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Democratic Party Second Primary Election Dos Eleccion Primaria del Partido Democratico (CONDADO DE) COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

JUNE 5, 1982 (5 DE JUNO DE 1982)

Sample Ballot

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. Vota por el candidato de su preferencia para cada candidatura marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.

I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominee of this primary. (Yo soy Demócrata y comprometo mi apoyo a el candidato nombrado de esta primaria.)

Attorney General
(Procurador General)

- ☐ JOHN HANNAH
☐ JIM MATTOX

Commissioner of General Land Office
(Comisionado de la Oficina General de Terrenos)

- ☐ GARRY MAURO
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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 1)

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 2)

- ☐ BILL BLACK
☐ CHUCK MILLER

Saturday election day -- Again!

Four political races will be decided Saturday in the run-off election as part of the Democratic Party primary process. Above is a copy of the ballot voters will face when they go to the polls between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Eagle Lake, and elsewhere in Colorado County, polling places will be the same, according to the polling place will be at the Community Center, at the corner of Main and Walnut Streets.

Elsewhere in Colorado County, polling places will be the same, according to the polling place will be at the Community Clerk Lester Schneider.

Deaths mar holiday weekend

One traffic fatality in Eagle Lake and two near Columbus marred the holiday weekend locally. Lee Maeckel, Sr., 82, died Sunday evening when a train struck the car in which he was a passenger. Clint and Carl Venghaus died Saturday on County Road 106.

According to the police report here, a westbound Southern Pacific freight train struck the passenger side of a vehicle driven by Mr. Maeckel's son-in-law, Roland

Harbers, 63. They were northbound on Lake St.

Also injured were Harbers' wife, Eula Lee "Fritzie" Harbers, 59, and Mr. Maeckel's wife, Laura Maeckel, 78. They were treated at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The train traveling about 10-15 miles per hour, according to conductor G. B. Lee of Houston, stopped about a block and a half past the scene. The car, a 1975

Gran Torino, was flipped over, police said.

Investigating officer was Ronnie Frankum, assisted by Sgt. Gil Steen, Police Chief Earl Winebrenner, and a Sheriff's Deputy.

Funeral Services Held Wed.

Final rites for Lee Maeckel, victim of a tragic auto and train collision here late Sunday evening, were held from the chapel of the Koenig

Funeral Home in La Grange at 2:00 p.m. this Wednesday, June 2nd. Interment followed in the La Grange City Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Maeckel (Laura) came to Eagle Lake community to be near the family of their daughter, the Roland Harbers, about five years ago. He was a retired ranch manager in the Brenham area.

Surviving are his widow: Mrs. Laura Maeckel of Eagle Lake; six daughters, Mrs. Fritzie Harbers of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Evelyn Meinhold of Dallas, Mrs. Lenora Nietzsche of La Grange, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Strickland of El Cajon, California, Mrs. Myrtle Godfrey of Desoto, and Mrs. Nell Schmidt of Devine; also one son, Lee Maeckel, Jr. of Desoto; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Jesse Maeckel of La Grange; and many other relatives and friends.

Friends in the area join in extending sympathy to the family.

County Road 106, flipped over, and burned.

Dead are Carl Eugene Venghaus, 29, of Beaumont, and his brother, Clint Venghaus, 19, of Rock Island. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday.

According to the Highway Patrol, the two were driving south on 106 when their car, a 1981 Honda sedan, struck the bridge at about 7:35 p.m. They were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt of Columbus.

Survivors include the parents, Woodrow and Eunice Venghaus of Rock Island; their grandparents, Cecilia Venghaus and Claude and Marie Trapp of Rock Island; a sister, Marie Venghaus of Rock Island; and a brother, David Venghaus of La Porte.

Services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Carl Milents officiating. Burial was in Myrtle Cemetery at Rock Island.

Both were members of Woodmen of The World, and Clint was employed in Houston.

Palbearers were Jerry Hooper, Gary Henry, John Wells, Mike Ulbig, Bob Gardner and Tim Merritt.



Flags waved in the wind this weekend marking Memorial Day in Eagle Lake. Highway Patrol said traffic along Interstate 10 was extremely heavy. Traffic was light in town but the Texas

Two brothers in same car

Two brothers died Saturday evening in Colorado County when their car struck a cement bridge railing on

Tuesday deadline for CC BBQ tickets

Next Tuesday, June 8th is the final date for the purchase of tickets for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual benefit barbecue to be held at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center Golf Course on Friday, June 11th.

The tickets are \$4.00 and that includes a half of a barbecued chicken and the trimmings. The food may be enjoyed in the pretty atmosphere of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center's golf course picnic grounds or there will be a fast curbside service line exiting on Partridge Lane, adjoining the picnic area on the east.

The supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and you MUST purchase tickets in advance. There will be no ticket sale at the picnic area unless plates that are paid for are not picked up by 7:30 p.m.

Cold drinks will be offered for sale on the grounds.

Remember the deadline for purchase of tickets is next Tuesday. A very limited amount of plates will be available for sale June 11th. Ticket holders must pick up their plates by 7:30 p.m. or the plates will be resold to someone else, noted C. of C. president Roy D. Van Nort.

Fred R. Frnks will be in charge of the barbecue crew; Dr. Steve Edwards will head up the crew of C. of C. members manning the curbside service line; Larry Dulany will be in charge of clean-up of the picnic area; and Annie Broesche's catering service will assist in preparation of the food.

All other chamber of commerce members are invited to volunteer for work with any of the chairmen in support of this event--added Van Nort.

Work on 34 new homes may begin here next month

Trendmark Builders, Inc. of Houston, a housing project to be erected on Hubbard Ferry Road between the Kevin Court Apartments and the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf course, has indicated to the Eagle Lake City Council that development work on the 34-house project could begin by early July and that at least ten houses might be completed and on the city tax rolls by the end of the year.

City Manager Robert Klockman presented a request to the city council on Tuesday night of last week from the Lesingers, asking for the council to consider adding \$14,000 to the City-Trendmark pay-back agreement. They said the additional \$14,000 in costs was made necessary by regulations required by the federal agency, such as wider streets, etc. The council's committee which studied the matter and recommended to the council the participation agreement was chaired by Ralph Truly and included Roy Dean Van Nort and City

Manager Bob Klockman. They recommended to the council Tuesday night that the city "stand fast" on its agreement and not increase the amount of payback to include the additional \$14,000 which Trendmark says will be necessary by regulations required by the federal agency, such as wider streets, etc. The council's committee which studied the matter and recommended to the council the participation agreement was chaired by Ralph Truly and included Roy Dean Van Nort and City

\$2,500 Per Lot Payback

The council in recent session approved an agreement with Trendmark to reimburse the owners a total of \$87,500 which was 80% of the estimated costs of installing streets (no curb and gutter included in this and

the developers are to stand all costs for curb and gutter) which amounted to a total of \$2,500 per lot on the proposed 35-house project. Since that time one lot has been removed so it is anticipated that Trendmark will build 34 homes in the project.

The contract agreed to previously calls for a maximum payback of \$17,500 per year (seven lots) once the homes are completed and utilities connected and placed on the city's tax roll. The payback program is limited to five years and no payback

will be made on homes not completed by the end of the five-year period.

The Lesingers have informed city manager Klockman that ground work could start in July and construction of homes by August 1st with an anticipated ten houses completed and connected to utilities and on the tax rolls by the end of the year. However, under the contract agreed to, the developers will receive payback of \$2,500 per house on only seven houses in a year, hence the remaining three would be carried over to the next year's payback program.

The houses to be built by Trendmark will be offered for sale to any interested persons, however in order to qualify for the FmHA assistance which would make a lower rate of interest possible, buyers would be required to meet federal income-level requirements.

It is not known at this time if the council's decision to "stand fast" on their original agreement and reject adding the additional \$14,000 to the payback, will or will not delay start of the construction project.

Disturbance, break-ins keep police busy

Although the past weekend was a holiday, it was a busy one for the Eagle Lake police department. A disturbance and several breaking and enterings were on their investigation list.

Friday, according to Police Chief Earl Winebrenner, a group of juveniles ranging in ages from about 6 years old to 13 years old, were investigated for break-ins at Los Palmas, which was entered twice, and at the Fried Chicken restaurant, the Golf Course building and Mary's Place.

Winebrenner said a large plastic bag of goods, ranging from cigarettes to candy, were recovered. The accused were transients in the area and moved following the incidents.

Two are wounded
Saturday, two men received knife wounds at Annie's Cafe in a disturbance investigated by Sgt. Gil Steen and Officer Ronnie Frankum. Ismael Mendosa was cut twice on the back and

Pedro Cedillo once on the leg. They were treated and released from Eagle Lake Hospital.

According to police reports, Antonio Guzman, 24, of Eagle Lake, was charged with public intoxication and aggravated assault after the 8 p.m. incident. He also was treated and released from the hospital for facial injuries.

Also over the weekend, Penuala Gonzalo, a truck driver living in the Nu Courts Motel on East Main, reported

to police that a knife and his wallet containing \$315 were stolen from his room while he was sleeping.

Sunday morning, Debra Ruth Frenz, of Union St., reported her residence was entered, and approximately \$150 worth of glassware stolen.

Police said a pane of glass in the front door was broken to gain entry. Officer Andy Munoz said the screen door was bent. The glassware was purchased as a gift.

Cokes taken in bar burglary

A juvenile was taken into custody last week after the owner of El Zarape Bar reported a break in, according to an Eagle Lake police department report filed by Sgt. Gil Steen.

The juvenile reported to the police department with his parents about 9:15 a.m. May 26, after a witness told police he had seen a male coming out of the bar with 2 six-packs of Coke.

Sgt. Steen's report indicated Constable Morales, owner of the bar at 614 A St., reported a lock had been pried off a south-side door between 12:30 and 7 a.m. and the establishment entered. The soft drinks were recovered and returned to Morales.

The juvenile was released into the custody of his parents and will face juvenile court action.



New directors of the Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association were elected at the group's annual dinner Tuesday night in Altair. From left are: Don Obenhaus,

manager; Steve Balas, new director; Dale Cassidy, vice president; Lanny Powers, new director, and Dr. James W. Stansel. Not pictured is new director Vernon Gertson.

Swim lessons to start in Sheridan

Red Cross swimming lessons will begin at the Sheridan Swimming Pool Monday, June 7 and continue through Friday, June 18. Classes will be taught by instructors Tina McMillan, Kim Wunderlich and Troy Hagendorf.

Registration will be combined with the first day's lessons at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 7.

Courses will be offered in the following: beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate swimmer, and basic rescue and water safety. In order to qualify for a be-

ginner, the youngster must be six years of age or entering the first grade this fall. There will be a beginner's class each half hour beginning at 8 and continuing each half hour until 10.

The basic rescue class is designed for eleven-year-old swimmers and older.

Barbara Ross Gets Dow Scholarship

Barbara Ellen Ross of Sheridan has been awarded a scholarship from the Dow Chemical Co. Foundation, worth \$1,200 per semester. It can be used for eight semesters.

The scholarship is made through the Sam Houston State University chemistry program, and is given to freshmen who show an inclination toward working on an advanced degree.

Blood drive June 12

Members of Christ Episcopal Church will be sponsoring a community wide blood drive to help replace the blood used by nine-year-old Darrell Estlinbaum of Eagle Lake. Darrell was injured in a motorbike accident on May 15 and was life-flighted to Hermann Hospital in Houston.

The blood drive will be held on Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the church at 306 Stockbridge in Eagle Lake.

Even though the purpose of this drive is to replace blood that Darrell has used, community members who donate may credit their

donations toward any church or other group's blood donor account.

If you are in good health, you probably can be a blood donor. You must be between the ages of 18 (17 with signed parental consent card) and 65 and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must never have had a history of hepatitis or yellow jaundice, internal cancer requiring surgery or coronary artery (heart) disease.

To make an appointment to donate on June 12 at Christ Episcopal Church, call Curtis Wilson at 972-5155. For questions about donating blood, call The Blood Center at 791-6360.