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Leyendecker complains that Train story incorrect...

To the Editor:
How disgusting to read, such a lengthy article of misinformation, regarding the sequentennial meeting in Columbus on May 6.

You are always welcome to attend our meetings and certainly had you been there, your article would hardly be recognizable in comparison to the one you printed.

Let me point out a few things that you printed that are untrue or distorted. First I'm the chairman of the Colorado County 1986 Sequentennial Committee and to that end I'll work diligently to see that there is no rift between our communities. Our entire committee structure is based on county harmony between our communities for successful Colorado County sequentennial activities. We had not the least indication of any discord at our meeting.

Secondly you stated in your article that a subcommittee of Columbus area people were appointed. So far there are three people appointed with Columbus addresses, one with an Alleyton address and one with a Eastpetrie address. It was my instruction before the entire committee: "We have the train coming through Eagle Lake, let's keep that and add on more if possible." Your comment that people from

Columbus just wouldn't come to Eagle Lake for anything, must have been picked up from our astronauts, as that was not said at our meeting.

Further on in your writing, you stated that Henry Potter was appointed to the subcommittee to investigate the schedule change, certainly there is not a letter of truth in that phrase, to investigate the schedule change. I instructed the Eagle Lake committee members at the meeting to find someone to serve from your area. I specifically told everyone present that any appointments and correspondence should be through the chair until this Express Train subcommittee has been fully appointed, organized and elected its chairperson.

On Saturday, May 11, I received the memo from Mrs. Thomas which clearly shows that she did exactly as instructed. The last three paragraphs in your article are those from our reporter, my wife, Dorothy. We would sincerely appreciate you or a representative of your's making our meetings, as we have requested before and if that not being possible, please check your rumors with our reporter.

Sincerely,
Crockett Leyendecker, broker

...what ever, city needs to work for train

As noted in the above letter to the Editor, last week's story on Page One of the Headlight about the Texas Independence Express may not be true. And, I say "may not" understanding that the information for the story was provided by someone other than Mr. Leyendecker.

The story reported information from a county sequentennial meeting that indicated several Columbus residents would try to change the train's preliminary schedule from an overnight stop in Eagle Lake, to an overnight stop in Columbus. Because there were conflicting reports given to the Headlight about the purpose of the committee, the story said a "rift may be developing."

Well, as Leyendecker's letter above clearly states, the county sequentennial committee is geared to join the county's communities together, which is an ideal that is opposite to rift. We thank Mr. Leyendecker for pointing this out. But whatever the case, residents of Eagle Lake need to understand one thing: If they are at all interested in seeing the Texas Independence Express make an overnight stop here during the state's 150th celebration, they need to work for it. In my eyes, there's money in it for local businesses, and a chance-of-a-lifetime history lesson for our youth.

As was noted in last week's story, the train organization will decide on the train's routes and stops depending on a community's participation. If we simply sit and watch the days pass on the calendar, we probably also will watch the train whist past as we did last year with another steam locomotive.

But remember, if the train spends the night here, at least some of its riders - it is unknown how many - will spend the night as well. The Farris 1912 surely will benefit; businesses on the square have the opportunity to benefit; local restaurants could pick up some additional diners, and the industrial foundation has a chance to introduce the community to a few more people.

The question arises as to what the community might do to convince the train organization to schedule a stop here. According to one railroad fellow here, there is enough siding along the main East-West track. The area isn't the best looking though. Consider this: Even though the property on either side of the tracks is supposed to be kept up by the railroad, perhaps the Civic Garden Club or some other organization could convince the railroad to take on the upkeep of the area as a civic project.

Then there's the need for a celebration of some sort. Surely the native or nearby-native Texans hereabouts would like to participate in some state birthday party the night the train arrives.

And, I can just see the T-Shirts that Joe and Martha Duncan, or any number of other businesses might have created, that could be sold to the visitors. Whatever, the thoughts of the train creating another "event" here seems exciting. Making sure it stops here though will be another tough job. We can handle it!

Legislature moves closer to dodging tax bullet on budget

The Legislature moved one step closer to dodging a tax bullet last week when the Senate approved a \$36.8 billion budget similar to a House version already passed.

Like the House budget bill, the Senate bill does not require a tax increase to balance the budget.

But it does raise several state fees by \$220 million, which is \$100 million more than fees raised by the House, and it provides to across-the-board pay increase for state employees.

After the House rejected the Senate bill, a conference committee was named of senators Grant Jones, Ed Howard, Ray Farabee, John Trager and Kent Caperton, and representatives Jim Rude, Jim McWilliams, Frank Madia, Bill Hollowell, and Mike Toomey. All are Democrats except Toomey, a Republican.

The Legislature must act to raise tuition at state colleges and universities as well as the state user fees in order to avoid raising taxes.

Water plan passed
Both chambers gave final approval to the Texas Water Plan compromise package, a proposed constitutional amendment, that will sell \$980 million in water development bonds and \$200 million in agricultural water conservation bonds.

Voters will decide in November whether to allow the sale to finance various water projects statewide, including reservoir construction, flood control, water recycling, sewage and drainage, subsidence control and soil and water conservation.

"White oil" feud
The Senate postponed, and may have killed, a bill deciding the multi-million dollar fate of "white oil," or oil produced from refrigeration of natural gas by independent oil producers.

The independents want to keep the natural gas as a byproduct of their oil wells, but major oil companies maintain their mineral rights allow them to be paid for the byproduct.

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock has warned the Legislature that recent regulatory rulings could result in a tax loss of \$100 million annually to the state.

The controversy is heightened by the involvement of former Democratic Congressman Kent Hance, who has formally withdrawn parties for a probable governor's race, and former Democratic House Speaker Bill Clayton, who is rumored to be considering the same move.

a time to REMEMBER
We extend to you a
Special Invitation
to the
Memorial Day Services
to be held
Monday, May 27
at the
Eagle Lake Community Center
beginning at 10 a.m.
Including the Eagle Lake Community Choir, Roll Call of deceased Veterans, Placing of the Wreath and Taps.
This Invitation Is Extended to All of You by Rice Area Memorial VFW Post 8783

Monday, May 20: Breakfast, cinnamon roll or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ice cream, milk.
Tuesday, May 21: Breakfast, sausage patty on biscuit with jelly or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, buttered rice and gravy, green beans, fruit, homemade bread, milk.
Wednesday, May 22: Breakfast, donuts or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, hot dog, French fries, Ranch Style beans, fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, May 23: Breakfast, pancakes with syrup or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit, milk.

East Bernard School Menu
Monday, May 20: Breakfast, cinnamon roll or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ice cream, milk.
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Wednesday, May 22: Breakfast, donuts or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, hot dog, French fries, Ranch Style beans, fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, May 23: Breakfast, pancakes with syrup or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit, milk.

Sheridan Lions Club installs Peck
Officer installation for the Sheridan Lions Club was held May 7 at Marvin's in Altair. Post Zone chairman Reggie Brisco installed the following: Monte Peck, president; Eugene Garza, first vice president; Alan Kison, second vice president; Burton Shaw, third vice president; C.W. DeShazo, secretary-treasurer; Wayne Dupre, tall twister; J.B. Ross, lion tamer; Neuben Wunderlich, Bill Lawson, Franklin Walker and Warren Dupre Jr., board of directors.

Bill Carpenter gave the welcome address. Outgoing president Wayne Dupre thanked the club for their support during the year. He noted the club membership is at an all time high with a gain of three members during his tenure. He urged continued support of the center, Logan Park, Chestnut Cemetery, Girl Scouts, diabetic screening and Little League. He has high marks to the Lion's wives for providing food services for those members of the community at time of bereavement.

Perfect attendance was presented to C.W. DeShazo for 21 years and J.B. Ross for 11 years. Incoming president, Monte Peck, upon assuming the chair, stated his goals were to continue the service and especially concentrate upon development of Logan Park to make it a first class recreational area for the enjoyment of the community.

Bertice Lee Tisegrads graduates summa cum laude at A&M

Bertice Lee Tise graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University at 7:30 p.m. on May 8. At the graduating ceremony he received a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in electrical engineering, from Dr. Frank Vandiver, president of A&M.

Bert was the 1981 valedictorian of Rice High School and attended A&M on a President's Endowed Scholarship, the highest scholastic undergraduate scholarship given at the university. He also was a National Merit finalist, for which he received a scholarship from Tenneco. As a sophomore he received the CPA&I scholarship given to outstanding students.

He was a finalist in the Outstanding Engineering Design Graphics student competition and received the Engineering Department Dean's honor award for seven semesters. He also was recognized twice for outstanding achievement in the University's honors program.

As a junior he was elected to Phi Kappa Phi honor society. For this he had to be in the top five percent of his class. Engineering honor societies he belongs to are Eta Kappa Nu, for electrical engineers, and Tau Beta Phi for general engineering. He also is a member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Best has been chosen by Santa National Laboratories as one of 20 graduates in the United States to participate in their prestigious graduate study program. He will continue his studies in the area of digital computing systems hardware and software at the University of New Mexico. His other interests include computer graphics, artificial intelligence, and the analysis of technical systems.



Robin Thomas started work Monday as the supervisor for Home Health Care, Inc., with an office at Community hospital here. The organization provides home health services for the Eagle Lake area, including Columbus, Garwood, Sheridan and other areas. Until now, the service has been relying on assistance from personnel from the Brenham office. With Mrs. Thomas on duty, local patients have someone local that will be readily available to coordinate care. She is a registered nurse and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1978. She has worked with intensive care nursing hospitals in Dallas and Houston and in cardiac rehabilitation in Houston where emphasis was on patient teaching. Home Health provides health care in a patient's home where possible, instead of in a nursing home or hospital where the care could be much more expensive. The service is available through local physicians or by contacting Mrs. Thomas at the hospital.

School Board...Continued from page 1

Primary. The board then hired Sharon Webb at ELPS, Denise Hagendorf, ELPS, education, and Dollie Johnson, former high school girls' coach, for high school English.

At previous meetings, the board accepted the resignations of James Grey (effective April 15), and Gilbert Good, high school coach; Michael Glasser, ELMS coach; Coleen Green, ELMS math, and Isaac Berry,

Heritage House News

Residents and staff are so thankful for the wonderful sermon and church services that was provided by Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake. The services held on Sunday, May 12 were so special for it was Mother's Day and such a nice day it was.

Mother's Day Tea
May 12 was Mother's Day and so many of our "mother residents" enjoyed Sunday immensely. A Mother's Day Tea was held in the afternoon for "all the mothers" and their visitors. Refreshments of cake, coffee or tea were provided in the dining area of Heritage House complimented by large potted chrysanthemums.

Special mothers for the day were Laura Vanderpool, was selected by being the oldest mother and Rosie Williams was selected the youngest mother. These two "young" ladies were presented with beautiful rose corsages and Mother's Day cards. We want to wish all the special mothers in our facility a Happy Mother's Day.

Beautiful flowers
Our heart goes out this week to the Heritage House Auxiliary for decorating the dining room tables with beautiful centerpiece flower arrangements. The centerpieces are gorgeous and brighten the room greatly. Come by and see! Special thanks to Mrs. Fay Anderson for the suggestion and for making them. Also many thanks to the volunteer's assisting Fay by helping her complete the task. All the residents are so very pleased with the remarkable and pleasing change in their dining area. Thanks!

We want to thank the family of the late Mrs. Tom Austin for bringing out the beautiful flowers to our facility. Our home is so complete with the flowers and the residents enjoy the beauty. Thank you with all our hearts.

10 years
Ms. Rowena Earls, nurses aid and grooming aid at Heritage House, celebrated 10 year anniversary on April 10 with a party given in her honor.
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Sheridan Bene-Fair Parade
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Mexican Dinner \$3.95	Chicken Fingers & Club Steak \$6.95	All You Can Eat... \$6.95 & \$8.95
		Shrimp... \$7.95
		Shrimp (All You Can Eat)... \$9.95
		Red Snapper... \$7.95
		Oysters... \$6.95 & \$8.95
		Frog Legs... \$6.50

Tuesday
Spicy Fried Chicken \$4.25
All You Can Eat \$5.50
Shrimp, Chicken Fingers and Frog Legs \$7.95

Thursday
Fajitas Night!! \$5.95

Sunday...
Treat the family to our
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3 Entrees, 8 Vegetables, 3 Home-style Desserts

Adults \$5.50 Children under 12 \$2.95 Senior Citizens \$4.95
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Airman Perkins completes basics
Airman Rodney O. Perkins, son of Nettie B. Perkins of 215 Mulberry St., Hallettsville, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks at Lackland, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. The airman will now begin on-the-job training in the supply field at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan.

His wife, Andrea, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Stovall of 1301 Connors, Eagle Lake.

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