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**DAVID AMRAM** leads one of his famous Amram Jam's at the Kerrville Folk Festival in which members of the audience become members of his "orchestra" clapping and singing in counter rhythms and harmonies. Fun and informality are featured at the Festival, which celebrates it's 15th anniversary, May 22-June 1.

*15th Anniversary Kerrville Folk Festival...*

## The nation's songwriters, folk fans gather at Quiet Valley Ranch

Singer songwriters from all over Texas and the nation will gather again at Rod Kennedy's Quiet Valley Ranch for the 15th Anniversary Kerrville Folk Festival beginning Thursday, May 22.

Many of the old favorites will return for the 11-day celebration of original songs, including Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary), Jerry Jeff Walker, Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt, Allen Damon, Carolyn Hester, and Nanci Griffith, returning from a triumphant Carnegie Hall debut.

Other performers this year include Gary F. Nunn, Riders in the Sky, Marcia Ball (all on opening night), Ray Wylie Hubbard, Odette, Shake Russell, Steven Fromholz, Bob Gibson, David Amram and Bobby Briger, plus more than 40 others (and 40 emerging songwriters in the New Folk concert).

Coming to the festival this year for the first time are last year's top New Folk winner Darden Smith of Austin, plus New Hampshire's Tom Rush, Nashville's Richard Dobson and Pat Alger, New York's Frank Christain and Eric Anderson, Shawn Phillips and Katy Moffat of Fort Worth, and Angela Strehli and her blues band from Austin.

Because camping at the ranch is free with a three-day ticket, thousands enjoy camping out and singing around the campfires. In fact, many of the fans come for five, eight and 11 days and make an annual vacation out of the festival.

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## Banker gives \$500,000 in matching grant

A Kerrville family, F. O'Neil and Elaine Griffin, has pledged \$500,000 toward incentive grants to inspire new, increased and sustained participation in the Hill Country College Fund Trust, a financial aid program which provides tuition assistance to Schreiner College students from Kerr, Kimble, Kendall, Bandera, Edwards, Real and Gillespie counties. The challenge fund will be used to match Hill Country citizen's gifts to the HCCF for the next four years.

"We feel any young person who has the ambition or ability to go to college should be given the opportunity," said Griffin, who serves on the Schreiner College Board of Trustees.

Guidelines established for the challenge fund are based on new, repeated and increased gifts, each earning contributions in the amounts of \$100, \$200 and \$300, respectively. In addition, if 100 participants in the HCCF make two-year commitments of any size, Schreiner will receive a bonus of \$5,000. And, if the HCCF grows by 10 percent in total donors, an additional \$10,000 contribution will go to the endowment.

As one of 10 children who grew up on an Arkansas farm, Neil Griffin appreciates the difficulty parents face in financing their children's educations. In fact, the Kerrville banker believes that he had not had the benefit of the G.I. Bill, he might not have earned a college degree himself.

Griffin entered the Navy in 1943 after high school and did not attend college until he had completed two-and-a-half years of military service in World War II. Receiving a bachelor of science degree from Arkansas State University in 1948, Griffin continued graduate studies in accounting at the University of Texas. In 1950, he became a Certified Public Accountant in Texas.

An advocate of the free enterprise system, Griffin has spent more than two decades in investment commercial banking. From 1971 to 1975, he served as vice chairman of the First City Bancorporation in Houston. Moving to Denver in 1975, Griffin and a group of friends purchased control of Mountain Banks, Ltd., and he became its chairman and chief executive officer. When this multibank holding company was liquidated in 1982, the Griffins returned to Texas and bought a weekend home in Kerrville, making it their principal residence a year later.

Griffin bought the First National Bank of Kerrville in 1983 and serves as Chairman of the Board. He is also a director of

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## College trustees celebrate \$33 million halfway point

Jack Lander, Schreiner College Board of Trustees member and former student from Houston who is serving as chairman of the college's capital campaign, announced Sunday that gifts and pledges toward a \$33 million expansion program now exceeds \$15 million. Approximately 300 guests from the Hill Country and other Texas cities gathered at the home of Virginia Ruth and Jack Clarke on May 18 to celebrate developments of Schreiner's largest fund-raising effort in the college's history.

Guests received booklets which explain why the \$33 million campaign was initiated and what goals will be accomplished when the campaign is successfully concluded.

Phase I - a \$13 million effort funded by the state - includes construction of the William Logan Library expansion, the Robert B. Trull Residence Center, The Rex Kelly Pavilion, and extensive paving and landscaping. In addition, almost \$3 million has been added to the college's endowment to provide permanent funds for scholarships, lecture series, faculty development, and building maintenance.

Phase II - a \$20 million effort - includes approximately \$9 million in endowment funds, \$3 million in operating monies, and several renovation and expansion projects totaling \$3 million.

Lander announced two immediate projects of special interest to Hill Country audiences.

The School of Creative Arts, a \$2.9 million project, will include a 15,000 square foot facility and innovative programming to include Hill Country citizens in weekend workshops, special lectures, etc. The administration must secure approximately \$2 million in gifts and pledges for start-up costs, architect's fees, and construction before building contracts are let.

The second project with special benefit to Hill Country citizens is a commitment to secure \$2.5 million for endowed financial aid. Such a program would enable Schreiner College to sustain the Hill Country Tuition Grants and other scholarships by which more than 200 regional students are assisted each year.

In addition, Lander announced a \$500,000 challenge fund pledged by Schreiner trustee F. O'Neil Griffin and his wife, Elaine. The fund will be used as incentive grants to match Hill Country citizens' gifts to the Hill Country College Funds (HCCF) of 1986 through 1989. Unlike any other scholarship program known in the nation, the HCCF provides tuition assistance to Schreiner College students from Kerr, Kimble, Kendall, Bandera, Edwards, Real, and Gillespie counties.

Everett Marley, chairman of Schreiner's Board of Trustees, welcomed the group to the Clarke Ranch. President Sam Junkin introduced special visitors from throughout the state including Carol McDonald, president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT), as well as two San Antonio businessmen.

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## Junk or old, worn out and discarded?

By Darron Spohn

The Kerrville Planning and Zoning Commission delayed action last week on a proposed junkyard ordinance. The commissioners decided the wording needed tuning to assure that the ordinance requires junkyard owners to fence their yards with good materials, not cheap metal fences.

"One of the items that brought about this whole thing is the situation on Peterson Drive," Larry Vetter, city planning director, said Thursday. "I don't know if we should cover that under a special use permit or a commercial zone. I'd hate to pass this junkyard ordinance and not cover the item on Peterson Drive."

Nancy Schroeder, assistant city attorney, told the commission that she researched court cases to find a legal definition of junk, and recommended addressing the fencing requirements in the zoning ordinance, not under a special use permit.

"I think the key is calling it 'old, worn out and discarded,' rather than 'second hand.' Just because it is second hand does not mean it is junk. The junk does include dismantled or wrecked automobiles," she said.

"I think the main idea is the fence does not look as bad as the junk behind it," Vetter added.

The commissioners decided to discuss the ordinance further at their workshop at 3 p.m. Thursday, in the City Hall council chambers.

The commission approved a preliminary plan for the Kerrville Independent School District, at Ranchero Road and Valley View Drive, the site of the proposed Chester Nimitz

## Judge halts pipeline construction

Construction of the All American Pipeline, which would cross Kerr County and a segment of the Edwards aquifer, has been delayed.

U.S. District Judge James Nowlin accepted an agreement in the lawsuit filed by the state against the All American Pipeline Co. and the federal Bureau of Land Management.

Residents of Kerr, Travis, Hays, and Gillespie counties opposed the last leg of the All American Pipeline, whose proposed route would take it through an area where the Edwards aquifer receives part of its water supply. The 1,650-mile pipeline would carry crude oil from California to refineries near Houston.

Under the agreement, the Bureau of Land Management will study the route over the water recharge zone as well as alternative routes. The agreement also calls for public hearings during the study process.

Officials said the data-gathering process will delay, for almost a year, construction on the 460-mile Texas segment, east of McCamey.

## Weather

A high of 78 degrees, a low of 43 degrees was recorded by the U.S.D.A. U.S. Official Weather Observers. The barometric pressure ranged from 29.77 to 30.11 and the relative humidity ranged from 26 to 77 percent. For the same period of time in 1985 the high was 62 and the low was 51.

The high is recorded for the preceding 24 hours.

	High	Low	Rain
May 17	73	70	.03
May 18	74	45	.07
May 19	72	43	.00
May 20	78	46	.00

**THIS ONE WILL MAKE a big dinner.** Leroy Klein stopped by the office Monday to show us this 40-pound catfish he caught in the Guadalupe River.