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A local column By John F. Fearing

News from the coffee shoppe

Several fellows in town were worried the other day. On my first Saturday in here, I went down to Broesche's Restaurant for breakfast.

Now, as a good community goes, there always is a group in the cafe on a morning, drinking coffee and discussing the events of the times.

Having not been in town 24 hours, there was only a couple of people in the group I knew...Ralph Truly who had helped Jeannine and I look for a house, and Alvin W. Kohleffel, city councilman.

Well, they invited me to sit in with them. I appreciated the hospitality. Introductions were made, but just with my name.

After about a half-hour or so, someone asked how it was going at the newspaper. Eyebrows began to raise. Mostly in humor, but with some seriousness, there were questions about what they had been discussing, and about what I was planning for the newspaper each week.

I assured them that although I always am listening for news items, I realized that morning's conversation was just that...conversation.

It does bring up a point. A good portion of the news I eventually write up in The Headlight, starts with a little conversation. However, that is only a start...the lead, the newspaper calls it.

Then it takes questioning of several other people to get most of the rest of the story, and confirm what you first heard in conversation.

In reality, very little, if anything, comes from the cafe conversation, so rest assured, fellows, that if I ever get up that early again and join you, keep on talking. I'm listening some, but mostly just enjoying the fellowship.

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by Cong. J. J. (Jake) Pickle

Challenging the high school graduate

"Genius without Education is like Silver in the Mine."

Benjamin Franklin knew the value of an education. And, there are many "just-graduated" high school seniors in the 10th District who also know the importance of going on to college, putting their brain through the mill, challenging themselves to face the hurdles and come out with a piece of the American dream.

But finding and maintaining a place within university walls is getting harder every day. Tuition costs are sky-rocketing and, although Texans are luckier than most, the cost of housing, transportation, books and food has almost made a college education a luxury which only the rich can afford.

That's where student financial aid comes in. There has been a move by the Administration to cut deeply into student assistance programs and make it more and more difficult for the middle-class students to get aid. And, there are many who look at the 8% default rate on student loans and want to eliminate the program completely, though it is considerably lower than the default rate of the Small Business Administration loan program.

As I'm sure many of you know, the President's 1983 budget proposals called for some major cuts in the various loan and grant programs – $800 million in Pell Grants, over $125 million in College Work Study, and no funding at all for the National Direct Student Loans and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. Also, the Administration has proposed that graduate and professional students would no longer be able to get a loan through the Guaranteed Student Loan program and would have to turn to an auxiliary loan program, in which only three states have participated since its establishment.

Cutting financial assistance to students has become a major issue across the nation and in the 10th District, and many members of Congress do not support such deep and devastating cuts. Just last week, the Congress overwhelmingly passed the Simon amendment to the various budget proposals restoring many of the cuts in education for 1983. Of course, as you have heard, none of the final budget drafts were approved, but the vote set the mood for continued negotiations and showed that most Congressmen do support a strong educational system.

Personally, I do not support deep cuts in education programs. Some reductions can be made in these programs as in all others, but students are already faced with a "triple whammy" in the form of rising costs, several hefeitts under the Social Security system, and the economic church. Now, is not the time to yank the rest of the carpet out from under the students. They are our future and we must see to it that they are offered full opportunity to advance their education.

I do believe that some changes can be made to save money in the programs and help bring down the deficit, and all programs will have to take some small cuts. But Congress will have to pick and choose carefully to make sure that these changes come about slowly and do not immediately dry up all sources of student financial aid.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

21 Day Salute To America

Citizens of the area are invited to join in the Annual Salute to America which starts Flag Day June 14 and concludes on Independence Day.

The 21 days between these historic days were set aside by Congress "as a period to honor America in public gatherings and activities at which the people can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner."

The flag is the vivid symbol of our freedom, our history and aspirations as a nation.

"We who live in freedom today are accountable for it, and to transmit it, whole and unimpaired, to our posterity. If the people never give up their liberties, they risk losing them through spiritual apathy and material reverence," noted J. Willard Marriott, chairman of Honor America, a program of the American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc.

Every community, group and individual may participate in this nation-wide effort by helping the handicapped, by expressing an appreciation for the aged, and by encouraging the young to understand the opportunities, as well as the responsibilities, inherent in our constitutional system. Through such positive action, at least during [illegible] Fourth of July with a feeling of accomplishment.

Child care credit boosted for 1982

Taxpayers eligible for child and dependent care credit will find that new tax laws increase the credit for amounts they spend for child care in 1982, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Beginning in 1982, taxpayers qualifying for child care credit will be able to claim up to $2,400 for one dependent instead of $2,000 under the old laws, and $4,800 for two or more dependents instead of the previous $4,000.

The rate of credit is 30 percent of qualifying child care expenses if the person claiming the credit had an income of $10,000 a year or less. This rate then drops by one percent age point for each $2,000 of income above $10,000, until it reaches a rate of 20 percent for taxpayers with income above $28,000.

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COLORADO COUNTY
Sheriff's report
A Weekly Report of Activities by Sheriff Jim Broussard

On Saturday, June 12, there will be a class to acquaint women in the use of weapons that are available to them. The class will be held in Weimar. This training is being offered by the Colorado County Law Enforcement Association. There will be no charge for the training and women from the entire county are invited to attend. Those interested can meet with officers at the Weimar City Hall at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

May 31: Arrested one for burglary. Assisted a stranded motorist on IH-10. Assisted with a disturbance call in Columbus. Had JP Court in the morning.

June 1: Assisted with a funeral procession from Columbus to Rock Island. Removed livestock from the roadway in Glidden. Removed livestock from the roadway near Eagle Lake. Had County Court. Issued nine traffic citations and served four civil citations.

June 2: Assisted a stranded motorist on 90-A. Assisted with traffic at the scene of an accident on Hwy. 71 South. Assisted with traffic at the scene of an accident on IH-10. Investigated a theft near Rock Island. Recovered a stolen three-wheel bike near Rock Island. Arrested one for assault. Issued seven traffic citations and served six civil citations.

June 3: Assisted with a disturbance call in Columbus. Assisted a stranded motorist near Bernardo. Assisted with traffic control for a walk-a-thon near Columbus. Had District Court. Issued eight traffic citations and served three civil citations.

June 4: Checked on a disturbance near Eagle Lake. Checked on a malicious mischief in Altair. Assisted in moving livestock across the roadway near Ramsey. Assisted Columbus police with a disturbance call. Assisted a stranded motorist on FM 102. Investigated a disturbance in Alleyton. Investigated a disturbance east of Columbus. Had juvenile court. Investigated a report of gun shots heard near Altair. Issued 11 traffic citations and served two civil citations.

June 5: Assisted Columbus police with a disturbance call. Had JP Court in the morning.

Jim Broussard, Sheriff
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Sunny Gertson celebrates third birthday June 6th

Little Miss Sunny Gertson was honored on the occasion of her third birthday at a party given by her parents, Ralph and Connie Gertson, and younger brother Ralphie on Saturday afternoon, June 6. The motif for the lawn party was in the Strawberry Shortcake theme.

After the birthday girl excitedly opened her gifts and attempted to blow out the numeral three candle on her birthday cake, her guests enjoyed refreshments of cake, sandwiches, lollipops and strawberry soda pop. The birthday cake, decorated as Strawberry shortcake, was trimmed with confection and fresh strawberries. It was decorated by a family friend, Penny Henske.

Enjoying the afternoon in the sun and sand were: the honoree's cousins, Kristi and Sammi Gertson, Clint and Cori Gertson, Kari Seaholm, Kevin and Tanya Henske, Kris Gertson, Jennifer and Nicole Krenek, Kyle and Kevin Poenitzsch, Trey and Amy Kucherka and Michelle Spanihel; and friends, Kyle Fink, Lance and Lori Grigar, Shara Glaiser, Kim Henske, Brent and Justin Schneider and Brandon Mathis.

Before departing, Sunny presented each of her little guests with puzzles and Play Doh.

Special guests were the birthday girl's grandmothers, Mrs. Sonny Breithaupt and Mrs. Ralph Gertson.

Sunny's actual birthday was Tuesday, June 8.

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Rescue Van With Pledge	$10,545.00
Jaws of Life	$8,702.00

(Send contributions to the First National Bank in Eagle Lake or give to any volunteer fireman)

Happy with state session, but:

Senator Walter Mengden, Republican from Harris County, has expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the special session, but disappointment that initiative and referendum was not considered.

"I am delighted that the Legislature has finally passed a constitutional amendment to abolish the state-level property tax. There is no question that this important proposal will be overwhelmingly approved by the voters in November," Senator Mengden said. "Governor Bill Clements certainly deserves praise for his effective leadership in making this a reality."

"In addition, I am pleased that additional funds were appropriated to increase prison facilities, rather than attempting to solve the problem of over-crowding by releasing convicted criminals into society. I am proud of my role in killing SB 7, by Senator Ray Farabee, Democrat from Wichita county, and SB 8, by Senator Bill Sarpalius, Democrat from Deaf Smith County. Both of these bills would have released more convicted felons from confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections. It was very important that this harmful legislation was defeated," Senator Mengden said.

"My only disappointment was that Governor Clements did not open the call of this special session to initiative and referendum. If he had really gotten behind it, I believe we could have passed it this time. But I am absolutely determined to keep working for this vital measure. If there are no additional special sessions between now and the time I leave office in January, I will continue to do what I can as a private citizen to work for the right of initiative and referendum for the people of Texas," he said.

Before the Legislature adjourned, Senator Mengden was re-elected as President Pro Tem of the Senate. In this capacity, he will continue to serve as Governor of Texas whenever Governor Clements and Lt. Governor Bill Hobby are both out of state.

Attend June 17 meeting to learn more on foster care

Have you ever wanted to do something for someone and thought that you couldn't? Perhaps foster parenting is for you!

Foster care is a program designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child in an agency approved household, who needs care for a temporary or extended period of time. During this time the child's biological family is either non-existent or dysfunctional.

The primary goal of foster care is to reunite families or to ensure the child will leave foster care for a permanent placement. Foster care is founded on the premise that all children have the right to physical care and educational and emotional nurturance.

Foster parenting is not a lifetime commitment to a child, but a commitment to be meaningful during a child's lifetime.

Don't you think you could help a child that really needs you? If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or would like to know more about the foster care program, then please make arrangements to attend a foster parent orientation session on June 17 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1000 East Main Street, Eagle Lake, Texas.

If you are interested in the foster care program, but unable to attend the meeting, then please contact Rosemary Oaskamp, Department of Human Resources, 20 South Holland Street, Bellville, Texas or call 713-865-9164.

County reports $82,557,518 4th quarter sales

Gross sales in Texas for the fourth quarter of 1981–October, November and December–totaled almost $109 billion, according to State Comptroller.

Fourth quarter sales in 1981 passed 1980 fourth quarter sales by $18 billion, Comptroller Bob Bullock said, a 19.9 percent increase.

Bullock's report details gross sales–all sales made by Texas businesses–as well as those subject to sales and use tax.

The comptroller said the sales tax analysis for October, November and December of 1981 shows 375,699 outlets reporting, compared with 341,539 reporting in 1980. Out-of-state taxpayers numbered 6,815 compared with 6,096 a year earlier.

Total gross sales for 1981 came to $337 billion in the state.

The 660 reporting outlets in Colorado County reported gross sales of $82,557,518 in the fourth quarter of 1981, a 23% increase with $22,141,356 subject to tax.

Austin County had 649 reporting outlets with $82,196,862 fourth quarter gross sales, a 13.9% increase, with $14,646,779 subject to tax.

Fayette County's 892 outlets reported $91,853,409 gross sales, a 10% increase, with $23,222,431 subject to tax.

Wharton County's 1,200 outlets reported gross sales in October, November and December of $131,126,836, down 7%, with $47,907,536 subject to tax.

Pustejovskys attend funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky attended the funeral of Joe Janis, his brother-in-law, last week in El Campo. Services were at St. Philip's Catholic Church with the Rev. James Brunner officiating at the holy Mass at 10 a.m. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in El Campo.

Mr. Janis was born December 10, 1896 at Praha, Texas. His wife Julie Pustejovsky preceded him in death in 1973.

Survivors include six sons, August, Vince and John Janis of Port Lavaca, Joe Janis, Jr. of Clute, Jerrie Janis of El Campo and Alex Janis of San Antonio; a brother, John Janis; and four sisters, Mrs. Annie Possel, Mrs. Sophie Morris, Mrs. Agnes Beron and Mrs. Martha Kolafa, all of East Bernard; 30 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Larry, Eugene and Robert Janis, Alan Motl, Mike Perry and Gerry Motl.

MARKET REPORT

Columbus Livestock Market

Columbus Livestock Market handled 1,059 head of cattle at the June 3 sale with owners reporting the market fully steady across the board compared with the previous week's market.

Good to choice butcher Heifers packer cows 45 to 52c; and commercial packer bulls 50 to 54c. Heavy Hereford and Angus steer and crossbred steer calves went for 60 to 75c per pound and heifers 55 to 60c. Good stocker cows and heifers sold for $400 to $500 per head. No. 1 hogs brought 56 to 58.5c per pound and lambs 40 to 60c.

Colorado Soil and Water district

The annual ministers' tour was held on May 19 with a total of 17 people attending. The tour was held on the Charles Trefny farm near Osage with a full explanation of his pecan operation. [illegible] sausage lunch was enjoyed by all who attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Directors was held on May 19. Those directors attending were: Herbert Engstrom, Henry Sunderman, Melvin Albright, Theo. Schultz and Royal Hennecke.

Hospital News

Patients [June 7]

Eagle Lake: Augustine Ramirez, Cleveland Redd, Thelda Birdwell, Mary Horton, Nicolas Pimental, Jessie Wright, Mattie Barnett, James Barclay, Mathilda Struss, Helene Burke, Grace Kucherka, Maurice Glenn, Henrietta Sommerlatte, Georgia Dawson, Gilbert Duty, Alma Davidson;

Columbus: William Simmons, Laura Alley; from El Campo: Viola E. Heimann, [illegible] Walter Cook, Troop Garwood; Kashara Pratt, Linda Patina; from Pierce: Joe Zamazel; from Houston: Martina Short; from Nada: Augustine Ortiz; from New Ulm: Patricia Hoppe; from Louise: Albina Machart.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Baby Girl Hemphill, Bernice Karber, Ethel Austin, Anton Kocurek, Annie Lee Dancy, Otto Henderson, Jimmie Lyons, Susie Seaholm, Dennis Schuster, Laura Maeckel, Fritzie Harbers, Debra Easley and Baby Boy, Douglas Tillman, Charles Stephens, Gene Maretka, Sean Rowe;

Columbus: Alfred Brandt, Brenda Teague and Baby Girl, Haley Rhodes, Anita Peters and Baby Girl; from Sheridan: Larry Varley; from Sealy: Odarion [illegible] Angelina Davis, [illegible] Baby Boy; from Industry: Herbert Howard; from Weimar: Sewell, Juanita Waligura; from Hallettsville: Edith Molen; from Schulenburg: Allen Moeller; from Edna: J. R. Ruckers; from Bay City: Goldie Aschcraft; from West Monroe, LA.: Kenneth Odom; from Rosenberg: Regina Phillips and Baby Girl.

Jury hears workers' comp suit in District Court

A jury heard a civil suit involving workman's compensation in District Court in Columbus Monday and Tuesday and returned a verdict favoring the plaintiff, James E. Gibson. The suit was filed by Gibson against the Texas Employer's Insurance Association and involved injuries alleged received by the El Campo man in an oil rig accident while working in this county.

The jurors handed down a ruling that Gibson was fully incapacitated for nearly 15 months after the accident and was under partial incapacitation from February 9, 1981 through June 8, 1982. The exact monetary settlement will not be known until additional legal papers are filed.

Two New Debt Cases

The district clerk's office also reported that two new civil cases, involving suits for alleged past due accounts, were filed in the court during the past week.

Christopher S. Klekar receives degree at A&M

Christopher S. Klekar of Eagle Lake received an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering at Texas A&M University's spring commencement exercises.

Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Klekar of Eagle Lake.

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