

OBITUARY

Sam H. Garza

June 26, 1928 - March 25, 1996



Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, McAllen.

Burial followed in the Valley Memorial Gardens.

Virgil Wilson Mortuary of McAllen was in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Adam, Herbert Jr. and Hector Cavazos, Adam Mercado Jr., and Ruel and Michael Rios. Listed as honorary pallbearers were Jesse R. Rios and Billy Joe Powell.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sam H. Garza, 67, entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 25, 1996 at Edinburg General Hospital.

He was born to Jose and Luz Garza on June 26, 1928 in Eagle Lake.

He met Amalia Cisneros of El Campo and they were married in McAllen in 1958. The couple moved to the Rio Grande Valley in 1973 where he worked for the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers in Santa Rosa, until his retirement in 1991.

A loving husband and father, Sam was a devoted Catholic and spent his life doing good deeds whenever and wherever he could. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and all those whose life he touched.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amalia, in Jan. 1987; and a sister, Vera Hernandez.

Survivors include one son, Sam Garza Jr.; two daughters, Norma L. and Stella Garza, all of McAllen; his dear companion, Elizabeth Rios of Edinburg; three sisters, Josephine Clark, Hope Martinez and Mary Cavazos, all of Eagle Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation and a 7 p.m. rosary at Virgil Wilson Memorial Chapel in McAllen were held on March 26.

Colorado County Go-Texan earns top award, scholarship

The Colorado Area Go Texan Committee was named the top county of District VI by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded to Weimar High School student Fred Hantenstetter, chosen by a Houston scholarship committee as Colorado County's recipient for 1996.

District VI consists of Colorado, Wharton, Victoria, Lavaca, Jackson, Matagorda, DeWitt and Calhoun Counties.

Sixty-one counties, divided into eight districts, compete in Area Go Texan competition.

Points are accumulated for meeting attendance, scholarship entries, ticket sales and event participation.

Each of the 61 counties automatically receives a \$2,500 scholarship. The next step in the Houston competition on Go Texan weekend where points are scored for first through 10th place in each event.

The county with the highest number of winning points in each district wins a \$10,000 scholarship.

First places in photography, girls horseshoes and junior washers; a second place in team penning and an eighth place in men's horseshoes plus participation in every event compiled 124 points for the Colorado County Go Texan Committee, which was also the highest number of points in all the counties tabulated.

Last week, pictures were published of all those who played a role in attaining the scholarship, with the exception of photography winners Keith Webb, Cady Fearing, Suzanne Hurin and Norma Draper.

The Committee applauds all of these participants and reminds everyone that the qualifying events for Houston are held at the Colorado County Fair in Sept.



Members of the Colorado County Area Go Texan committee are, in front, from left, Senior Committeeman Henry Potter, District VI Chairperson Lynda Appelt, Steve Wick, Clinton Mascheck, County Ambassador Vic Corman. Back row Jack Hunter, Holly Waligura, Jim Hilsber, Billy Ray Krenke, Joe Mike Spaniel and Donnie Head. H.S. Photo

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

New organization for Colorado County

In Oct. 1995, a group of Colorado County citizens concerned about ever-increasing tax problems organized to form the Tax Association of Colorado County, TACC (pronounced TAX).

TACC meets the second Thursday of every month in Columbus and is incorporated with the State of Texas with a complete slate of elected officers.

TACC's membership is county-wide and politically diverse.

Fayette, Lavaca and Bastrop Counties, as well as a number of other counties throughout the state, also have active tax organizations in addition to a state organization, TACT, Texas Association of Concerned Taxpayers. All of these organizations are committed to the wise use of our increasingly limited tax dollars and equitable revenue programs that promote and protect the common interests of the taxpayer.

Future plans for TACC include:

participation in the Texas State Legislature hearings on tax reform next year in Austin, involvement in the budget process of taxing entities within Colorado County to voice support for taxpayer's concerns, and a county-wide tax payers' rally featuring the renowned tax scholar, C.A. Stubbs, the "Full Time Texas Tax Watch Dog."

Dates for the rally and future events will be announced and published.

Inquiries concerning TACC can be made by calling 409-732-3302.

Alpha Delta Phi Sorority

Alpha Delta Phi sorority met March 4 at the home of Jean Wiese hosted by Tanya Wiese. An enthusiastic presentation was given by Leslie Matthews about the Atwater Prairie Chicken Festival and everyone was encouraged to attend as many events over the weekend of the festival as possible.

During the business meeting, members discussed various ideas for a food booth for the festival during the Eddy Raven concert. Hot dogs and frito pies were settled upon and Tanya Wiese and Rhonda Anderson agreed to organize a roster and allocate tasks.

Nominations for woman of the Year were also presented and members voted by secret ballot.

Service items were discussed at length, and it was agreed that each meeting members would bring a canned good to be donated to the food pantry which is always in such need of donations.

Further in place of tray favors for the main holidays, it was agreed that our sorority would "adopt" a resident of the Heritage House every month and set out tables and benches for everyone. The yard was divided in two so that the older children would have a more challenging hunt and the younger could have their own area. The hunt was a huge success and an enormous amount of candy was consumed both during and after hunting.

The next meeting was held on March 18 at the new home of Rhonda and Andy Anderson. Rhonda first gave members a tour of the house and everyone was most impressed with their beautiful home.

The program was given by Rhonda and she taught members to make "Boo boo bunnies" (inquiries to Rhonda). Members enjoyed making their bunnies which could also be used to hold Easter eggs.

During the business meeting many items about upcoming events and activities were discussed. First, arrangements for the food booth at the Prairie Chicken Festival were made; members signed up for times and tasks.

Second, the date and arrangements for the Woman of the Year morning tea were finalized as well as plans for the next meeting which was to be an Easter egg hunting party for members, their spouses and children. The Western dance was also discussed. The meeting concluded with a variety of delicious treats provided by Rhonda.

On April 1, Alpha Delta Phi sorority enjoyed a social arranged around an Easter egg hunt for members' children at the home of Jeanne Young.

John and Jeanne Young decorated the yard with lots of fun Easter items and set out tables and benches for everyone. The yard was divided in two so that the older children would have a more challenging hunt and the younger could have their own area. The hunt was a huge success and an enormous amount of candy was consumed both during and after hunting.

Following the Easter egg hunt, members and their families enjoyed hot dogs with all the trimmings (chili, cheese, ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.) as well as frito pies, followed by sponge cake and cup cakes. No one left hungry!

A short meeting was held during which members received Easter gifts from their secret sisters. Many thanks to John and Jeanne for hosting such a well attended and enjoyable event.

Alpha Delta Phi was also delighted that a number of members on leave of absence came with their children.

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ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Tiffany Leanne Owens

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Owens of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born April 1, 1996, at 8:44 a.m. at Columbus Community Hospital.

Tiffany Leanne weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. William Caplin.

She was welcomed home by her sister, Panthera Lynn, age three. Maternal grandparents are Lupe and Raquel Torrez of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Gladys Moore of Columbus and the late Fred Owens.

Her mom is the former Jennifer Torrez.

Selena Katelyn Perez

David and Rhonda Perez of Altair announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born March 26, 1996, at 11:02 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Selena Katelyn weighed six pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth. Drs. Raymond and Russell Thomas were attending physicians.

She was welcomed home by Taylor Nicole, Xavier and Robbie. Maternal grandparents are Dorothy and Julian Flores of Eagle Lake and William and Joyce Hodde of Lissie.

Paternal grandparents are Joe Perez of Altair and Sara Perez of Houston. The young lady's great grandmother is Lucille Jacobs of Edna and her great-great grandmother is Erma Burris also of Edna.

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RAIDER REVIEW

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By Rachelle Kallina

The Rice FFA held their monthly meeting on March 25. On the agenda was the election of officers for the 1996-97 school year.

The new officers elected for the upcoming year are as follows: President, Jenny Hajovsky; Vice-president, Cody Cerny; Secretary, Stephanie Thompson; Treasurer, Justin Rodgers; Sentinel, Cliff Cerny and Chaplain, Brooke Cranek.

Other items discussed included the FFA Banquet which will be held on April 25.

It was also mentioned that the state convention will be held in Houston from June 9 through June 12.

On Saturday, March 30, Frances Mrkwa, Scott Bitter, Cranek, and Michelle Spaniel competed in the Area III Livestock Judging contest at Texas A&M in College Station. The competition consisted of 63 teams.

On April 1, District III FFA officer elections were held in Sealy. Voting delegates included Mrkwa and Amy Obenaus.

Congratulations new officers, we know you'll do a great job.



Newly-elected 1996-97 Rice FFA officers.

PALS attend state convention

By Nikki Fuller

On March 29 and 30, many members of the Rice High School Peer Assistance and Leadership class attended the state convention which was held in Austin.

During their stay, they interacted with different schools from around the state.

The PALS learned a little more about what the PAL program is all about and how one person can make a difference.

Friday night they were entertained by "Patsy Tonda Positive Force Tour," and ended the night with a dance at Palmer Auditorium.

Saturday was another night filled with family group activities, workshops and community service projects.

Some of the community service projects included: picking up trash to be recycled around the Townlake area, planting vegetable and rose gardens at the Capital City Nursing Home or flying kites with the elderly.

Jorge Hernandez commented, "It was a highly enlightening experience."

The PALS would like to thank our sponsors, Mrs. Wied, Ms. Holden and Mrs. Pustejovsky, for taking time to drive the bus.

The LCRA operates 3,212 miles of electric transmission lines. That's a round trip from Smithville to Philadelphia.



Who's Zat?

By Marcie Till

Just look at this cute, little cowboy! Isn't he adorable wearing those big, huge, cowboy boots? I wonder who this toddler could be?

This question puzzled very few people. The only clue given was that this cutie is a senior at Rice High School.

Dana Leopold and Mr. Hajovsky mistakenly thought that sweet, innocent face belonged to Chad Wesselski.

George Weller had no idea who those baby-blue eyes belonged to.

However, Bridget Baird, Risa Waddell, Kelli Mathys, Amy Obenaus, Robyn Rucka, Carrie Engstrom, Frances Mrkwa, Rachelle Kallina, Ryan Till, Brent Schneider and Cody Cerny knew this little, blue-eyed cowboy had to be Wesley Leopold.

Wesley is an active member of the Rice Club and FFA.

He likes to rope, party and go out with friends.

Wesley is the son of Robert and Barbara Leopold of Nada.

Blood drive time

By Rebecca Burrow

The Rice High School Student Council will hold its annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 17.

This year, the drive will begin at 8 a.m. and last until 5 p.m. to accommodate those who may have to work but would like to give.

It will be held in the Rice High School gym.

Everyone over the age of 17 and weighing at least 105 pounds is encouraged to donate, provided they have no medical limitations.

If you have any questions please contact Jeannette Volkmer, Student Council sponsor, at 234-3535.

RHS teacher receives grant

By Carrie Engstrom

Laurid Broughton, RHS English II teacher, received the 1996 National Endowment for the Arts Research Grant.

Broughton will attend a formal seminar at Stanford University with 14 other secondary and college instructors from across the country.

The basic focus of discussion will be "Classical and Iconographic Traditions in the major works and John Milton."

Broughton commented, "For the most part, I'll be using their libraries to expand my master's thesis which deals with the concept of literary cinematography and Milton's effect on the early works of Sergei Eisenstein."

"I'm really looking forward to this. Travel is an education in itself, and if I can travel and study at the same time, that's the best of both worlds."

Rice High School congratulates Ms. Broughton on this outstanding accomplishment.

Meet the Raider

By Robyn Rucka

The spotlight this week is on third baseman for the Raider Varsity Baseball team, Pete Rangel.

Wearing jersey #3, Pete believes that the players on the team help each other out to bring out all of their talents. He stated that they "play together as a team."

When asked how he felt about the team's potential to win in district, Pete commented, "We should be able to come out on top if we start to take things more seriously and continue to practice hard."

Pete enjoys working with the coaching staff. He thinks that both coaches, Troy Holcomb and Greg Carrera, are really trying to get something going for the team. Pete also gives credit to Coach Carrera for being the best motivator. Pete remarked that Carrera keeps believing in the team and never lets the boys get down.

Pete also participates in football, powerlifting and track. In his spare time, he enjoys going out with his girlfriend.

Pete is the son of Rafael and Graciela Rangel of Rock Island.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Steven J. Polach

... a 1992 graduate of Rice High School, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, which included duty in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia.

Polach is one of more than 3,000 sailors and marines aboard the ship who completed the 45,000-mile voyage. Polach's ship led the three-ship USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), which also included the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport, the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

He joined the Navy in Feb. 1995.

Child Abuse Prevention Month proclaimed in Colorado County

WHEREAS, child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting great numbers of children; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and secure; and

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Canker sores, also called mouth sores or aphthous ulcers, are breaks in the soft lining of the mouth that covers the sensitive tissue beneath. They appear as yellow spots with red borders. Canker sores often occur when you have been sick or under a lot of stress. These ulcers also can occur as a result of trauma to tissue caused by eating hot food or damaging tissue with a toothbrush. Canker sores also can occur due to certain viruses that first form blisters inside the mouth.

According to research conducted at the University of Oslo in Norway, an ingredient in many toothpastes also may cause canker sores. This ingredient, sodium lauryl sulfate (SLS), is a synthetic detergent used by toothpaste manufacturers. A group of 10 individuals with recurrent canker sores used toothpaste containing SLS for 3 months, followed by a toothpaste without SLS for another 3 months. There was a significant decrease in the number of mouth sores reported during the time when toothpaste without SLS was used. Researchers speculate that SLS may dry-out the protective mucous lining of the mouth, making it vulnerable to irritation and ulcer formation. SLS-free toothpastes are recommended for persons with a history of recurring mouth sores.