

School Menu

Thursday, February 14: fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered spinach, Valentine dessert, hot rolls.

Friday, February 15: meat and spaghetti, cheese sticks, creamy cole slaw, peach cobbler, garlic bread.

Monday, February 18: pork chops, mashed potatoes/gravy, collard greens, jelly, biscuits, butter.

Tuesday, February 19: barbecue meat balls, buttered noodles, green beans, cheese apple crisp, hot rolls.

Wednesday, February 20: tuna fish salad, French fries/cut-up, sliced peaches, favorite cookies, bought bread.

Thursday, February 21: meat and cheese tacos, buttered corn, carrot sticks, pineapple lid bits.

Friday, February 22: fish nuggets/tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, pickled beets, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

Texas lawmakers working to reduce state deficit

Texas lawmakers worked steadily in committees last week to reduce the impending state deficit, and a handful of legislation inched closer to passage.

Meanwhile, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused to review the commercial bribery indictment of Attorney General Jim Mattox, leaving February 11 intact as the opening day of Mattox's trial.

His lawyers wanted the indictment thrown out on the grounds it is fundamentally defective. Mattox is charged with threatening to use the powers of the Attorney General's office to block the municipal bond business of a Houston law firm.

Parimutuel betting. Opposition has surfaced to the parimutuel betting bill on three fronts:

—Gov. Mark White last week repeated his pledge to veto the bill unless it contained a statewide referendum. The ver-



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Jefferson, Galveston, Nueces and Cameron.

Water legislation. The House is expected to begin debate this week on a water bill stressing development which passed unanimously out of committee last week. A Senate version emphasizing conservation and water for agriculture may reach the debate stage this week.

The water plan issue is complicated to the layman, but fraught with drama for the players involved. Two dominant personalities are Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, who authored the House version, and Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, sponsor of the Senate version, and they are destined to confront one another in a conference committee.

Indications are strong that the support of the Black Caucus could be readily regained. Ragsdale, himself, introduced a bill last week to legalize parimutuel betting on dog racing. The bill limits dog tracks to four coastal counties:

plan to water for agriculture, was rebuked by Sen. Bill Sarpalius who wants a \$500 million bond plan. But Hightower, who earlier watched Craddick wipe out all his proposals in the House version, replied he had learned not to expect everything he wanted from the Legislature.

In other capital events: —The Court of Criminal Appeals overturned a state law prohibiting sale of beer to intoxicated persons. The law was too vague in establishing guidelines to detect drunkenness.

Two Democratic senators urged the governor to respond to the Board of Corrections because of his work in initiating prison reforms. Four board positions are available and Gov. White's office said White is in the running for reappointment.

—White met with Pentagon officials for a briefing on the role of 450 Texas Army National Guard troops scheduled for training exercises in Central America. The troops will go to Honduras, bordering the two revolt-torn countries of El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Columbus Livestock Market

The market this week was fully steady in most areas from our market last week. We had a good run of cattle considering the bad weather and a lot of buyers on hand. Steer calves sold \$1 to \$2 hundred higher on light weights and steady on the heavier weight and yearling classes, says George Hagan and Don McAllister.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or hauling your livestock, call collect 409-732-2622 or 409-732-5641. We have top market sales at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 610; hogs, 15; sheep, 6; horses, 4.

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 44 to 50.50 cents per pound; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 37 to 40 cents.

Packer Bulls: heavyweights, 52 to 58.50 cents per pound; utility and cutter, 48 to 52 cents; lightweight canner, 48 to 50 cents.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good to choice, 58 to 61.50 cents per pound; standard, 53 to 58 cents; utility, 52 to 53 cents.

Stockers and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: Steer and Bull calves 200-300 pounds, 83 cents to \$1.10; 300-400 pounds, 75 to 95 cents; 400-500 pounds, 68 to 84 cents; 500-600 pounds 63 to 76 cents; Heifer calves 200-300 pounds, 65 to 78 cents; 300-400 pounds, 60 to 70 cents; 400-500 pounds, 58 to 66 cents; 500-600 pounds, 58 to 64 cents; replacement heifers, 65 to 78 cents.

Stockers Cows: good stockers and heifers, 50 to 55 cents per pound; commercial

Conservation assistance

District cooperators Glen Lillie, of the Ellinger area, is in the process of constructing a pond and also is planning to shape eroded areas which will be established to bermudagrass to control erosion.

TTT Swine Farms, Inc., district cooperators of the Lone Oak area, are in the process of installing diversion terraces and constructing ponds to control pollution.

Jimmie Greer, of the Rock Island area, is planning to construct a pond.

Anton Hilscher, of the New Bielau area, is planning to shape and vegetate eroded areas to control erosion.

William Valentini, a district cooperator of the Borden area, is planning to construct two ponds.

The conservation plan on Donald Young has been written. Donald lives in Houston and owns a place near Rock Island. He plans to build a pond, clear some brush, and plant some grass.

Conservation assistance was provided to Mrs. Martha Henicke concerning a gully area and also on two low-water crossings.

The conservation plan on A.L. Boff has been updated to show his present operation.

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DISTRICT COURT

SUITS FILED

Liz Walker Boston vs. William Boston; divorce, 2-8-85.

Beverly Ann Neundorff vs. Ronald Owen Neundorff; divorce, 2-8-85.

O.R.C. Sonie Corp. vs. James R. Hill and Doug Kipt; suit on note for \$3,000; 2-8-85.

O.R.C. Sonie Corp. vs. Doug Kipt; suit on note for \$1,899.83; 2-8-85.

Il C. Yuen vs. Joe Deep Yuen; divorce, 2-11-85.

First National Bank of Eagle Lake vs. Gil Sten; seeking judgment for \$795 on note; 2-11-85.

Strouhal's Tire & Recapping Plant, Inc., vs. James Idebird of Garwood; \$2,919.53 plus interest, on an account; 2-11-85.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Leroy Ernest Gregory, 47, Columbus, and Glenda Carol Newcomb Gregory, 34, Houston; 2-8-85.

Robin Alexander Mitchell, 23, and Jewel Raye Stovall, 20, both of Columbus; 2-8-85.

Edward Herman Boettcher, 22, and Suzanne Marie Fudge, 24, both of Columbus; 2-7-85.

James Edward Scott, 32, Weimar, and Ruby Mae Foster, 25, Oakland; 2-8-85.

Joe Hernandez Jr., 22, and Winona Jane Bohan Mace, 20, both of Eagle Lake; 2-8-85.

COUNTY COURT

RESULTS

(February 7, 1985)

Raul Hernandez, Alice, Texas; find \$50 on each of three charges of theft by check and ordered to pay restitution.

Sam Dancy, Columbus, held in contempt of court in a criminal non-support case filed 12-4-83.

Nancy J. Corona Simcik, Rt. 1, Eagle Lake; pleaded guilty to theft by check charge filed 10-12-84; she was fined \$50 and ordered to pay restitution.

Lucille Belota Markwardt, New Ulm, pleaded nolo-contendere to theft charge filed 1-15-85; she was fined \$50.

James Sanford, address not listed, pleaded guilty to theft by check charge filed 2-28-84; he was fined \$50 and ordered to pay restitution.

REAL ESTATE

DEED TRANSFERS

Gift deed, Edwin Nierlich et ux to Mary Ann Fontenot et al; part of lots 9, 10, 11 & 12 blk. 25, Glidden; 1-8-85.

Deed, Leland E. Butler et al to Otto E. Kahlen Jr. trustee undivided interest; 1240.58 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 1-17-85.

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Leona Estner Kahlden et vir to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 68.4 acres, Mich Andrews Survey; 10-24-84.

Leonard R. Schoenberg et ux to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 61.5 acres, Eli Clapp Survey; 10-19-84.

Wilton G. Leppin et ux to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 72.88 acres, Eli Clapp Survey; 10-24-84.

Wilton G. Leppin to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 61 acres, Eli Clapp Survey; 10-24-84.

Werner G. Boer et ux to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 67 acres, Mich Andrews Survey; 10-24-84.

Charles L. Bittner et ux to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 32.1 acres, Eli Clapp Survey; 10-24-84.

Annie Kusey to Arthur W. Langeh III; 19.538 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 11-30-84.

Esther F. Kubesch to Arthur W. Langeh III; 35 acres, Reddin Andrews Survey; 11-30-84.

Paul S. Roche to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 50 acres, A.W. Bredlove Survey; 11-17-84.

Lawrence Addicks et al to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 45 acres, W.S. Fisher Survey; 11-17-84.

Franklin Addicks to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 47.556 acres, W.S. Fisher Survey; 11-17-84.

Franklin Addicks et al to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 73.945 acres, W.S. Fisher Survey; 11-17-84.

Helene Stech Kass et al to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 26.389

W.S. Fisher Survey; 11-17-84.

W.E. Strunk et ux to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 34.847 acres, James Bowie League; 10-24-84.

Ela Taylor et al to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 20 acres, James Bowie Survey; 9-1-84.

Ela Ruth Rindorf to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 50 acres, A.W. Bredlove Survey; 10-25-84.

Marjorie R. Roche to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 50 acres, A.W. Bredlove Survey; 11-2-84.

Claude J. Roche et ux to Murf F. Bledsoe III; 50 acres, A.W. Bredlove Survey; 10-25-84.

Local students make 1984 fall dean's list at STS University

Six Colorado County residents are among the 1,476 students whose 1984 fall semester grades earned them places on the dean's list at Southwest Texas State University.

These students from the area are: Ronald Cook of Eagle Lake; Jean Hartenstein, Deborah Hayward, Jena Heger and Linda Kunz, all of Weimar; and Robin Meyer of Alleyton.

To qualify for the academic honor listings, an undergraduate student must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester while taking at least 12 semester hours of course work.

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Divestiture revisited: one year later

A little over three years ago—January 8, 1982, to be exact—we were stunned by the announcement that AT&T would divest itself of 22 operating companies, including Southwestern Bell, in exchange for the federal government dropping its 8-year-old anti-trust suit.

Most of us remember that moment: where we were when we heard the news, the looks on the faces around us, the feeling in the pit of the stomach as it slowly dawned on us what it was going to take to dismember the world's largest corporation.

We did what we had to do—all the while wondering if it would work.

Today, it works.

Although every one of us is still analyzing divestiture's effects on our responsibility areas and working out the glitches, we've come a long way.

Service has remained at quality levels

A year ago, when divestiture took place, some thought the Bell System breakup would cause local telephone service to deteriorate drastically. But it hasn't.

And the many changes haven't always been easy—on you or on us. We still don't know where some of our longtime work friends in other departments wound up. And I can imagine the consternation of many customers who had been accustomed over the years to one call doing all, being told overnight they would have to get their own telephones.

To help you with your questions, we introduced a series of informational booklets in 1984 called "The Help." And, as a result of your questions, more booklets are coming this year, including a series for small businesses.

New revenues, new services and budget cutting

One of the principal causes of our business has always been, "to serve well, we must earn well." Since divestiture, that's never been truer in Texas.

It's important to point out we've managed to get through the first year on our own as a stand-alone company without any significant increase in local residence rates. In fact, flat-rate residential service increased only 30 cents per month in 1984—and that was the result of a rate filing a year earlier.

And despite all the havoc of divestiture, our internal measurements tell us service has never been better in Texas.

But more than ever, we understand that really satisfying customers requires a great deal more than looking good on a monthly service report. We know we have some weak spots, but we're working on them.

You see, the ultimate judge is not what our surveys tell us, but what you tell us.

And serving you is our only business. We appreciate the opportunity to do so.

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