

Fair offers cook-offs, parade

by Tammy Jones

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On Saturday, only twenty-five miles from College Station, you can find a county fair — complete with chili cook-offs, barrel racing and a parade.

The Burleson County Fair begins Saturday and will run through Sept. 18 at the Burleson County Fair Grounds in Caldwell.

The 35th annual county fair also will feature Sheri Ryman, Miss Texas 1981 and an industrial distribution major at Texas A&M University, as Grand Marshall of the fair parade. The parade is scheduled for Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Caldwell.

The Burleson fair will run almost continuously from the beginning of the first event Saturday — the Chili and Barbe-

que Cook-Off.

The entry fee for the cook-off is \$5 for the Chili Cook-Off and \$15 for the Barbecue Cook-Off.

Twenty-two trophies will be given away to winners in the two cook-offs. Winners will be divided between Burleson County residents and out-of-county residents.

Entry fees must be paid by 10 a.m. Saturday, said Tom Wilkinson, Jr., member of the Calwell Chamber of Commerce and the Burleson Fair Association.

In addition, Wilkinson said, 22 trophies will be given away to winners in these two events. Winners will be divided between Burleson County residents and out-of-county residents, he said.

Among the cook-off judges for both cook offs will be representatives from the Bryan-College Eagle and local radio stations, Wilkinson said. Spectators pay \$1 to sample the chili and other refreshments provided by the contestants, he said.

The fair association is expecting this variety of events to draw the largest crowd in the 35 years of Burleson County fairs, Wilkinson said.

"We are hoping for the largest turnout ever," Wilkinson said. Caldwell is located off High-

way 21, southwest of College Station.

Admission to the fair is \$3 per day; children under 12 are admitted free. The championship roping and barrel racing will be \$1 per person. A season pass covering all admissions throughout the week can be purchased for \$10 at the gate, Barnett said.

Along with the Chili and Barbeque Cook Off, the Burleson fair will include many other events with a few highlights:

- Saturday**
- Chili Cook-Off 1p.m.
- Barbeque Cook-Off 3p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Championship Roping and Barrel Racing 7p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Queen's Coronation and Dance 8p.m.-midnight

Thursday

- Swine Judging 8a.m.
- Farm Produce Judging ... 9a.m.
- Poultry Judging 10:30a.m.
- Rabbit Judging 12:30p.m.
- Parade 4:30p.m.
- Dance 8p.m.-midnight

Friday

- Breeding Beef Judging ... 9a.m.
- Dairy Judging noon
- Dance 8p.m.-midnight

Saturday, Sept. 18

- Pet Show 10a.m.
- Youth Livestock Auction 6:30p.m.
- Outdoors Dance 7p.m.-11p.m.
- Dance 8p.m.-midnight

For more information call the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce at (713) 567-3218.

Live Monty Python film belongs in graveyard

by Gary Barker

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So you like Monty Python eh? Nudge, nudge, wink, wink. Know what I mean? Know what I mean? Say no more. Say no more.

The new Monty Python movie, "Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl," is here and if you're an intellectual midget, you could do better than see this movie.

In short, I would say this is a dead movie. Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Michael Palin and Terry Jones didn't even bother nailing this one to the perch.

Don't be misled by the title, "Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl," is really a film of Monty Python dead at the Hollywood Bowl.

Now, I like Monty Python as much as the average git. "Monty



Python and the Holy Grail" is certainly one of the best and funniest comedies ever made. "And Now for Something Completely Different" is a wonderful compilation of Monty Python skits. And the British comedy team's television show and records have delighted audiences, both American and British, for years.

"Hollywood Bowl" is the film version of a live Monty Python

stage show at the Hollywood Bowl. The stage show was largely a "best of" type show with some new films of skits shown to liven it up. They failed.

The problem with the movie is not the material. The Argument Clinic skit, the Crunchy Frog candy skit and the Lumberjack song are funny no matter how many times you see them. The problem lies with the players. It is obvious that they have performed these skits for years — and they're tired of them.

Oh, sure, they threw in a few new lines aimed towards the Southern California lifestyle, but that wasn't enough.

So, if you like Monty Python, go see "Holy Grail" again or "Something Different" or see reruns of the show, but avoid this movie. Its metabolic functions have ceased. It has gone to meet its maker. This is an ex-movie.

Only true fans will appreciate Travis McGee's latest venture

MacDonald, John D. *Cinnamon Skin*. Harper and Row, New York. 1982

This is MacDonald's latest in a series of 20 novels about Travis McGee, a wealthy man-about-town whose life as a self-proclaimed private detective makes Ellery Queen's look dull by comparison.

In this adventure, McGee's long-time friend Meyer faces tragedy when his houseboat, the *John Maynard Keynes*, is blown up with Norma and Evan Lawrence, Meyer's niece and her new husband, apparently aboard. Meyer is in Toronto lecturing on economics at the time, and lends them the *Keynes* for their honeymoon.

While trying to find out who

blew up the *Keynes*, McGee and Meyer learn that Evan Lawrence was not actually aboard at the time of the explosion. Their search for him takes them from Florida to Texas, New York to Mexico. They try to piece together the events of Lawrence's life and uncover a rather unpleasant past.

The book is pleasant, but tends to be one very long chase scene with a not-too-surprising finale. Travis McGee fans probably will enjoy it since new people in McGee's life are introduced and old acquaintances part company. But I had never read a McGee novel before and I doubt I ever will again.

— Janet G. Joyce



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Coming up on campus Rumours

Punk, the music of the 80's, will have it's chance to shine on campus this weekend. So if you like punk, get ready to be-bop Saturday night at Rumours.

Really Red, a group from Houston, will be the feature band. The new wave/punk group plays at The Island, a new wave club in Houston.

To get your tennis shoes warmed up, The My-Dolls will be the opening band. And yes, you guessed it, the punk group is all female.

Tickets are \$3.00 and are sold at Rumours, which is behind the MSC Post Office. The shows start at 9 p.m.

CAMAC

The MSC Committee for Awareness of Mexican American Cultures will be celebrating Mexican Independence Day by presenting a Mariachi music program.

Mariachi Santa Cecilia, a mariachi band from San Antonio, will give a free performance Thursday in front of Rudder fountain from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Coming up later this semester, CAMAC will be sponsoring a performance by Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico, a dance company who recently performed at the 1982 World's Fair.

"CAMAC will be presenting many programs this year to try and share aspects of the Mexican-American culture with the community," Deborah Molina, CAMAC treasurer, said. "Our programs are designed to create a better understanding of the heritage and culture of Mexican-Americans."

Craft Center

Registration for workshops in woodworking, pottery, glass and fiber arts at the MSC Craft Center will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at the center.

The craft center, located in the basement of the MSC, has work areas and tools for projects involving wood, glass, clay and other materials. Access to work areas and tools requires a craft card, which can be bought on a semester basis. The craft center offers these facilities, as well as classes.

"The craft center is where you can do things yourself and not where you have things done for you," said Wayne Helton, manager of the Craft Center.

Along with those, workshops in bicycle repair, matting and framing, and painting will be offered.

For further information about registration, call the MSC Craft Center at 845-1631.