their state time being 43 seconds flat. Matt was also recognized for running in the 200 meter dash at state.

The invocation was given by Steve Jechow, and no one wanted to speak during the open forum. The recount of the board election was reported with no changes: Field received 203 votes to Julia Guajardo's 199. Board members Sweeten and Field were administered the oath of office for their new terms, and the board was reorganized with the same officers elected, Jackman as president, Jechow as vice-president, and Sweeten as secretary.

In the superintendent's report, Mr. Deatherage reported that Dramala personnel had been on campus that day, and had begun work on the problems previously discussed by board members with legal counsel. He stated that the eighth grade graduation would be held on May 24th, and the high school graduation on May 25th. He also mentioned the need for additional restroom facilities at the elementary campus and board members asked him to show some written plans at the next meeting. He reported that the new watering machine for the football field had arrived.

Four students were also honored for participating at the state academic contest as follows: Kristi Collins, fourth in keyboarding; K.C. Allan,

The Panther Band was recognized for participating in the state marching contest last November and the state concert and sight reading contest on May 12th. Kristi Collins was also honored for qualifying for

Bids were opened for the property in Camp Wood the board had decided to sell with the only bid being from EMS of Nueces Canyon, Inc. Board members agreed to accept the bid for lots 1 and 2 in Block 20 in the amount of \$6,170, partly in cash and partly in other services.

Mr. Deatherage also mentioned the possibility of consolidating some of the operations of the school cafeterias, perhaps cooking all the food at Camp Wood and transporting it to high school each day. Some discussion followed and the matter will be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

Deatherage also reported that it was not possible at this time to know what the legislature will do about school financing for next year.

Bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

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lady whose name has regularly been appearing on the leader board as of late, blistered the back nine and turned in a net score of 30.5, the best of that round. Doris Eckenroth, the chairman of the Ladies Golf Association, has attended to the duties and responsibilities of her job like the real champion that she is ... a fact that Frank knew all along.

The chairman of the Entertainment Committee, J.E. Meil, really went out on a limb this past Friday night as he planned a Night Time Golf Tournament to be played in total darkness. He not only planned it but he actually pulled it off. He had 30 players signed up by tee off time and he divided them up into teams of 5 players each. Before he released them for play he fed them hamburgers which he personally cooked behind the club house on an open fire. With all of the trimmings along for 'kickers' the meal was a total success. The night time game of golf is played with special balls that have a small light inside of them. The balls are easily seen as they rest on the ground and the golfers have no trouble spotting them after they hit them. It is a very different and exciting game of golf and everyone is invited to participate in the next tournament which is now in the planning stages.

Overcoming any adversity and the jitters from swinging a golf club in the dark was the team of Sondra Meil, Dee Curry, Flip Talamantez, P.M. Moore, and Dave Sharp as they recorded a 34 for first place honors. Outlasting the rest of the field to claim the runner-up check was Margot Kendrick, Avis Anderson, Ken Curry, George Miller, and Bobby Miller. Whatta nite...whatta game...whatta bunch of golf addicts! When you talk about enthusiasm at it's best the nine hole tournament that takes place every Monday Morning has to rate at the top. This

past Sunday night there were three tents, two camper trailers, and four sleeping bags out in the open around the nine hole course as the golfers came early assuring themselves that they would not be late for tee off time on Monday morning. Talk about dedication!!!

Sondra had no sooner finished assisting her husband, J.E., with the all night tournament at the 18 hole course when she showed up early Monday morning, bright eyed and bushy tailed, rearing to go. Asking Sondra just what it would take for her to miss Monday with her flock and she promptly replied, "An earthquake, a flood equal to Noah's, or maybe a nuclear attack. I hope I'm not leaving anything out."

After eighteen players were divided up into teams of three each the gun sounded for play to commence. Roaring across the finish line with the best score of the day was Fay Gooch, Dave Yates, and Frank Eckenroth with a 28. A logjam for second place was shared by three teams comprised of Bill Koons, Lou Sofaly, and Harold Miller...James Stafford, Hugh McManess, and J.E. Meil...Dick Hirsch, Ron Frisby, and Jerry O'Brien.

There is a golfer at the course who was heard bragging that he lit his cigar with a hundred dollar bill. Turned out the bill was his electricity bill for April.

The oil industry is experiencing many problems as of late. To many folks it seems a shame. The head of a company with earnings of \$2,000,000,000 was recently heard to say, "Oh well, it's a living."

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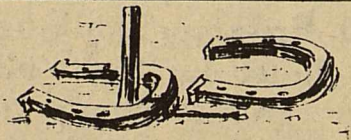
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Sports



by J.J. Guidry

Lions vs. Rams

The Lions kept their undefeated mark unblemished as they defeated the Rams on Tuesday 5-0. The hot pitching duo of Andres Garley and Ramon De Leon are hot as the season progresses.

The Lions scored first when Ramon De Leon made a hit driving Beau Smallwood home in the bottom of the first inning. In the third, Mike

Aguirre hit a single and stole home plate. Smallwood also scored in the inning for a 3-0 lead. Andres Garley stole home in the fourth and Marcus Garley did the same in the fifth for the remaining two runs.

Scoring by Innings

Rams	000	000	0
Lions	102	11	5

Cowboys vs. Astros

The Cowboys have given up only one game this year, which was to the league leading Lions. The Cowboys are still fighting and have maintained their second place spot as they defeated the Astros 7-3.

Mike Meyer scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the second inning to give the Pokes a 1-0 lead. The Astros quickly tied up the game during their next at bat when Rocky Aguirre crossed the plate.

The Cowboys broke the game open

in the bottom of the third, when Munchie Falcon, Rene Luna, Jarlyd Shahan, Moses Hernandez, and Josh Crumley all scored for a 6-1. The Astros pulled withing three in the top of the sixth when David Foster and Demetrious Williams both scored. Jarlyd Shahan added one more run for the Cowboys to increase the winning difference to four runs.

Scoring By Innings

Astros	001	002	3
Cowboys	015	10	7

New Flag Corps Members

by Gus Garcia
 On Wednesday, May 16, the Tiger band had their tryouts for flag corps, drum major, and twirler.

The 1990-91 flag corps members are Mary Duran, Julie Lopez, Diane Castillo, Debbie Buantello, Jessica Williams, Tanya McClure, Lisa Dalton. The feature twirler for next year is Rosemary Rubino, Rose will perform at State this June.

Hannah Reschman will also be high school twirler. Jr. High twirler is Valerie Jimenez-this girl has a future in twirling, she's so full of energy! The Tiger band will be under a new field director next year, due to Gus Garcia graduating this year. Myrna Gonzalez, a gold medal Saxophone soloists will be the next drum major. Good Luck to all Winners!

Hatchery Production Has Luck With Largemouth Bass

AUSTIN-State fishery officials, somewhat giddy over this year's hatchery production of largemouth bass, pronounced that if this spring's fingerlings were laid nose-to-tail they would reach from downtown Dallas almost to Waco.

"I still think we can get past Waco with a little luck this year," laughed Bill Rutledge, hatchery chief for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, explaining that the first spawning and grow-out period produced 4.48 million one-inch bass and the next batch could easily push the total past 6 million and bring the Waco skyline into view.

By comparison, total production of Florida bass fingerlings last year was 2.7 million, or only enough to stretch

from Reunion Arena to just past Waxahachie, laid end-to-end.

The mileage was calculated by dividing the number of one-inch-long bass fingerlings by 12 to get the number of feet, then dividing that sum by 5,280, the number of feet in a mile.

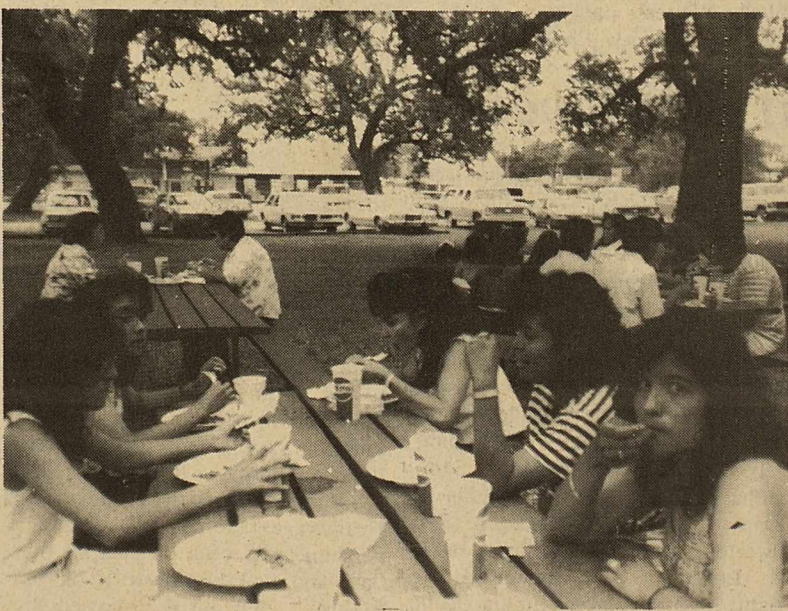
Rutledge is especially pleased with the increased production because it was a direct result of new technology at the A.E. Wood Fishery Center at San Marcos State Fish Hatchery. "The indoor raceways at the Wood facility are producing record numbers of fry during a year when spawning in outdoor ponds would have been severely curtailed because of the weather," Rutledge said. Bass also are produced at the department's Jasper and Tyler hatcheries.

Local Ladies Win Devine Tournament

A very select quartet of "Giddy Gals", made up of Fern Dyer, Chick Cruse, Helen Miller, and Jan Chism, traveled to Devine this past week for the sole purpose of entering and winning the Devine Ladies Golf Scramble. Well, "Gag me with a spoon" if two out of the four didn't do just what they set out to do.

Fern and Chick teamed up with Mary Forester and Joyce Galloway and after some strategy was discussed and a little "girl talk" (B.S.) took place this fearless foursome teed off and never looked back. Mary's

prodigious tee shots, Chick's climactic chipping, Fern's prolific putting, and Joyce's all around steady play was just too much for the other trail females as they recorded an 8 under par 62. This was good enough to claim the first place trophy and winner's check for this most prestigious golf tournament. A group of ladies from Devine finished second and the Del Rio group finished third. When asked about the win Fern gave a little impish grin, did a little dance, and replied, "We just played our lil' husband luvin' hearts out."



Students, Faculty and Parents all enjoyed the great eats at the F.H.A. banquet.

First Annual Banquet

by Gus Garcia
 The F.F.A.-F.H.A. first Annual Banquet was held last Thursday, May 17. With a delicious meal, and great entertainment by the Southwest Wranglers, the evening was a huge success! Several awards and presentations were appreciated. The F.F.A. presented their Chapter Farmer award to Kasey Hall. Honor-

ary Chapter Member was Mr. Charles Hall. The F.H.A.'s honorary award went to Gus Garcia, and 2 Honorary Chapter Members were named: Mr. Eloy Garcia and Mr. Happy Shahan. "The banquet went very well" stated Mrs. Mary Lee Haby, F.H.A. advisor. Mrs. Haby would like to thank everyone who made the evening a success!

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Cowboys	5-1	.833	1
Rams	1-5	.170	4
Astros	0-6	.000	6

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Peaches To Be Plentiful This Summer

AUSTIN-Texans can look forward to a peachy summer. Reports from around the state indicate a bountiful if not a bumper crop.

Growers in the Hill Country, the state's biggest peach-producing area, anticipate a harvest of 100,000 bushels or more. "It should be the best crop we've seen here since 1981," said Dr. John Lipe, Texas A&M Extension horticulturist in Fredericksburg.

East Texas, which has 10,000 acres of bearing peach trees, expects to harvest "an excellent crop," according to Marty Baker of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Overton. County agents in Parker, Limestone and Freestone counties predict harvests ranging from 60 to 80 percent of a full crop.

During the 1980's, the Hill Country

was plagued by winters that were either too cold or too warm to produce plentiful crops, and by spring hail storms that blemished fruit or destroyed it altogether. Overall production nose-dived and in 1987 practically disappeared, driving some growers out of business.

This year the outlook is considerably brighter. "Most all the varieties are showing a good crop," said grower Gary Marburger, who owns a pick-your-own and wholesale orchard in Fredericksburg. Marburger said Hill Country growers started picking peaches two weeks ahead of schedule. Since May 1 baskets of juicy cling peaches have lent their familiar blush to roadside stands from Stonewall to Fredericksburg and surrounding areas. Some pick-your-own orchards also welcomed peach lovers earlier than usual.

Between 30 to 40 Hill Country growers with small orchards operate from roadside stands or pick-your-own operations that drew crowds of summer visitors to the area. Peaches are also available in some supermarkets. The Gillespie County Fruit Growers Cooperative in Stonewall wholesales its top-quality peaches to San Antonio produce dealers. Manager Gilbert Eckhardt said the five-grower cooperative produces about 40 percent of the county's peaches. He estimates that 65 percent is sold in grocery stores.

The first peaches to ripen are clingstones, which have flesh that adheres to the pit. "Clings are smaller-than-average but juicy," said Texas Department of Agriculture home economist Carol Guthrie. "When they're good and ripe, their flavor is excellent." Semi-clings are

picked next, followed by freestones, which separate easily from the pit. In the Hill Country freestones start to market around June 15. Hill Country fruit should be plentiful throughout July, tapering off but available in August.

In East Texas 70 to 75 percent of the crop is sold at farms, pick-your-own, roadside stands and farmers markets. Independent grocers sell the remainder. Smith County, which ranks second in production statewide, is looking forward to a big harvest. Growers there lost 10 to 20 percent of their crop to freeze but anticipated no major damage from heavy spring rains.

Texas peaches are most abundant during June and July. Clay and Freestone counties will have ample supplies in August.



Pictured from Left to Right are: Herb Senne, Janelle Senne, Tonya Senne, Bob Owen and Holly Gable.

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Fishing Pier Closed At Port Isabel

PORT ISABEL-The Queen Isabella State Fishing Pier near Port Isabel, long a landmark for coastal area fishermen, was closed Tuesday (May 1) for safety reasons, according to officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas General Land Office.

Officials said an engineering study revealed that structural problems threaten people on the pier and those fishing beneath it. The pier, a 3,527-foot section of an old bridge, was acquired by the state in 1973 when the Queen Isabella Causeway was completed. It has been operated by a concessioner for use by

saltwater fishermen. "The safety of the public is our number one concern," said Bill Dolman, director of parks for the TPWD. "We hope to immediately begin exploring options for providing the public with an alternative to the popular fishing pier."

Who Will Be The Next Little Mr. and Miss Kinney County?
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Bridge, Anyone? by Dot Barrow

On Tuesday, May 15, twelve pairs played Duplicate in Fort Clark's Sabre room, using the Mitchell Movement. Winning at North South were Gene and Mary Britton. In second place were Fred and Nita Clayton. High score at East-West

went to Anita Korbel and Tina Bauguess. Ray Kurtz and Evelyn Whitely were runners-up. On Sunday May 20, the group played Howell at five tables. Norma Gould and Anita Korbel took first place. In second were Trudy Harber and Flo Stafford.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Southwest Texas Genealogical Society: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 2
Masonic Lodge: Every 2nd Tuesday 7:00p.m.
VFW and Ladies Aux. (Ft. Clark): Every 4th Wednesday 7:00p.m.
Frontier Fair: June 1st and 2nd Civic Center.
AA: Every Monday 8:00p.m.
AIAnon: Every Monday 8:00p.m.
Commissioners Court: Every 2nd Monday 9:00a.m.
Shriners: Every 4th Tuesday 6:30p.m.

Bass Club: Every last Thursday 7:00p.m.
Drivers License: Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
Duplicate Bridge: Every Sunday 1:30p.m. and Every Tuesday
Rotary Club: Every Thursday 12:00p.m.
Chamber of Commerce: Every 1st Thursday 7:00p.m.
Lions Club: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday 6:30p.m.
Kinney County Kickers: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30p.m.

Wedding Announcement

Miss Tonya Jill Senne and Bob Owen were united in marriage in an outdoor ceremony at Indian Lodge in Fort Davis on May 12 with the Rev. Greg Corkins officiating. The bride is the daughter of Herb and Janelle Senne of Brackettville.

The groom is the son of Jim and Mae Owen of Houston. The couple reside in Alpine. The bride is employed by Farmers Home Administration in Fort Stockton and the groom is a self-employed contractor in Alpine.

OBITUARY

Mariano Vela passed away May 21, 1990, she was 101 years old. Vela was born July 25, 1888 in Nazareno Coah, Mexico. She married Maria de Jesus Flores Vela a farm laborer, they had 10 children. Maria preceded his wife in death in February of 1989.

(3) daughters: Jaunita Rivas of San Angelo, Vicenta Lozano of Brackettville, and Raquel Kinser of Galena, Missouri. (73) Grandchildren (124) Great Grandchildren, and (17) Great great grandchildren.

Survivors are: (7) Sons: Ramon Vela, Jose Vela of Brackettville, Marcelino Vela, Florentino Vela of Dallas, Macario Vela of San Angelo, Encarnacion Vela of Del Rio, Jeremihs Vela of Acuna Mexico and

Services were held May 23, 1990 at 5:00 P.M. at the Assembly of God Church with the Minister Fidencio Pinales officiating. Place of interment is at the Kinney County Cemetery. Arrangements by Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary.

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St. John Baptist Church--West Crockett St., Sunday School 10:00 A.M., Sunday morning worship 11:00 A.M., Wed. prayer & Bible study 7:00 P.M. - Rev. Walter A. Johnson, Pastor 563-9551.
Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church)--Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 P.M., Sunday Evening service 6:00 P.M.. Joe Townsend, Pastor 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church)--307 N. Ann Street, Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Worship service (Sun) 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Worship Service (Wed) 7:00 P.M. Rev. Preston A. Taylor 563-2245.
Church of Christ--Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30

A.M., Bible Study (Sun) 6:30 P.M., Bible Study (Wed) 7:00 P.M.
Community Church--Corner of El Paso and Gove Streets. Communion Services 10:45 A.M., Praise and Worship 11:00 A.M.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church--Masses Mon. and Fri. 7:00 A.M., WED. AND Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sun. (Spanish) 8:00 A.M., reg. 10:30 A.M., Confessions Wed. and Sat. 6:00 P.M., Religion Classes Wed 7:00 P.M., Religion Classes Sun. 9:15 A.M., Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.
First United Methodist Church "Celebrate and Witness"--Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M., Church School Classes 9:45 A.M., Service of Worship 11:00 A.M., Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M. Rev. J. Roland Cole, Pastor 563-2823 or 563-2376.

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Grandma's Kitchen

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Well, now I know what it's like to run the house. Perhaps some of the fascinating little things I learned over the past week, while my wife was lying leisurely in a hospital, can be of value to my fellow man, they are details learned and tested under battle conditions. They were bought with blood.

First some real-time hints. A balanced meal is whatever gets hot all at the same time. A snack is what doesn't. Do not feed a one-year-old anything that looks as though it could be squeezed through the playpen mesh, it will be. Anything tastes better to a three-year-old if you say he can't have it. Anything tastes better to a one-year-old if the dog has it. Anything tastes better to the dog if you get nasty when he takes it off the table a second time. Strained vegetables and liver with cookies on it will not fool anybody. Keep in mind that ashtrays will always land bottom up, that feathers are hard to sweep up and that little debris make a house a home. Dishes will always dry by evaporation, if left alone. Babies only occasionally. It is an uncontrollable fact of nature that the diaper-rash ointment will always be in the other room. The attention span of a three-year-old is 7.3 seconds. A one-year-old has never heard about attention span. The attention span of a dog is approximately twice the length of whatever you hit him with. There is a game called "Let Daddy Sleep," but nobody will play.

As to your wife, remember that the dear thing is in the hospital and should be telephoned every day or so.

Make it a practice never to mention anything that is happening. Let the baby tooth embedded in the end table come as a surprise, later. Do not ask on the third day where she put the diapers. Women don't have that kind of sense of humor. Ask rather offhandedly if she'll be home tomorrow, ask casually, "When, next week?" Never weep over the telephone. With masculine strength and iron will and with a little common sense, a week can be made to flit by as if they were only a month or two. And to complete the overall picture of confidence, for your wife's return here's a nice little touch: have the children prop you up in a casual position in your easy chair as she's about to arrive. Just try not to twitch, it's a dead give-away -- Guess I'd better get to some recipes, let's try vegetables for a change.

Zucchini Souffle
 1/2 lb zucchini, washed and grated
 3 eggs beaten
 1/2 cup cottage cheese
 1/2 cup biscuit mix
 2 TBS parsley flakes
 1/2 tea salt
 dash of pepper
 1/4 tea garlic salt
 4 TBS melted margarine
 Combine zucchini, eggs, cheese and mix will. Stir in dry ingredients and add margarine and mix lightly. Bake at 350 degrees until raised and lightly brown, or when a knife inserted into the mixture comes out clean, about 45 minutes.

Squash Casserole
 Boil, drain, and mash enough yellow squash for four cups. Mix with 1/2 package dry onion soup mix and add one 8-oz. carton (1 cup) sour

Mexican Lentils

cream. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top. Bake in greased casserole, 20 minutes or until set.

Mexican Lentils
 1 1/2 cups dried lentils
 1/4 cup raisins
 4 cups water
 1/2 green pepper, chopped
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 1/2 tea dried hot pepper flakes
 1 TBS chili powder
 1 tea cumin powder
 1/2 tea basil
 1/2 cup tomato paste
 Place lentils and raisins in large skillet with 3 cups water. Simmer

lentils about 10 minutes. Add pepper, garlic seasonings, tomato paste and remaining cup of water. Simmer mixture 30 to 45 minutes, until lentils are tender, adding water if mixture becomes too thick. Makes about five cups. Lentils can be served over brown rice, whole wheat noodles or corn tortillas.

Thought this week is -- American teen-agers spent approximately 11 billion dollars last year - and they earned 80 cents out of each dollar spent.

See you next week - Big Hugs and Special love -- Grandma

Library News

The secret word is...Read!!! Parents & Children, don't forget the summer reading program.

This program will begin with registration at the Library from June 11-15, 1990. We will actually begin the program on Monday June 18th and the Program will conclude August 20, 1990. All books not reported read by August 20th will not count toward the Top Reader Awards.

Mr. Rory Woodson of "Rory's Video Review" has donated gift certificates for our readers. The top reader will receive a certificate for three age appropriate films. The second top reader will receive a certificate for two films. The third top reader will receive a certificate for one film.

Mr. & Mrs. Finch of "Burger & Shake" have donated gift certificates for our top Read to Me readers. The top Read to Me will receive a certificate for an ice cream sundae, the second top Read to Me will receive a certificate for a root beer float and the third top Read to Me will receive an ice cream cone.

The reader category is for children who can read to themselves ages six to fourteen years. The Read to Me category is for children who have someone who can read to them ages two through five years. Parents or caregivers must accompany their Read to Me children on Library visits.

The Library will meet with each age group twice monthly for a 45 minute program. The six to fourteen year olds will meet at 3:00 p.m. every first and third Wednesday and the two through five year olds will meet at 3:00 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday. The first meeting for the six to fourteen year olds will be June 20th and the first meeting for the two through five year olds will be June 27th.

We have had little response to our request for lost and over-due books.

Please, look around for unreturned books before June 4th. After that date, we will be contacting the individuals regarding the return of the book or replacement price.

Come See Us At The Library This Summer!!!

Remember, all over due books may be returned to the library without an accessed fine until June 4th. After this date, fines will be assessed.

Parents, help your children remember to register for the summer reading program June 11-15.

The library has received several new books this month. They are both reference and fiction. Some of those received are as follows:

Beyond the Stars-Epic of the American West by Ross, Black Candle by Cookson, Cardinal Virtues by Greelley, Devils Daughter by Coulter, G is for Gumshoe by Graftor, Golden Orange by Wambauagh, Impulse by Coulter, Murder in the Blue Room by Roosevelt, Stone Heart by Rice, Gone to her Death by McGown, Bertie and The Seven Bodies by Lovesey, The Heretic's Apprentice by Peters, Preparation For the S.A.T., Post Office Clerk/Carrier Guild To Postal Exams, Preparation for the Clep; College Level, Examination Program, How to do Your Own Divorce in Texas, 120 Careers in the Healthcare Field, The Spanish Picture Dictionary, and Vol Modern Spanish/English Dictionary

Come by your library and check the new and not so new paperbacks which can be exchanged or just borrowed. We don't check these out, so they are wonderful to have handy during a long trip, or when you don't plan to be back in the library in two weeks.

Remember also, we can request books our library doesn't have from the San Antonio Library for you also.

Too, come by and check our videos we receive each month both in Spanish and English.

County Extention News

by Alan McWilliams

We are experiencing some good conditions for productive gardening in these past few weeks. However, some plants will take advantage of this and set little or no fruit. If you have tomatoes that are vigorous and healthy-looking but setting very few blooms, try pruning as you would a tree. Take out some of the stalks in the center to allow light through the plant.

Texas homeowners, many whom are familiar with the art and technique of gardening, spend needless dollars every year on their landscapes. Here are a few suggestions you may want to consider in the future.

Don't spend the added money for big trees. Big trees are often set back to drastically during the transplanting process and take years to recover. A smaller tree establishes quicker, you will have just as nice a tree, and you will save money because younger trees do not cost near as much.

Select on adapted trees for this area. Talk to friends and neighbors to see what experiences they have had with different varieties. This may not produce the most unique landscape but it will be alive and growing.

Another common mistake is the choice of a tree with no consideration to the size it will be when it matures. I have seen trees planted that dwarf the house, cause grass not to grow under the canopy, and cause cracks in cement because these were not considered when the variety was planted.

Follow all chemical labels carefully. Plants can be ruined quickly if sprayed at the wrong time or vegetables made unsafe for the dinner table by not reading instructions. Weed killers misapplied cause countless miseries for homeowners every year.

Making and using compost pits for soil conditioner saves big money. Any-out-of-the-way spot will accommodate a compost pile. This cannot only save soil additive bills but also gives you a place to put grass clippings and leaves.

Don't buy miracle products that may or may not aid your landscape or garden. Every year dozens of fraudulent products hit the market. Read the labels and listen to what your common sense says when you see unbelievable claims.

A few fruit trees around town have experienced fruit drop. If you have a tree that has suddenly shed some of its fruit, look on the tree to see what's been left. In many cases, it may simply be the tree's dropping it's excess fruit load so it can mature the rest and still grow healthy leaves.

This occurrence of fruit drop is called June drop because it was first named in the northern states where June is the first month that really warms up. In Texas, May is the most common month, but in years with early blooms such as 1990, it can occur in April. Sprays will not do any good except in cases where insects are the cause.

The fruit that drops are most likely to be seedless or were not pollinated and are usually the smallest and weakest on the tree. Depending on the species, various amounts of fruit will drop.

The most common fruiting plants requiring cross pollinating are Bruce plums and most varieties of apples. These should be planted within 200 feet to insure maximum cropping.

A few species such as apricots and almonds just do not sit very good crops and we do not know why. Avoid some of these unless you plan on using them for shade.

A budding clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 1990 at the high density apple orchard belonging to Lamar and Jonanne Burges near Castroville. T-budding of apple varieties onto Malling 9 dwarfing stocks and pear varieties onto Quince A dwarfing stocks will be emphasized. Participants should bring a sharp knife. The clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m.

The Burges orchard contains 2,000 producing apple trees and an additional 2,500 trees planted this year. Take Highway 1343 South at its intersection with U.S. Highway 90, west of Castroville. About 2 miles South and in a large curve in the road there is a Burges Orchard sign in the driveway to their orchard. For more information on the clinic, call Medina County Extension Agent, Wayne Schultz at (512) 426-4280.



Turquoise is a hydrous aluminum phosphate colored by copper salts. It is a semi precious stone found in most arid parts of the world. Turquoise is very much prized in India, China, and the American southwest. It is used in religious rites, jewelry, and is sometimes crushed for use in sand paintings.

The stone is formed by water action and in the veins of other rocks. This "mother rock" is the cause of

markings on the stone. The matrix may be thin black lines, brown or black blotches, iron pyrites or bits of quartz.

The price of the stone depends on its color, hardness and matrix. The poorer stones are not expensive but the very finest are prized for the making of jewelry.

Usually the finest stones are a deep blue color with a dark spider web matrix. Of course personal preference enters into the picture here.

In Spanish times the Indians mined turquoise with stone hammers and picks made of antlers. Fire was also used to crack the rocks containing the gems.

Turquoise has been used in the southwest since 500 A.D. Hard stones are preferred because they are less likely to change color. Prolonged contact with soap or body oils will change the color of softer stones to dark green.

The largest of the early mines is located near Cerrillos, New Mexico. It is very long and as much as three hundred feet wide in places. Today Turquoise is mined on a small scale in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada. However none of these mines are owned by Indians.

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