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Mobile home entered

A mobile home residence on 303 West A St. was burglarized sometime June 19 between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Tony Smith reported the burglary to the Eagle Lake police chief Earl Winebrenner and Sgt. Gil Steen responded.

According to police, entry was gained by breaking some glass on the west side of the mobile home. Stolen was $42 in cash, a watch of undeclared value and three hat bands, a total of $48.

Some of the broken glass was taken to the police department to be dusted for finger prints, according to the report.

Confessions of a newcomer

By VINI CARBONA

I have to confess that among the words I did not want to hear my first week in Eagle Lake were those of my boss John Fearing: "I want you to write about your first week here."

Now, it would be rather easy to begin by saying nice things about everything and finish up by saying some more nice things. But I have never been one to take the easiest path. I'm wary of things that look too easy, too nice.

But I'm sure many of you will appreciate my sentiments at this time, particularly those of you that have recently arrivec here. (I heard someone say the other day, "...that fellow's a newcomer-pointing at someone else-been her just thirty years." My pulse quickened.)

There are, however, some things about this area that I'm not truly a stranger to. For instance, the weather here is quite comparable to that of my place of birth in Spain. And the bugs are about the same size. Valencia is big rice country, or Rice Country as they write here, too. So you'll forgive me if I presume to say that I understand some of the way of life in this land. I like it here.

Differences also exist, but being from Boston (now there they are real yankees) I have had the chance to understand and love this country they call America and that's where the major difference between the United States and Spain lies.

In Spain I never learned of democracy and liberty, freedom of speech or freedom of the press. I will never be one to take these for granted. I have been taught that true freedom is the opportunity to help your neighbor and to be honest and trusting, and nobody has the right to take unfair advantage. But here I go with the niceties.

I am very happy to be here and honored to have made so many friends in such a short time. I pledge to try to make a place for myself in the community and to be the communication service that unites the people and the leaders. I have been taught the job of a journalist, and I learned well.

You see? Even when one does not take the easy way, one cannot avoid those niceties. I stand accused.

A local column — By John F. Fearing

More important matters... Mr. Frederickson

I was going to write a more serious column this week about the loss of our police chief, but something more important has come up. Anyway, Vini Carbona has done an excellent job in an interview with Earl Winebrenner, as you have already seen on Page One.

The more serious item really isn't locally related, but since several close friends of mine keep an eye on me, it's time I began keeping an eye on them too. Besides, this friend of mine in California almost could be my double. We have the same initials, J. F., we both were working for the same company when we met, and were doing the same job. I was in West Virginia at the time, and he was in El Paso.

If that isn't enough coincidence, he left El Paso and went to Houston, and two years after that when he moved to California, I moved to Houston and took the job he vacated.

Finally of course, we have about the same attitude on life, and look similar. At least, we used to look similar. He's still mildly overweight, and since I began working in weekly newspapers several years ago, I've lost about 20 pounds.

Well, when I got home last night, Jeannine told me she had talked to this guy, Joe Frederickson. He recently moved again and has taken another job with another newspaper.

He's just as happy as can be, Jeannine reported, and he's getting married Sunday.

Now fans, that's why I write. Not to be degrading the institution, but marriage is one of the things in life you are expected to make funnies about. Frederickson seems to be making it funnier than most however. This probably is his third opportunity to do so.

But, my just now finding out about it, just a few days before the event, is just heart breaking. I don't even know the woman, and won't, even have the opportunity to warn her about Frederickson.

Just take the time Frederickson and I were attending the same convention, pick Cleveland, Mexico City, or Washington, D.C. Boy, could I tell her some stories.

Maybe I could share with her some of the letters Frederickson writes, but since the Postal Service didn't arrest him when he originally mailed them, I'm not going to risk my neck.

I guess I'll just have to include a copy of this column in a special delivery letter to her, whom ever she is, and wish her the best.

And to be serious once again, here's the best to you too, Wolf J. Flywheel, AAAAAAAAhhhhhheeeeeemmmmmm.

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Public asked for safe 4th

"July 4th is traditionally one of our deadliest holidays and that based on past experience many of the traffic accidents during the holiday will involve either speeding or drinking," according to Major A. J. Mladenka, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mladenka continued, "We will have all available troopers on duty this weekend to detect and apprehend traffic violators and reduce highway deaths." He pointed out, "Holiday traffic will be heavy near recreational areas such as beaches, lakes and camp grounds, and the motorist should be extra careful for children playing in these crowded places."

Mladenka said, "Operation Motorcide will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, and end at midnight Monday, July 5. The department of Public Safety would be working with the news media during this period trying to focus public attention on accident dangers."

Major Mladenka summed up the situation by saying, "We hope to have a safe Fourth of July, but we need the public's help and we urge every driver to join our efforts by not drinking and driving, slowing down and driving defensively."

47 deaths predicted this July 4

The Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 47 perons could die in traffic accidents during this July 4th weekend.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, said the risk of traffic accidents will increase during the 78-hour holiday period as more drivers take to the streets and highways for the holiday.

"As in many weekend traffic accidents, alcohol, excessive speed, and failure to use seat belts are the major contributing factors in the traffic deaths," he said.

State statistics show that 63 persons were killed during the past 4th of July holiday.

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the demands, while standing up for what one believes. "That would be my advice to the next chief," he said. "I would urge (acting chief) Gil Steen to try to keep the cooperation of the people, decide what his priorities are, and stand up for them."

Concerning his "next position as chief of police in West Columbia, he said, "I plan to evaluate the changes that need to be made, and hope to have the same degree of cooperation and rapport that I have here."

When asked what, if anything, would have kept him at Eagle Lake, Winebrenner's face lit up in a genuine smile. "Well, not simply a raise in salary. I don't mind telling you its really not the money. Perhaps more activities, a bit more active investigation...I felt somehow tied to the city limits. I suspect there will be more activity in West Columbia since its closer to the beach and to Houston...."

I want to stress my appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the people in the community, and ask them to stand behind the county sheriff and the new chief," Winebrenner said.

"If I had to model myself on anyone," said Winebrenner-in closing, "it would be Jim Broussard. I know I've said it before. He is a man of high moral standards, one of the most outstanding sheriffs in this state. Having to leave Eagle Lake, this county and Jim Broussard, has made this the hardest decision of my life."

Pesticides can be dangerous to people, too

The misuse of pesticides and fertilizers results in accidents every summer, a Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine toxicologist cautions.

Most accidents are caused by improper distribution or storage, says Gary Wimbish, Ph.D., associate professor of pathology at the medical school. "The ABC's for proper use of pesticides are simple: Read the label, mix and distribute them as instructed and avoid contact with the skin or inhalation of the vapors."

Accidents usually go something like this: Some of the poison is left over, it is stored in a soft drink bottle, and a curious child comes along and drinks it. "The way to avoid this, of course, is to maintain the excess in the original containers and store them out of the reach of children," Dr. Wimbish said.

Symptoms of dangerous contact with a pesticide can be mistaken for those of a cold or virus, he added. The symptoms are nausea, loss of appetite, cramping, excessive sweating, salivating and diarrhea. If you suspect an ingestion of a poison, first call your physician, who can make a definite diagnosis with lab tests, and if a doctor is not available, then call the local poison control center, whose number should be kept by the telephone.

One of the most dangerous fertilizers used in farming operations, Dr. Wimbish said, is anhydrous ammonia. "Tanks can leak and as pressure builds (usually associated with overfilling and heat), the safety valve may release a large blast of ammonia into the operator's face, causing permanent damage to eyes, skin or the respiratory system, or even death. The only advice I can give is to be very careful of leaks and take all proper precautions, treating the anhydrous ammonia as a deadly gas."

One dead, one injured on highway

An Eagle Lake man was killed and another injured when their car went out of control eastbound on highway 90A, six miles west of Eagle Lake, at 1:45 a.m. June 27, according to public safety officials.

Unberto Jose Delgado, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones. His body was taken to the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home. Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Delgado was born in Mexico and had lived in Eagle Lake for the past five years. Survivors include his parents, Manuel Delgado and Teresa Gonzalez, eleven sisters and six brothers. He was a welder for Thorstenberg Materials. Funeral services and burial will be in his home town of Rancho El Aguila, Aguacalientes, Mexico.

Eduardo Lopez, a passenger in Delgado's 1970 Oldsmobile, suffered slight injuries and was treated and released from Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Official reports indicate the vehicle, driven by Delgado, apparently went out of control and ran off the road, hit a utility pole and crashed through a fence. Trooper Andy Pena of the Texas Highway Patrol of Eagle Lake was at the scene.

Cong. Pickle discusses budget target

At long last Congress has adopted a budget target for next year.

After months of agonizing debate, and having voted down at least a dozen different proposals, the House and Senate agreed this week to a three-quarter-trillion dollar budget with a projected deficit of $103.9 billion. As one of my colleagues put it, "it's nobody's cup of tea, but it's the only cup of tea we've got."

In conference with the Senate, we were able to "fine-tune" or modify the Latta budget, as I had hoped. The result, which passed on a close vote last week, was no where near perfect – but considering where we started, and considering our economic troubles, it was better than what might have been.

The budget target, which is the preliminary commitment to Fiscal Year 1983 government spending, includes $76.8 billion of "deficit reductions," mostly in management initiatives against waste and fraud, and the $20 billion in new taxes requested by the Administration.

The budget also targets these cuts: $5.7 billion in federal pay; $6.3 billion in non-defense discretionary spending; $5.9 billion in entitlements; and more than $29 billion through more efficient management, policy changes, and interest reductions. The Congress also agreed to increase defense spending considerably, but by $7.6 billion less than the Administration requested.

Congress has until October 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, to reassess and fine tune the budget, but considering the lack of consensus, and the fight it took to pass this budget resolution, it seems likely that Congress will leave well enough alone.

'Jaws' goal reached; van funds needed

The $10,000 goal to purchase the Jaws of Life rescue equipment has been reached, according to Fire Chief Sonny Spanihel, but $7,000 is needed to reach the purchase goal for the rescue van.

Spanihel said Tuesday that most of the Jaws of Life equipment has been received and training started. One piece is expected by today. Training is being done in small groups.

Of the total $30,000 goal sought in the fund drive, Spanihel said, $22,924 has been given or pledged. For the jaws goal, $300 over the $10,000 goal has been given, while for the $20,000 van goal, $12,624 has been given.

Donations may be made to any volunteer fireman here, or through the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

Texas brucellosis program to continue

Commissioners of the Texas Animal Health Commission have decided to appeal the recent ruling of Judge Harley Clark regarding the Texas brucellosis program.

"The present Texas brucellosis program will continue as it is presently being administered," John B. Armstrong, Kingsville, chairman, Texas Animal Health Commission, said.

He also said Commissioners will submit recommendations to the Texas Legislature so that the Texas brucellosis program will conform to state statutes and federal regulations.

U. S. Department of Agriculture officials have indicated they will not enforce the quarantine on Texas already in effect as long as the present state program continues.

"We want to emphasize to cowmen throughout the state that our rules will continue in effect. Commissioners believe the vast majority of Texas livestock producers and the entire livestock industry support the present program," Armstrong said.

Attend family reunion

Among those attending the Salumunek-Groda family reunion at Stephen F. Austin Park near Sealy last Sunday were: Irene Hartman of Victoria; Mrs. Debbie Hartman and two children from Corpus Christi; and Charlie Ludwig of Eagle Lake.

All reported enjoying the day with their family.

KC's to sell BBQ chicken this Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chicken this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5524 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by 12 noon the Saturday before each first Sunday of the month.

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