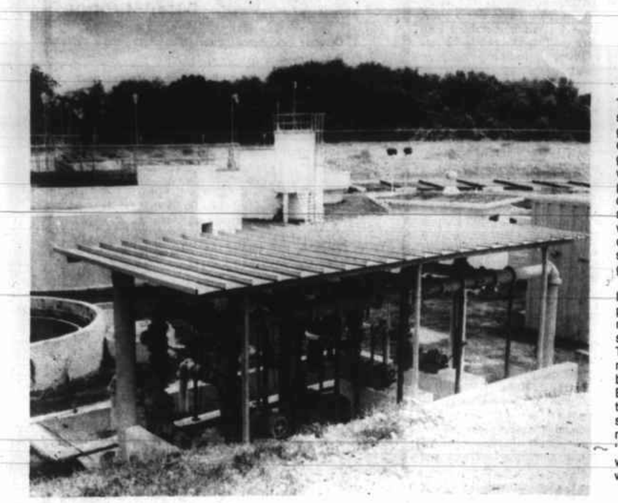
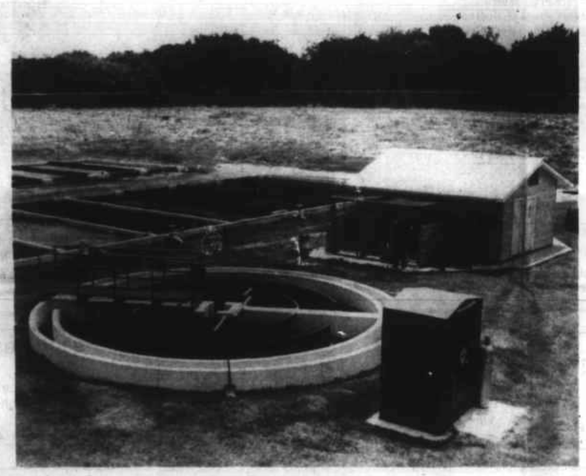
Sewer plant not really a zoo



The Eagle Lake municipal sewer plant behind the swimming pool really isn't a city zoo, but a family of goats the city keeps there are useful. On a recent tour of the plant with new councilman Joe Duncan, the goat family was protecting two "kids" born the weekend before. The plant, reconstructed over the past several years to add future capacity, is surrounded by a tall levee. Instead of purchasing an expensive slope mower, the city bought a couple of goats. It works too, according to Buster Beisel, sewer plant operator. He said the animals keep the grass on the steep levee slope trimmed, while he looks after the grass on the flatlands.

In these photos, at top left, sewage flows into the plant and is pumped into the tall round tanks. During normal weather, only one pump is needed, Beisel said, but during heavy rains, all five pumps are used. That illustrates why storm and sanitary sewer drains must be separated. At top right, two of the goats can be seen on the steps of one of these aeration tanks. Beisel said the animals will not venture onto the tank's catwalk. After the water and sewer solids are separated, the solids are pumped into the long, narrow "beds" to dry, while the water flows into the "puzzle" looking tank. Chlorine is added, then the water flows (lower right) into the final pump station where it is emptied into a creek that feeds Eagle Lake.



Colorado countian spending summer at Oxford in Europe

Not everyone gets the opportunity to study at Oxford, but a biology major from Colorado County is spending the summer in England studying philosophy at one of Europe's most prestigious universities.

Steven R. Northrup, a philosophy and chemistry minor at Southwest Texas State University, applied for admission to Oxford and wrote a letter about why he wanted to attend the university. He had to have both a personal and an academic recommendation. He is the son of Tom and Katie Northrup who live near New Ulm.

"I found out April 14 and called them (Oxford) to find out if I had been accepted. I spoke to E. Travers Cooke, head of Oxford's admissions and registrar, who said they had reviewed my transcripts, personal letter and recommendations, and didn't see any problem at all," he said.

He left for London May 5. "As part of orientation, May 7, the students were shown England's towns and libraries, and will study their banks and monetary system," he said.

Classes began May 8 for Northrup and will end August 14. He will be staying with other students in a boarding house owned by a local family.

"Due to the fact that I had to be there on the seventh, it forced me to take my finals (at SWT) early. It meant having to do an enormous amount of work within a short time," Northrup said.

"Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, a philosophy professor, has been the major motivating force behind my concern for the discipline of philosophy," he said.

"I set up my summer conditionally so if I didn't get accepted, I could continue my education here and teach comparative vertebrae anatomy lab.

"I wanted the lab because of the command of knowledge one gains from teaching," he said.

"The thought of attending Oxford greatly intrigued me because of the great thinkers like Bertrand Russel, Albert Einstein and Mahatma Gandhi who have been associated with the university. Oxford is to philosophy, what Johns-Hopkins is to medicine."

He will be taking 20th Century Contemporary Philosophy, which deals with pragmatism, idealism, phenomenology and logical positivism, and Scientific and Technological Challenges to Contemporary Society, which dwells upon genetic engineering, euthanasia and cyclamates, Northrup said.

"England has a tutorial system. There are no lectures, just you and the professor. There are no exams, just weekly 'essays,' he said.

Weekly essays are written over assigned readings which are brought to the professor once a week, he said. "You meet with him for an hour per week.

"The one-on-one method of instruction makes possible the establishment of a personal dialogue directly with the expert. This is what makes advancement in thought so easy," he said.

Steven Northrup

Northrup also teaches an advanced mammalian physiology lab and belongs to the Premed/Pre-dental Society and the Philosophy Honor Society.

"Biology tells me why and when the human body works the way it does. Philosophy gives me better understanding of how humans function and relate to the world," Northrup said.

The chief value of philosophy, aside from its utility in discovering unexpected possibilities, is through the greatness of the objects it contemplates. It is the contemplation of these objects that frees us from our personal aims and narrowmindedness.

(This article was written by Joseph Casanova, news editor of the University Star, student news publication at SWT. It was printed April 25.)

Fishing regulations adopted for 1985-86

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a number of fishing regulation changes for 1985-86 in a public hearing recently in Austin.

Some of the more significant changes involved special bag limits for largemouth bass and crappie on selected reservoirs, minimum size limits on red snapper and a new statewide limit on hybrid striped bass.

All adopted changes to the freshwater fishing regulations will be effective September 1, 1985, but changes in the saltwater fishing regulations will be effective June 1, 1985.

The commission approved the staff recommendation to establish a "slot" limit for largemouth bass at Nacogdoches City Lake at Nacogdoches, Houston County Lake near Crockett and Fayette Power Project Reservoir near La Grange. After August 31, anglers will be prohibited from retaining largemouth bass between 15 and 21 inches long. All other sizes may be retained, and a three largemouth bass per day bag limit will be in effect.

The standard bass limit on lakes and streams not affected by special lake regulations is 10 bass in the aggregate (largemouth, smallmouth or spotted) per day, 20 in possession, with a 10-inch minimum length limit.

For the first time every, bag and length limits were established for crappie in several Texas reservoirs.

Fisheries staff members told the commission that most of the reservoirs recommended for the limits are power plant cooling ponds which traditionally have very poor crappie reproduction, making restocking essentially a put-grow-and-take concept. Coldwater lakes such as Palestine were selected to assess the effects of the limits on that type of habitat.

The commission adopted a statewide limit of fiver per day, 10 in possession, for hybrid striped bass. The only exceptions will be Lakes Arlington and Graham, which will have no bag limits for evaluation purposes.

The commission also set a daily bag limit of five, possession limit of 10, catfish in lakes of less than 500 acres lying totally within the boundaries of state parks, and reopened the tailrace area below Lake Granbury Dam to fishing.

Also adopted was a "final destination" regulation covering fish and other wildlife resources. For fish, "final destination" is defined as "a place either on the mainland, a peninsula or barrier island where a fisherman finally lands his catch and does not further transport his fish by boat." Final destination does not include jetties or piers. Final destination for all other wildlife resources means the permanent residence of the persons possessing or receiving the wildlife resource, or a part of the wildlife resource, or a commercial processing plant after the carcass of the wildlife resource has been finally processed.

The commission adopted a 13-inch minimum length limit for red snapper in coastal waters under state jurisdiction. Anglers will be allowed to retain five snappers under the minimum length per day. Headboats taking seven or more persons fishing for a fee, and persons legally operating trawls are exempted from the regulation. The snapper regulations are identical to those already adopted by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council for federal waters beyond nine nautical miles offshore.

Defensive driving course offered for senior citizens

A special Defensive driving course for Senior Citizens of Wharton County will be offered on June 18 and 19 at East Bernard High School in the Library.

This course will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. both days. Senior citizens will pay $10.40 per student.

Joy Wind will be the instructor.

Senior Citizens (persons 60 or older) will be given priority for the 50 available places. If senior citizens do not fill the 50 places then the general public is welcome to.

Citizens interested may register with Caroline Osborne, Wharton County Junior College Senior Citizen Coordinator, or with Joy Wind at the college.

For further information contact the Continuing Education office at 532-4560.

Former resident likes art, cooking and Boerne

EDITOR'S NOTE: Virginia Snelling brought us a copy of the following article about her daughter, Lula Gene Junker, who now lives in Boerne. It was written by Billie Ohl in the Hill Country Reporter, and originally appeared March 27, 1985.

"My grandmother's nickname was Lula, my father's middle name was Eugene, so my mother wanted to call me Lula Eugene. However, my father, wouldn't hear of that so I ended up being named Lula Gene," said Lu Junker with a smile as we started our interview.

Lu came to Boerne via Houston and Eagle Lake and a few other towns in between. She is the daughter of Virginia Snelling of Eagle Lake. She and her husband, Bob, decided Boerne was the place they wanted to live and raise their two children. Tim is a computer programmer for Church's Fried Chicken in San Antonio and he and his daughter, Michelle, live with Lu and Bob. Katy lives in Georgetown where she is a junior in college and studying toward a degree in Elementary Ed.

The very busy and talented lady we are spotlighting this week has had her own insurance business, Farmer's Insurance Group, for nearly five years. She also has been very interested in art and has studied for many years. About 15 years ago she decided that if she really wanted to pursue an art career, it was time to get started. So, Warren Hunter was her first and primary teacher. She went to workshops in Ingram, Hill Country Art Foundation, and various workshops with artists in San Antonio and artists that had been invited to San Antonio from other parts of the world. "That's when I came to the conclusion I wanted to work with some form of art all the time and primarily with water color," Lu said.

She is a member of the River Art Group in San Antonio and has shown her works in the gallery at La Villita in the spring and also has participated in their annual River Art Show on various occasions. She also has shown for the Junior League's annual art show. The San Antonio water color group has an annual juried show. Artists with credentials are called in from various parts of the country to judge your work; after your work is juried and you are accepted your work is then judged for prizes. The Hill Country Art Foundation in Ingram also is a juried show. During Berges Fest last year, Lu's water colors were judged "Best of Show."

This month Lu will be leaving with a group of artists and traveling to San Miguel de Allende in Central Mexico. This has been an art colony for years. When you come down the hill into the city you can see a beautiful cathedral which was used in a Walt Disney movie in the 50's. There will be 36 artists in this group who will paint everyday in different locations. Lu is hoping to get some really good material for some new paintings. She said she likes to paint outdoors because you get such wonderful light. Although many people are bothered by the bugs, heat and atmosphere, these things don't bother her because she feels the paintings are fresher and more exciting.

Lu and Bob have traveled extensively in Mexico. On their first trip they went from the East Coast to Mexico City and across the Guadalajara, with Tim and Katy in tow. The second time they went with friends who knew Mexico and had counseled them on their first trip. This time they went down through the middle of Mexico and across to the Pacific Coast. On the third journey they went to Yucatan. This was the summer after the volcano erupted in Vallahermosa. They went right through this town, which is an oil town very similar to Houston, even to the humidity and especially the pollution. Mexico is a very beautiful country with lush tropical forests and arid deserts.

Lu recently has moved into a beautiful old house on East San Antonio Street. It was built around 1886 by Henry Theis and originally was a three room house. In 1930, a wing and the upstairs portion were added. The gallery will be in the beautiful, large living room where there is a lot of light. Part of the house will be used for classrooms which consist of children's sculpting and drawing, adult water color, oils, sculpting and drawing. All except one class is in the daytime. Call 249-8284 for information on any of these classes and drop by to see the facilities. Eventually, Lu plans to have workshops and feature other artists in the gallery. Many plans are being formulated for this as well as some painting trips.

"My mother was very instrumental in my love of art for she has always been very artistic in sewing and knitting." Lu said this as I was looking at a very large and beautiful appliqued picture her mother had made.

Lu said that her husband would be an avid sailor if he had a boat and the time, and that he keeps accusing her of using his boat money for other things. He did take a marvelous trip last summer on a 28-foot boat. This was quite an adventure which he plans to write about someday.

We talked a little bit about "Lean Cuisine" and "Le Menu," and Lu said that her husband and son accuse her of cooking under protest, but this is only true because of her busy schedule. She loves to cook when time allows and especially likes to make special dishes for parties. Here are a few of the recipes:

Jetty's Marinated Vegetables

4 stalks fresh broccoli cut in bite-size pieces
8 large mushrooms, sliced
1 medium green pepper, chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
1 small cauliflower, broken into florettes

Sauce

1 cup sugar
2 t. dry mustard
1 t. salt
½ cup vinegar
½ cup vegetable oil
1 small onion, grated
2 t. poppy seed

Blend sauce and pour over vegetables day before and chill, add mushrooms about 3 hours before serving. (Will darken otherwise).

Hamburger Legs

1 egg, beaten
1 t. salt
½ t. garlic salt
1/4 t. pepper
1/4 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped green peppers
1/4 cup catsup
1 cup cracker crumbs

Mix above ingredients well with 1 lb. ground meat. Roll into 8 logs. Wrap each log with strips of bacon and stick with toothpicks to hold. Broil 15 or 20 minutes or bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. May be served cold and sliced for snacks.

Nut Kisses

4 egg whites
pinch salt
1 cup sugar
½ t. vanilla
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
1 cup chopped dates

Add salt to egg whites and beat mixture until stiff. Add the sugar and vanilla, continue beating only long enough to mix sugar with other ingredients. Stir in the nuts and dates and drop by teaspoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake 25 minutes at 300 degrees.

24 Hour Fruit Salad

3 egg yolks
2 T. sugar
dash salt
2 T. vinegar
2 T. pineapple syrup
1 T. butter

Cook in double boiler until thick, then cool.

1 cup heavy cream, whipped
2 cups pitted cherries
2 cups marshmallows, quartered
2 cups pineapple bits
2 oranges cut in pieces

Put fruit and marshmallows together and fold into custard and whipped cream. Chill for 24 hours.

Party Meatballs

1 large jar grape jelly
1 large jar of chili sauce or spaghetti sauce

Cook down and simmer.

2 lbs. ground meat
3 eggs
2 T. chopped onion

Season with Jane's Crazy Mixed Salt and form into bit-size balls. Brown on all sides. Drain grease and put meatballs into the sauce mixture. Simmer for about 30 minutes. Meatballs may be frozen ahead and placed in the sauce on the day of your party.

Cheese Bars

1 rounded cup sifted flour
1/4 lb. oleo
4 oz. grated sharp cheddar cheese

Cream this mixture and add salt to taste and a dash of cayenne. Roll into balls the size of marbles. Delicious rolled around stuffed olives and baked for 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Oatmeal Banana Nut Bread

½ cup shortening (margarine)
1 cup sugar
2 whole eggs
1 cup mashed bananas
1 t. butter or vanilla flavoring
1½ cup sifted flour
1 t. soda
1¼ t. salt
½ cup 3-Minute Quick Oats
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Cream shortening and sugar well. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Add bananas and mix well. Sift flour, soda and salt, add with oats to creamed mixture. Stir in nuts and flavoring. Pour batter into a greased 9"x5" loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 65 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Sakhardoodles

1 cup soft shortening (part butter)
1½ cups sugar
2 eggs

Mix thoroughly. Sift together and stir in:

3-¾ cups sifted flour
2 t. cream of tarter
1 t. soda
1/4 t. salt

Roll into balls the size of small walnuts. Roll in mixture of 2. T. sugar and 2 t. cinnamon. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake until lightly browned but still soft. Cookies puff up at first, then flatten. 400 degrees, 8-10 minutes, yields 5 dozen 2 inch cookies.

Lissie Vacation Bible School June 3-7

"God's People Empowered by Love" will be the theme for the Lissie United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School to be held June 3-7th. The primary aim of the Bible school will be to help each child to discover how she or he is loved and cared for by God, and how the Bible relates to life. Through loving teachers, leader, and Bible centered literature it is hoped that the aim will speak directly to the basic faith needs of children.

Bible school hours will be from 2:00-3:00 p.m. for nursery and kindergarten and 2:00-5:00 p.m. for children who have completed grades 1 through 6.

Those serving in various responsibilities are: Mark Anderson, song leader; Alice Schmidt, pianist; Anna Mae Wiese, refreshment chairman; Suzanne Corman and Leslie Sunderman, nursery teachers; Pam, Ruth, and Shery Anderson, kindergarten teachers; Becky Anderson, Brenda and Kim Corman, 1st. grade teachers; Maryan Gertson, Michelle Hlavinka and Rhonda Kramr, 3rd , 4th and 5th grade teachers; Rev. E.B. Beasley and Nancy Anderson, 6th grade teachers and Mary Lou Anderson, director.

An open house will be held Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, handcraft projects viewed, and a short program will conclude the week's activities. The highlights of the program will be the children singing and video films of the week's activities.

Children interested in attending the Bible school should call Rev. E.B. Beasley ar 234-2112 or Mary Lou Anderson at 234-3348.

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