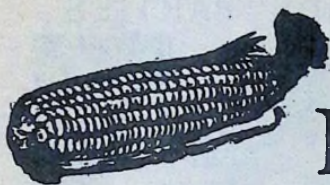


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Person-to-Person

With the arrival of March, Texans mark anniversaries important in the shaping of this great State. Tonight's parties—including the Pre-Festival Fundraiser at Floore Country Store will toast the Declaration of Independence of Texas which was declared March 2, 1836 at Washington—on-the-Brazos. University of Texas Exes everywhere will celebrate.

Ironically, the great Battle of the Alamo was in progress in San Antonio, but communication was so slow that the Convention meeting with Richard Ellis as president and H. S. Kimball, as secretary heard only sketchy reports of Santa Anna's vast army with an over-optimistic count of the defenders inside the fortress.

The Alamo fell on March 6, now 143 years away, but it remains one of the decisive events of history.

General Sam Houston spoke to the Convention on drafting a constitution, and that is while preparing to do battle.

On March 7, 1836—the men from 17 to 50 years old were drafted. Bounties of 1280 acres were to be given to all volunteers, and that is how some pioneers of this area obtained their land rights.

An election by the people was impossible amid the disorder and uncertainty. Forces of the enemy, coming by horse and military wagon, were engaging scattered families in private battles.

An interim organization was set up with David G. Burnet, as president, and Lorenzo De Zavala as vice president. It was St. Patrick's Day in the morning—about 2 a.m. on March 17, 1836 when the elections were declared firm. (It was September, later, that Sam Houston became the people's president.)

Meanwhile the Battle of San Jacinto brought the major War for Independence to a close and that was April 21 of the same year. The Fiesta in San Antonio marks this event. Other days are commemorated in May during the Helotes Spring Festival.

Weather and fog during the March days played a decisive role, and make reliving these events more realistic, on visits to the Alamo.

It was March, 1837 when the United States recognized the Independence of Texas—a year after the Battle of the Alamo.

Area Gears Up For Cornyval



Street Photo
Street booths for the Cornyval—Helotes Spring Festival—must be decorated, but with this year's theme—Festival of Nations—almost every decor is appropriate. Shown here are two well planned booths from the Cornyval '78. At left, is the Kappa Psi entry and next to it that of the Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.

'79 Festival Booths Are Going Fast

Scott and Janis Holden, co-chairmen of the street booths for the 1979 Cornyval, reported this week brisk reservations for the 57 booth spaces to be available on both sides of the street in downtown Helotes, from Riggs Rd. to Helotes Creek.

The 1979 Cornyval will be held during the first weekend in May, starting with the Coronation of Miss Helotes on Wednesday, May 2, and ending on Sunday, May 6.

Deadline for booth reservations is April 1, Scott Holden said. The rates this year are \$5 per day for Helotes non-profit organizations, \$10 per day for non-local non-profit organizations, and \$35 per day for commercial booths. A one-time charge of \$5 also will be made if electric service is required at a booth.

Booth spaces will be 12 feet wide and 10 feet deep. All booths must be decorated and they will be judged during the Cornyval, with a \$50 first prize going to the best non-profit booth and \$35 to the best commercial booth. Ribbons will be awarded to second and third place winners in each category.

In order to cut down on competition among food booths, each must submit a list of the food items they plan to sell. Changes in the list must be approved by the festival association before the 1979 Cornyval starts. Also food booths are required by the Bexar County Metropolitan Health District to be covered and have three solid sides.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Holdens at Holden Equipment Co., P.O. Box 318, Helotes 78023, or by phoning 695-8724.

Entries also are being taken for the 1979 Cornyval Parade to be held Saturday morning, May 5. Jack and Margaret Stephens, co-chairmen of the parade, may be contacted through the Helotes Spring Festival Association, P.O. Box 343, Helotes, or at the festival association meeting Monday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m., at Floore Country Store.

Contest Open

The annual Queen's Contest for Miss Leon Valley '79 is now accepting applicants. Girls interested in entering this contest should contact Mrs. Van Brandt 684-8350.

Heads County Jail



Norman Cox, instructor in criminal justice at UTSA, has been appointed director of the Bexar County Adult Detention Center. He assumed the administrative position March 1. On the UTSA faculty since 1976, he has a master of science degree in criminal justice from Auburn University.

His practical experience includes serving as planning supervisor for the Virginia Probation and Parole Board and administering the pre-release programs for the Department of Corrections in Richmond, Va. He has also conducted staff training seminars and consultations for public, private and non-profit groups in Alabama, Minnesota, Texas and Virginia.

Farm Bureau Plans Drive

County Farm Bureaus across Texas will be conducting membership campaigns during "Farm Bureau Membership Week," March 5-10, according to Tom Verstuyft, Von Ormy, membership chairman of Bexar County Farm Bureau. Canvassing of members and nonmembers will be conducted to learn their opinions concerning Farm Bureau's effectiveness in agriculture.

Governor Bill Clements signed a proclamation officially designating the Farm Bureau week, recognizing that "about 40 percent of all Texans receive their livelihood either directly

or indirectly from agriculture." The proclamation went on to state that "through their organized efforts and by democratic procedures, the farmers and ranchers of Texas have sought a voice in state affairs and have campaigned for improvements in the economy and government of Texas."

The Bexar County Farm Bureau has increased its membership by 122 in the past year, bringing the total to 1,959 member families. The state membership has reached 228,079 member families, while the national total exceeds three million.

One Injured In Accident

A one-car accident at the Wagner Road curve on Scenic Loop—almost identical spot of a fatal accident two weeks earlier—demolished a compact car at 11 p.m., Tuesday night Feb. 27. The driver, a San Antonio woman, who was alone at the time of the accident, received minor injuries. The Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department as well as Bexar County sheriff's deputies responded and assisted the E.M.S.

New traffic signs marking the curve had been placed by Bexar County only the week before. One warning sign was taken out by the impact of the car in Tuesday's accident.

School Board Filing Opens

An election for two places on the Northside District school board will be held April 7. Deadline for filing is March 7.

The terms of the board president, Dr. Carl F. Raba, and board vice president, Nellie M. Reddix, are expiring this year.

Persons wishing to file should contact the Northside District headquarters on Evers Rd.

Theresa Ann Eades of 13303 Flying W. Trail was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the end of the fall semester at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing.

Vocational Classes Set

Classes in diesel mechanic training, electronic assembly training, computer data processing, and medical secretary training will begin at the Bexar County Opportunities Industrialization Center in mid-March.

Applications are being accepted now at the BCOIC Center Annex, 2103 E. Houston.

The classes are free to low-income San Antonio and Bexar County residents who meet Department of Labor standards for low income qualification. The standard is a sliding scale based on a number of considerations. One does not necessarily have to be on

welfare to qualify. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

New Arrival

Linda and D. A. Murry, Jr. are the proud parents of a baby boy, Paul Brian Murry, born at 7:30 p.m. at Methodist Hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1979, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

The baby is being welcomed by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lallo Martinez of San Geronimo and Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Murry, Sr. of Houston, and his two young brothers, Kevin and James Murry, as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

332 Get New Degrees

The University of Texas at San Antonio has awarded 245 bachelor's degrees and 87 master's degrees to students who completed degree requirements during the Fall 1978 semester.

Twenty-one bachelor's degree recipients were graduated with honors, including Lisa Sherblom, 14406 Circle A Trail, who was graduated with magna cum laude honors.

Graduating summa cum laude are Maria Freyfogle, Kurt Heitman, Christopher Long, Donna Myers, Catherine Staudt, Mary Tarro and Rosemarie Tiger. These students earned a 3.75 grade-point average in all academic work and in their UTSA studies.

Other students graduating magna cum laude are Anne Anderson, Marion Anthony, Mark Burchard, Gary Davidson, Colleen Gearman, Gisele Greenhaw, George Houston, Allen Parker, Phillip Pocock, Jay Sardina, Karen Walker, Elizabeth Welmaker and Peggy Williams.

Magna cum laude graduates earned a 3.5 grade-point average in all academic work and in work completed at UTSA.

March Artist At Westfall

Linda Morris will be the featured artist during the month of March at the Westfall Branch Library, presenting landscapes in watercolor, pen and ink animal sketches and dramatic ink wash portraiture.

Employed as an illustrator for City Public Service, Ms. Morris has studied with Warren Hunter of Grey Forest. A member of the San Antonio Watercolor Guild, she has had several one man shows in San Antonio, and her paintings are held in private collections throughout the Southwest.

Westfall Branch Library is at 6111 Rosedale Court, near the intersection of Vance-Jackson and IH-10. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.



The lowest point reached in the plunge of the Dow-Jones average of selected industrial stocks on the New York Stock Exchange during the Great Depression was 41.22 on July 8, 1932. Less than three years before, on Sept. 3, 1929, the Dow-Jones had been at 381.17.

SPICED CUPCAKES FOR KIDS' PARTIES



Spiced cupcakes can easily be the center of attraction at children's birthday parties, and especially when the kids can join in and make the cakes themselves. These are easily prepared from a handy mix, with chocolate chips, cinnamon and a dash of nutmeg and cloves stirred in. Those sweet spices are the ones youngsters have always loved and they smell so good they like using them, too.

SPICED CHOCOLATE CHIP CUPCAKES

- 1 package (1 lb. 1 oz.) pound cake mix
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 to 2 tablespoons milk or water

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium mixer bowl blend cake mix with 1/2 teaspoon of the cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Fold in chocolate chips. Line 24 cupcake pans with paper liners. Fill up cake pans with batter. Bake until a cake tester inserted into the center of a cupcake comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Remove from pans; cool. Spread with Cinnamon Frosting. To prepare Cinnamon Frosting beat in a medium bowl cream cheese and butter until well blended. Gradually add confectioners' sugar, mixing until smooth. Stir in remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and vanilla. Gradually add milk, beating until frosting is of spreading consistency. YIELD: 24 cupcakes.

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During public school week, it is interesting to reflect on the history of education in this area.... Mrs. Charles A. Patterson recalled some years ago that when she served as a school trustee for the Leon Valley Common School District this area was among pioneers who put on school buses in Texas. This was more than 45 years ago, and the buses carried local pupils to Jefferson High School, where the Leon Valley District paid their tuition. Before that—in 1930-31, students were taken by bus to Edison High School, which opened a year earlier than Jeff. Until the buses were acquired, those in this area who wanted their children to have a high school education had to move to town during the teen years or let their boys and girls board at school or with relatives in the City.

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River Gets UTSA Study

UTSA archaeologists are surveying a portion of the San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek as part of an extensive flood control project being planned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

The corps awarded UTSA's Center for Archaeological Research a \$2,500 contract to study a one-half mile wide corridor along the river from its source at Olmos Dam to So. Alamo St. and the creek from San Pedro Park to Guadalupe St.

The UTSA findings will be combined with an environmental impact study to be provided by Southwest Research.

Anne Fox, project director, said this will be the first comprehensive survey of the land along the river. "We have conducted research at various sites on the San Antonio River, but this will include everything for a quarter of a mile on either side from Olmos Park to the King William area. The report should be of enormous benefit in the future to agencies responsible for planning and development along the river," she said.

The surveyors drive through the area, doing detailed studies when they notice older stone houses or other evidence of early occupation.

"We look for adobe houses or the 'Palisado' type made with wood and adobe. Sometimes part of a wall that is crumbling will show evidence of an older house that has been covered up in succeeding years," she said. Fox believes the study may show how far San Antonio had grown before 1850. The historical and archaeological report will be completed this week.

Feb. Marked As Foggy

With two cold months chalked up for 1979, a record of sorts developed in February. Four foggy days and nights in a row resulted in a mere .3 of an inch of rainfall and the entire month totalled 1.4 inches of rain, according to Henry Brauchle, local weather observer.

However, the fields have remained too wet to plow until this week, due to a lack of sunshine, Mr. Brauchle said.

March came in like a lamb, all shiny bright weather, but rainfall returned by March 2.

Rainfall so far for 1979 has amounted to 3.6 inches, a nice average for the first two months.

Joan Fontaine Here



Starring in the current Fiesta Dinner Playhouse presentation is Joan Fontaine, star of many Hollywood movies. She won an Academy Award as Best Actress for the film "Suspicion" and a nomination for "Rebecca." She is appearing here in the mystery drama, "Dial M for Murder." For information about show times and tickets, phone 494-7793. The Fiesta Dinner Playhouse is located on Loop 1604 near San Pedro.

Grant Funds Quinine Study

by Shirley Wills

The liquor industry and medicine are mixing like gin and tonic.

Tonic, or quinine water, the beverage that most Americans associate with gin, originated as an antimalarial medicine. Quinine is the substance that gives tonic its characteristic bitter taste and, when taken in larger doses than are found in tonic today, quinine effectively fights malaria.

Through a \$106,000 grant from Cadbury Schweppes, Ltd., of London to UTSA's Center for Applied Research Technology, Dr. Philip L. Stotter and Dr. David E. Minter will study a new way to make synthetic quinine.

Quinine (in its natural form) is produced from cinchona tree bark. The trees can be grown only in tropical climates and they start producing after many years of growth.

Few of the trees remain in South America, where they originally were found growing wild. Most quinine now comes

from plantations in Southeast Asia and Indonesia.

"Because these areas are politically and economically unstable, there's possibility that quinine exports could some day be stopped or that the price could skyrocket," said Dr. Minter, visiting assistant professor of organic chemistry.

The research also may lead to new quinine derivatives that have medicinal uses or to other related drugs such as quinidine, used in controlling irregular heartbeat.

Two Make Dean's List

One present and one former Helotes resident have been named to the Dean's List for the fall, 1978 semester at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

JoAnn Ruth Rosas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rosas, Star Route, Box 41-A, is a senior majoring in early childhood and elementary education. She is a 1975 graduate of John Marshall High School.

Linda Sue Tomlinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Burks, P.O. Box 234,

is a 1968 graduate of John Marshall High School.

She was graduated from UTSA in December with a bachelor of arts degree in early childhood and elementary education with a specialization in reading.

Ms. Tomlinson now lives at 6722 Spring Brook in San Antonio.

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who are enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit and who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

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Rep. Madla Files Bills

Representatives Frank Madla and Frank Tejeda (D-San Antonio) filed four bills in Austin last week.

H.B. 1200 requires the commanding officers of a military reservation to solicit and consider recommendations for school board trustees from the parents of the students enrolled in the district's schools, as well as the district employees.

H.B. 1201 relates to the regulation and licensure of person's who own and operate Amusement Parks. Madla said, "No law presently exists regulating rides. I felt that something should be done to protect the individuals. This would at least require that minimal guidelines are met in order to receive a license."

Representative Madla introduced two bills relating to further solid waste disposal sites.

H.B. 1231 prohibits the issuance of a permit for solid waste disposal sites that would be located within one mile of a ground water source or shallow water wells.

Its companion, H.B. 1232, places responsibility for contamination of ground water sources on the permit holder for the solid waste disposal site. "Both bills place the Department of Health in the role of protecting the consumer, rather than the position it frequently takes—that of protecting the special interest groups," Madla added.

Posse Sets Trail Ride

The Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Bexar County is again making plans for its three annual events to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The events include a three-day trail ride from San Antonio to neighboring communities within Bexar County on March 9, 10, and 11; a Pony Express Ride from Austin to San Antonio on March 24 to deliver the Governor's proclamation designating April as Cancer Control Month; and the American Cancer Society Open Horse Show on March 31 and April 1.

The trail ride is open to anyone and will include two dances. The entry fee is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children age 12 and under. This fee includes free admission to the dances as well as six free meals and beverages. Participants may register at Maurice's Party House on Highway 87 E., site of the first dance, from 12 noon until 9 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

The Horse Show, which has helped to raise over \$20,000 for the Society, will be chaired this year by Dr. Ted Botkin. Entry fee for the 69 planned events is \$3.00. Prizes to be awarded include six high-point saddles, two for each of three age groups 13 and under, ages 14-18, and ages 19 and over. Belt buckles will go to first place winners in each class event, and rosette ribbons will be given for second through sixth place winners.

The event will be held at the Sheriff's Posse Arena on Foster road and U.S. Highway 81 South.

For more information on any of these events, please call the American Cancer Society at 696-4211.

Dean Of Students



Dr. Dora Grossenbacher, UT-SA dean of students, has been elected to the Commission on Colleges, Class of 1981 of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is one of the country's six regional accrediting agen-

cies. It covers 11 southeastern states.

Dr. Grossenbacher joined UTSA in 1973. As dean of students, she administers all student affairs, student organizations and career planning and placement.

Thank You Note

The family of Herbert L. (Hub) Stappenbeck, Sr., wishes to express thanks to all who were so kind during Hub's recent passing. Your thoughts, words and deeds are greatly appreciated.

Hub was born in San Antonio on May 25, 1909. On April 20, 1943, he and Gretchen Weltner were married and lived in San Antonio until 1961, when they moved to Grey Forest.

Hub worked for many years as a printer and also became widely recognized as an expert in the repair of printing equipment. He had, in fact, an uncanny ability to repair almost anything mechanical.

Hub enjoyed good health until 1976, when he was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment and lifesaving surgery because of a complicated circulatory problem. On Saturday morning, Feb. 10, he suffered a major heart attack.

Hub was a home-loving man, a man very dear to his family and many friends. He also loved to hunt and fish and follow sports events on radio and television.

Hub will be missed by all of us.

Dance Set

The Leon Valley Pageant Association's Pre Coronation Dance will be held at Floore Country store in Helotes, on Friday, March 9, with music by Lawrence Schenk & The Fleetweld Cowboys. Tickets are on sale now by the members of the Leon Valley Pageant Association at three dollars each or you can buy the tickets at the door.

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Madeline Kirkland will be installed as president of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. She will succeed Irene Zepeda.

Other new officers to be installed are Lorelei Toepferwein, vice president; Gloria Pedrazine, secretary; Mary Hernandez, treasurer; Rita Logan, chaplain; and Chloris Vargas, sanctuary chairwoman.

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Edwards Springs Exceed Wells for Water Flow

Total spring discharge from the Edwards underground reservoir over the past 44 years has exceeded total well discharge by some 62 per cent, a statistical study released by the Edwards Underground Water District indicates.

Furthermore, the study, compiled by the U.S. Geological Survey for EUWD and covering the period from 1934 through 1977, shows that municipal, military and industrial usage exceeds agricultural by more than 45 per cent.

And throughout this period, total recharge into the Edwards aquifer has exceeded total discharge. The excess is relatively small, however—25,902,200 acre feet of recharge to 25,721,300 acre feet of discharge.

From 1955 through 1977, municipal, military and industrial usage totalled 4,030,100 acre feet compared to 2,768,600 for irrigation and stock use. In 1977, the figures were 218,300 acre feet compared to 162,300 for irrigation and stock.

Pumpage Same

While recharge of water into the aquifer has fluctuated widely, reflecting periods of severe drought as well as those of heavy rainfall, total discharge has been climbing at a steady pace, exceeding 800,000 acre feet annually from 1973 through 1976 and reaching 960,900 acre feet in 1977, which was 31,000 acre feet more than the recharge. (One acre foot equals



Staff Photo

Spring-fed pools in the Hill Country result when the aquifer and related underground water deposits overflow in streams and low-lying lands. Early French explorers reported fountains that reminded them of the great ones of Europe—all spontaneous, and named the area Les Fontaines. In drier years, later Spanish explorers found these tales exaggerated and called the springs Les Ojos, tear-swept eyes. The Cowboys of a later date called them watering holes, or worse—dry holes.

325,829 gallons.)

Commenting on the report, Col. McDonald D. Weinert, general manager of the EUWD, said, "Figures showing the average annual recharge which has now reached 589,200 acre feet per year and the average pumpage discharge (from wells) of 229,400 acre feet have been fairly consistent in recent years.

"There is still a gap between the total acre feet used and the total being recharged," he continued, "and until such time as the average annual usage exceeds the average annual recharge, year after year, there is no need for concern. In this past history, the reservoir went through a severe seven-year drought, and while well levels were lowered drastically, there was still plenty of water."

Future Uncertain

"The time will come, however, as usage continues to grow, when the reservoir will be unable to supply all of the needs of the area. This could well occur within the next two decades, at which time we must already have assured ourselves of a supplemental source of water."

The recharge and discharge record shows a virtually uninterrupted increase in total well discharge, beginning with some 102,000 acre feet of water used in 1934 and climbing to 380,600 acre feet in 1977. (In that year, San Antonio's City Water Board reported pumpage of nearly 132,000 acre feet.)

Incidentally, the record shows that in 1977 discharge from springs totalled 580,300 acre feet.

Annual recharge from 1934 through 1977 ranged from a low of 43,700 acre feet in 1956—the last year of the prolonged drought—to a high of 1,711,200 acre feet in 1958. This high point followed the drought-breaking year of 1957 when recharge surged to 1,142,600 acre feet.

Spring flow, which had otherwise exceeded well pumpage virtually every year, almost ceased in 1956, amounting to only 69,800 acre feet. Indeed, Comal Springs in New Braunfels ceased to flow entirely for a brief period.

Since the water in the reservoir is under extreme pressure as it flows from west to northeast, Col. Weinert points out, spring flow always represents a natural discharge of excess supply.

Springs Important

"But," he stressed, "the springs themselves represent both an economic and ecological benefit to the area. They not only contribute to the tourist industry and to local recreational life but also are important to stream flow.

"Comal Springs," he said, "contribute the major flow to the Guadalupe River, and San Marcos Springs are the sole source of the San Marcos River. Furthermore, the springs may be considered essential in the future to maintain a flow of fresh water into bays and estuaries along the coast to sustain marine life."

The amount needed is still being studied by the Texas Department of Water Resources, he said.

The USGS report to the EUWD shows that the average annual recharge has increased in the last few years from 560,000 acre feet to the current average of 589,200. This gain is traced largely to above-average rainfall, particularly in Medina County, and to a lesser extent to construction of recharge dams in the district, Col. Weinert explained.



The electric stove was invented by William S. Hadaway in 1896.

Rains Hits Budget Cut

State Representative Don Rains, reacting to budget recommendations made by Governor Bill Clements, voiced strong disappointment for omission of a 5.1% teacher pay raise and for many of the governor's priorities. Rains' legislative district includes Helotes.

In a speech before the legislature, Clements unveiled his requests on Wednesday. Although the budget was expected to be austere, the presentation revealed a few critical surprises. One area which brought immediate reaction was the governor's deliberate reference to teacher salaries. Despite the recommendation by the Legislative Budget Board that teachers receive a 5.1% pay increase, the same as proposed for state employees, Clements openly denounced his support.

Rains, in a statement made after the speech, criticized Clements for allowing political feelings to interfere with statewide policy. During the gubernatorial campaign last year, the Texas State Teachers Association openly supported Clements' opponent John Hill. Rains views the governor's actions as retaliation against the profession.

Rains has never received support from TSTA and has taken a conservative stance on all pay increases.

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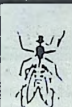
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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Ramsey's Ranch Acres Mobile Home Village has filed Application No. 0078 with the Division of Water Hygiene, Texas Department of Health for a variance to the following Maximum Constituent Level:

Constituent	MCL
Fluoride	1.6 mb/l

The Ramsey's Ranch Acres Mobile Home Village is currently supplying water containing 3.1 mg/l of fluoride. The water system serves the following area in Bexar County, Texas: Ramsey's Ranch Acres Mobile Home Village. Pursuant to this Department's "Drinking Water Standards" and Section 1415 & Section 1416 of Public Law 93-523 (USC), the Texas Department of Health is proposing to issue a variance for the fluoride at the following level 3.5 mg/l. A summary of the proposed variance follows:

1. Customer notification of the variance will be issued quarterly.
2. All dentists in the area will be notified of the fluoride content.
3. The Ramsey's Ranch Acres Mobile Home Village will continue investigating alternate sources of water.

The Division of Water Hygiene will hold a public hearing on the variance for the Ramsey's Ranch Acres Mobile Home Village if a valid request for a hearing is received by March 30, 1979. A valid request may concern the following:

The variance results in unreasonable risk to the public health. All requests for a public hearing must be made in writing to: Chief, Enforcement Branch, Division of Water Hygiene, Texas Department of Health, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756.

A copy of the complete application may be reviewed at the Division of Water Hygiene, Texas Department of Health, Austin, Texas, the Public Health Region 9 Office, Old Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas 78801 or by contacting the aforesaid applicant.

Issued this 16th day of February.

Raymond T. Moore, M.D., Commissioner
Texas Department of Health

Notice

HOMEOWNERS MUST
COMPLETE FORMS TO
GET SCHOOL TAX
EXEMPTION

Approximately 30,000

homeowners in Northside Independent School District will receive homestead tax exemption forms by mail during the next few weeks, according to NISD Tax Assessor-Collector,

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RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FORM

ACCOUNT NO. _____
1979

Notice is hereby given that persons who own their residential homestead may apply for the Homestead Exemption in the amount of \$5,000 by mailing this affidavit to the office of the Tax Assessor-Collector between the dates of January 1, 1979 and April 30, 1979. To qualify, applicants must ascribe to the following:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear and affirm that I was the owner of the above described property and it was my residential homestead on January 1, 1979. Further, that I have not claimed a residence homestead on any other property for this year. Finally, that I understand that any person who makes a false affidavit shall be subject to the perjury laws of the State of Texas.

Signature _____
Date _____

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Friday, March 2

The musical drama, "Fiddler on the Roof," opens at the Laurel Heights Methodist Church Gymnasium, 227 W. Woodlawn. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$3 and \$1. Will continue on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 9-11. Sunday performance at 12 noon includes a meal. Tickets for Sundays \$4 and \$2.

Senior Citizens Arts and Crafts Sale opens at the Farmer's Market, W. Houston, 10 a.m. Continues through Saturday and Sunday until 4 p.m. each day. Sponsored by the Barrio Betterment and Development Corp.

Saturday, March 3

Saturday Schools begin at the Institute of Texan Cultures, HemisFair Plaza, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon each Saturday in March. This month's heritage workshops will be in: kite making, construction of a puppet theater, introduction to archaeology, and Indian lore. Registration \$10 and \$15.

Sunday, March 4

UTSA Concert Choir presents a free public concert, at the Institute of Texas Cultures, 2 p.m. Will be repeated on Tuesday, at The University of Texas Health Science Center Auditorium, 8 p.m. Admission free.

The Trinity Choir presents a concert of music composed in Germany during the Romantic period by Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, Ruth Taylor Concert Hall, Trinity University, 8 p.m. Admission free.

Orientation classes for new volunteers of the Methodist Hospital Blue Bird Auxiliary, 7 to 9:30 p.m., fifth floor auditorium of the Methodist Hospital. Classes will be repeated on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Open to both male and female volunteers.

Tuesday, March 6

Tours of Northside District schools in observance of Texas School Week begin at schools in the Marshall High School area (including feeder elementary and middle schools), 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tours continue on Wednesday for schools in the Clark High School area, Thursday in the Jay High School area, and Friday in the Holmes High School area.

Wednesday, March 7

The National Players of Washington, D.C., presents matinee production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and an evening performance of "The Taming of the Shrew," Incarnate Word College Auditorium, 2 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Tickets \$4 and \$2.50.

The Financial Executives Institute and Trinity University's business administration department present a breakfast lecture by Dr. William G. Nelson IV, vice president of Chase Econometrics, New York, on "The Economic Outlook Today," 7:30 a.m., in the University Refectory. Lecture free, buy your own breakfast.

Thursday, March 8

Women's Law Center, 833 Bandera Rd., sponsors a seminar on adoption procedures in Texas, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Law Center. Attorney Cheryl Wilson will conduct the seminar. Registration \$3.

The Westminster Choir of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J., in concert, Incarnate Word College Auditorium, 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Mastersingers of the San Antonio Symphony. Tickets at the Symphony box office, 223,5591.

South Texas Regional Blood Bank's Bloodmobile at UTSA, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

Pianist Peter Nero performs in the San Antonio Symphony's final Pops Concert of the season, Banquet Hall, Convention Center, 8 p.m. Tickets \$6 and \$5.

Thursday, March 15

"Ebony Fashion Fair" to benefit St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m. Tickets at Joske's, Sears and Wards.

Friday, March 16

Semi-Annual Antique Show and Sale in New Braunfels opens, New Braunfels Civic Center, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Continues on Saturday and Sunday (to 6 p.m.). Admission for all three days \$1.

Saturday, March 17

Good Turn Day sponsored by Goodwill Industries and the Boy Scouts. Place filled bags on your porch by 9 a.m.

Friday, March 23

"The Community Bank in Texas," regional marketing conference sponsored by the San Antonio Chapter of the American marketing Association, La Mansion del Rio, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fee \$55 (for the luncheon only it is \$25).

Tuesday, March 27

Conference on "Hunger" sponsored by the San Antonio Archdiocesan Office of Human Development opens at El Centro de Artes in Market Square. Continues on Wednesday and Thursday. Public invited.

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John E. White.

School taxpayers who own homes and currently live there with their families qualify for a \$5,000 school tax exemption (off market value - as distinguished from "assessed" value) since implementation of the Texas Tax Relief Amendment approved by voters November 7, 1979.

To earn exemption credit, taxpayers must complete the forms and return them to NISD's Tax Office, 5900 Evers Road. Forms for homeowners not included in the District's mailing are available at the Tax Office.

Effective tax rate in NISD is currently \$1.20 (\$1.60 per \$100 value at 75%).

White cites an example of savings homeowners will incur if they complete the form: A homeowner whose house has a market value of \$30,000 and would normally pay \$360.00 in taxes could, by taking advantage of the exemption, pay \$300.00 in school taxes.

Although the Tax Relief Amendment authorized the Texas Legislature to address the subject of supplementing school districts for the income they will lose, no action has been taken. White estimates Northside School District will lose \$115,000,000 assessed value on the 1979 school tax roll.

Senior citizens (over 65 years old) who also qualify for an additional exemption off market value can use one form to request both exemptions.

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Tots Sought For Pageant

The "Little Count & Countess" contest, sponsored by the Leon Valley Pageant Association, will be held on March 31, at the Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School.

The contest may be entered by any child between the ages of

two and six years who resides in Leon Valley or its ETJ. There will be no talent competition. All participants will be involved in the Queen's Coronation. For further information, call 684-8350 or 684-3573.

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Dr. Joel Gunn, UTSA assistant professor of anthropology, will direct a conference on the impact of prehistoric and modern climatic changes on San Antonio, from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 10, in the Humanities-Business Building at UTSA.

"Last winter was the coldest on record for Texas," Dr. Gunn noted. "There has been an underlying downward trend in world temperature since 1940, leading some weather forecasters to predict another Ice Age," he said.

Computerized research at UTSA headed by Dr. Gunn may, when completed, indicate past and future climatic trends in the San Antonio area.

Seminar participants will discuss environmental change and its effect on populations in agriculture, energy use and urban development.

The symposium will be free and open to the public.

Tennis Offered In League

Northside Independent School District tennis pro Tom Reygadas has announced that a Ladies Tennis League is being formed.

Women desiring to play singles or doubles in Tuesday and Wednesday morning league have been invited to attend a meeting held today at 11 a.m. at Northside Athletic Complex Tennis Pro Shop, Loop 410 at Culebra.

Fee for the Spring League is \$5.00 per person. For further information, call the Pro Shop, 681-4872.

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FLOOD COVERAGE

Each year from Maine to California, winter and spring floods sweep across the country, leaving death and millions of dollars of destruction behind.

Officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) point out that because of the unpredictability of winter and spring flooding people should think about buying flood insurance now to protect their property against financial loss.

As examples of this unpredictability, they cite some of the floods that hit the country last year between February and May. (During this period, HUD paid \$44.1 million in losses through its National Flood Insurance Program.)

—29 communities along the east coast in Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey suffered extensive flooding.

—Swollen by rain and melting snow, the Maumee River in Fort Wayne, Indiana, crested at more than 24 feet above flood stage (the highest in 32 years of record keeping). The resulting flood forced some one thousand people to be evacuated from their homes and caused damage estimated at \$8 million.

—Widespread flooding in Nebraska affected 27 communities. In Arizona, 12 communities were flooded.

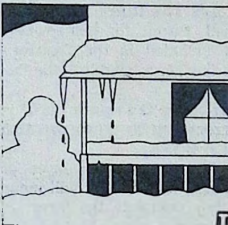
—A tremendous downpour in a short period of time flooded downtown New Orleans and seven surrounding parishes.

—One of the worst storms in its history struck southern California and resulted in flooding over a large area.

HUD offers low cost flood insurance to people living in

communities that have joined the National Flood Insurance Program.

Gloria M. Jimenez, administrator of HUD's Federal Insurance Administration, urged people to buy flood insurance now before the flooding actually occurs.



"Flooding can happen at any time, and it is better to get the protection than to worry about whether it will strike your city," Mrs. Jimenez said. Normal homeowners insurance policies do not protect against flooding, she pointed out.

Mrs. Jimenez also advised flood insurance policyholders to check with their local agents to be sure they have adequate coverage under their current policies.

Flood insurance policies have a five-day waiting period before they become effective. Coverage can be obtained for almost any kind of structure, as well as contents of structures.

Flood insurance can be purchased from the same insurance agents who sell homeowners and automobile insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program was created by Congress in 1968 to make low cost flood insurance available to the public. It is underwritten by HUD.

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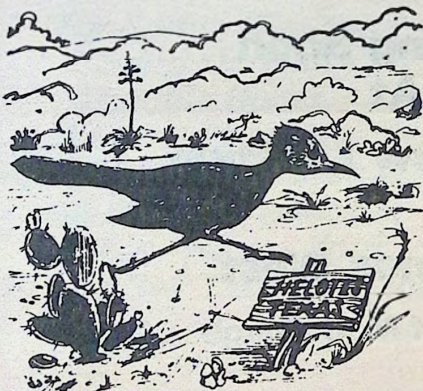
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