

Columbus Garbage Worker Is Killed, Run Over By Truck

One sanitation department worker was killed and another injured in a fatal truck accident Tuesday morning involving a garbage truck in the city of Columbus and city officials have initiated a "very thorough investigation" to determine cause of the accident.

Robert Junious, 34, of Columbus, was the victim of the accident which occurred about 9:40 a.m. Tuesday when a garbage truck backed over him. A co-worker, Kenneth Scott, 32, also of Columbus, received a contusion of the hip and remained in the Columbus Hospital overnight for observation, according to Columbus Chief of Police Tom Wine.

According to the report of the investigating officer, the truck was being driven north on Milam Street on a routine run and had backed into a position to load the truck. The driver, said the report, exited the truck to help load the truck and after it had been loaded, pushed a lever to start the hydraulic packer unit, which also accelerates the engine. At the same time the truck took off in reverse, resulting in the fatal injuries to Junious and the injuries to Scott, said the investigating officer's report. Driver of the truck was not injured in the accident.

Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt held an inquest at the scene of the accident.

Chief Wine indicated that a "very thorough investigation" into the incident is underway.

City Budget

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new funding in which some shuffling of funds took place. Jeff Franks spoke on behalf of the City Ball Park and urged the council to consider increasing funds allocated for its operation. The council, after considering the request, upped the funding for the park by \$2,000 raising the total parks and recreation budget to \$12,250. The Eagle Lake Recreation Center will receive \$8,000 of that total.

To avoid raising the figure of the overall city budget, councilman Gene Baker recommended, and it was approved, that the \$2,000 be shifted from the "other" category in Administration operational expenses to the Parks and Recreation fund.

Another request removed \$3,000 from the Fire Department operating expenses and placed it into the administration personnel category. The funds actually were budgeted to cover attorney fees, if needed. However, the city would be responsible for those fees, according to the mayor, so \$3,000 was shifted from the Fire Department into the administration budget.

Other Action

In other action on Tuesday night the council:

- Tabled action on a rate increase request from Central Power and Light Company;
- Tabled action on a decision on regulating use of sidewalks by merchants in the downtown area;
- Authorized the city manager to call for bids for the street paving program;
- Approved use of the downtown "city square" and Municipal Building foyer by the Xi Pi Psi Sorority for its annual art show on April 30 and May 1st;
- Heard a request for city water and sewer services to the Lakeside Lots Subdivision, but took no action;
- Read a letter of thanks from the Winterman Library for the city's annual contribution;
- Authorized withdrawal of \$11,000 from Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan in Columbus where it was drawing 5 1/2% interest and recommended reinvesting the funds in a certificate of deposit or money market certificate in the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

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Rice School Board Has Busy Agenda

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the committee by their peers and serve with Principal David Mims and Supt. King in reviewing the discipline policies. The superintendent indicated that suggestions other than those on discipline can be expected to be recommended to the board for its consideration at a later date.

Mrs. Betty Layton appeared before the board to complain about the "harsh treatment" she received when called to appear at the Rice High School in accordance with the district's policy on attendance. The policy stated that parents must appear for a counseling session with the principal after ten days of absences (excused or otherwise) and 15

of guilty from Roland Rodriguez to a charge of burglary of the Weimar Dairy Queen. Rodriguez was indicted along with Antonio Garibay and Roy Garibay, and charged in the burglary. Indictments were re-issued against the two Garibays by the February grand jury in reconvened session Monday.

Rodriguez was given a term of from two to four years in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Mistrial Ruled in Trial Tues.

Ralph White, one of two persons arrested on Nov. 28th, 1981, and indicted for burglary of Johnny's Sport Shop on Boothe Drive in Eagle Lake, requested a jury trial in district court Tuesday but the case ended in a mistrial.

District Judge E. W. Patterson presided at the trial. Jurors were selected Tuesday morning and the court adjourned until 1:00 p.m. White did not appear at that time as ordered, hence Judge Patterson ordered his bond forfeited, that a warrant be issued for his arrest, and declared a mistrial in the case.

At 1:30, about five minutes after the judge's decision, White showed up but Judge Patterson ordered him placed in county jail until such time as a new trial date could be set.

Ralph White and Jimmy Lee White were arrested by Eagle Lake officers after the men tripped an alarm while making an entry at Johnny's Sport Shop. In their haste to get away from the officers they wrecked their car and were arrested. Jimmy Lee White's case was handled separately from that of Ralph White.

Sentence in TDC

In other action Tuesday, Judge Patterson heard a plea

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Three newly elected trustees of the Rice Consolidated School District Board of Education are shown taking oath of office at the board's meeting Tuesday night. They are, left to right, Bill Appelt, Eagle Lake Position 1; Billy Helmer, Garwood Position 2; and Reggie Briscoe, Sheridan Position 3.

teachers on Fridays (they are not required to remain on campus until 3:30 p.m. while students depart slightly earlier) and a possible change in the pay date. After discussing the matter, the board decided to allow campus principals to permit earlier dismissals of teachers in justified cases; and decided to poll the teachers to see if they preferred to get pay checks on another date other than the third Friday as is the practice now. But the board did not favor issuing the pay checks more than once a month.

Because of the lateness of the meeting and our early

Auditions For Stafford Opera House Theatre

The Stafford Opera House Theatre Group will be hearing auditions for their presentation of the "Grand Little 'Ole Opry" on Sundays, April 18 and 25th at 3:00 p.m. at the old Stafford Opera House in Columbus.

"Grand Little 'Ole Opry" will be staged during the annual Magnolia Homes Tour weekend, May 15 and 16th.

Bake Sale Friday

A bake sale will be held Friday, April 16 from 10:00 to 3:00 in front of the Rice Drug Store for the benefit of Mrs. Joie Castellanos. Your patronage will be appreciated.

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SW Bell Trying To Combat Losses On 3rd-Number Calls

A program to combat billing losses on third-number calls from public telephones which amounted to more than \$1.25 million last year has been started by Southwestern Bell.

Operators are now attempting to contact someone at the billed number for authorization prior to completing the call.

This verification process takes about 30 seconds, Dick Oldmixon, manager, said. "We hope to hold the inconvenience to the legitimate caller to an absolute minimum, but we have no choice. We have been spot-checking third-number calls from public telephones for some time, but the cheating continues to increase."

Oldmixon said if the party at the third number refuses to pay for the call the caller will be asked to make other arrangements.

William Wray, general security manager for Southwestern Bell in Houston, said fraudulently billed third-number calls in the Southeast Texas area increased 50 percent last year. "The national average is about 12 percent, but our problem is much more serious here."

In 1981, more than 1,100 cases involving fraudulent third number billing were referred to company security forces here, Wray said. "There were five arrests and six convictions last year, so we need the help verification will provide. We want to cut down on the inconvenience of having fraudulently billed calls appear on our customers' bills and the expense that our honest customers are bearing for the deeds of dishonest people."

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First Annual Senior Citizens Olympics Scheduled May 5th

Senior Citizens 60 years of age or older in the 12-county H-GAO aging services region are being encouraged to participate in the first Annual Senior Citizens Olympics.

The Senior Citizens Olympics is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 5 in Texas City, but the deadline for registration to take part in one or more of the 13 different events is Thursday, April 15.

Being held as a part of the observance of Older Americans Month across the nation, the Senior Citizens Olympics will help promote physical fitness and well-being among older Americans as well as increase the public's awareness of the physical and mental capabilities of citizens 60 years of age or older.

The Olympics will be held at the Nessler Center, 2010 5th Avenue North in Texas City from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5.

A total of 13 events have been scheduled. These include physical events such as Basketball Shooting, Balloon-Busting Relay, Softball Throw, Ping-Pong, Horse-shoes, Swimming, Dance Contest, Marathon Walk as well as games such as Dominoes, 42, Checkers and a Spelling Bee. There will be a team as well as individual events.

Counties in the area which expect to enter contestants in the Olympics are Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller and Wharton.

Registration information can be obtained prior to the April 15th entry deadline from local senior citizens programs and agencies in any of the 12 counties or through the Houston-Galveston Area Council by writing P. O. Box 22777, Houston, Texas 77027 or telephoning (713) 627-3200, ext. 225.

Citizens Over 60 Urged To Participate In Activities

The coordinator of the Colorado County Golden Age Center in Columbus, Sheila Williams, says she would like to remind all of the Senior Citizens that everyone over 60 is eligible for senior citizen services.

"We have all types of activities that you may be interested in and would like to get involved in. There may even be something that you can share with others. So check your calendar for birthday parties, contests, games, movies, discussions, cooking classes, exercise classes, covered dish parties and other exciting things in the future," Williams stated.

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Back The Raiders

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High Protein Grass

Which grass has the best protein content for use in Colorado County? Actually, protein content of a grass is influenced mainly by two factors: amount of fertilizer it receives and stage of maturity.

Fertilizer increases protein content. Nitrogen has been recognized for a long time to be important. The more nitrogen applied, the higher the protein content. Phosphorus and potassium also are important.

Planting dates are set in certain parts of the state as part of the control program of the Texas Plant Bollworm Act, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Brown said.

The program includes planting and plow-up dates determined to be the most beneficial in fighting the pest.

Brown advised farmers in the area to complete planting as soon as possible so that desiccation and stalk destruction can be on schedule, which should reduce bollworm populations in future years.

Make the Connection

The Sixth Annual Struss Invitational Bass Tournament has been scheduled for April 24 and 25 at the San Rayburn Reservoir, according to sponsors Sid and Barbara Struss of Houston.

The build-up towards this year's event started taking place about six months ago and estimates at this time indicate about 300 fishermen will participate, say the sponsors.

All entries in the tournament should be received by April 5th so fishermen should call (713) 495-8222 if interested in participating.

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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent, Colorado County)

White Grub Damage Shows Up As Dead Spots

White grub damage is beginning to express itself as dead spots in lawns. This is quite evident in the "green up" in the spring. This is a damage and can not be cured at this time. Treatment for grub control is not effective at this time. Treatment with Diazinon or heavier rates of wettable sealers are effective during the June to mid August period of the year.

The "June bugs" or more correctly called May beetles are emerging from the white grubs which serve as their larval stage. The adult May beetle eggs were laid two years ago which complicates the home owners understanding of their life cycle. The primary damage to the home lawn is done by the feeding grubs on the grass roots during the fall and winter prior to the spring of their emergence as an adult beetle.

Observations have shown that lawns near area night lights tend to have more grub damage as the adults are attracted by light. In the end there is more egg laying in those lighted lawns.

More details on white grub control may be obtained by contacting the county Extension office.

Lions Selling Tickets To Golf Tourney BBQ May 2

Eagle Lake Lions Club members are selling tickets to a barbecue which will be held in conjunction with the club's annual invitational golf tournament at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center on May 2nd.

The barbecued chicken dinners will cost \$3.50 and serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You may dine in the pretty picnic area at the Center or there will be a fast "to go" line on Partridge Lane if you wish to take your plates home.

Tickets to the barbecue dinner may be obtained from any Lion but they must be purchased no later than Thursday, April 29 so that proper arrangements can be made for the large crowd anticipated.

Golfers who compete in the tournament will be given tickets to the dinner. All extra tickets are \$3.50 each.

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Postoffice Selling New Birds & Flowers Of States Stamps Wed.

Postoffices throughout the United States began selling one of the most beautiful commemorative collections ever offered by the United States Postal Service this Wednesday, April 14th, with the sale of the 50-cent "Birds and Flowers of the States" collection. Each sheet of the stamps has fifty beautiful illustrations of the state bird and state flower for each of the fifty states.

First day cancellations are being made at the local postoffices this Wed., April 14th, although the stamps will remain on sale for some time thereafter.

A promotional folder will be given with each sale of the panes of 50 stamps, beginning this Wednesday and as long as the supply lasts said Eagle Lake Postmaster Robert S. Martin.

Postmaster Martin commented that each of the 50 State Bird and Flower stamps is a masterpiece in miniature. Arthur and Alan Singer, a father and son team, designed the stamp issue for the United States Postal Service.

Hand stamping for the first day of issue only will be available at the local postoffices. For first day and state capital cancellations after April 14th, customers can enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of the items under cover. These requests must be postmarked by May 29th. Such first day cancellation requests should be addressed to Birds & Flowers Stamps, Postmaster, Washington, D. C. 20066-9991. State capital cancellations should be addressed to Birds and Flowers, care of Postmaster, Austin, Texas 78710-9991.

Huston-Tillotson Alumni To Sponsor Walk-a-thon, Cage Game

Alumni of Huston-Tillotson College in the Gulf Coast area will sponsor a Walk-a-thon and a Benefit Basketball game on Saturday, April 24, 1982. The 5 mile Walk-a-thon will begin at 8:30 a.m. starting at the intersection of Highway 90A and 3013. The basketball game will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School Gymnasium.

Members are asking your support in these activities. Please plan to enjoy an evening of fun in the Middle School Gym. Appelt's Angels and her team members will compete against Shorter's Hot Shots. A semi-pro team of men from Houston will be competing against a team of men in our area. (Rice High School graduates and ex-students.)

For information about the activities in Eagle Lake contact Mrs. Claudine B. Shorter 234-2778; Columbus area contact Mrs. Dorothy C. Fitzgerald 752-2778; Altair area contact Mrs. Ethel S. Ward 234-3662 after 4:30 p.m. Funds raised will be used to support Huston-Tillotson College to supplement funds pledged by the National Alumni Association members. Pledged funds will be matched by The Bush Foundation. Great if the alumni members meet their quota.

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