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Austin's Colonists were represented at the Eagle Lake Primary School last week during the 3rd grade salute to Texas's 15th birthday. From left are Gregory Hernandez, Max Delgado, Amanda Alanese, Mandy Torrez, Haydee Gardia, and John Kaluza as Stephen Austin. At right is Sonia Rodriguez, portraying a reporter covering the event.

Left, representing another part of the Texas Heritage, Heriberto DeLaGarza and others portrayed Mexican Dancers. Above, Breana Wood waits next to the "Happy Birthday Texas" sign for another segment to begin. She was announcer during the program. Patty Stephens provided accompaniment on the piano while principal Major Benge played guitar.

Council gets first look at budget

City council received the proposed 1986-87 budget Tuesday night when it met in regular session. It has the next two weeks to study the figures drawn up by city manager Robert Klockman, and has scheduled a public hearing at its next meeting, March 25.

Klockman used an estimate that shows taxable values in the city are decreasing from $62.2 million to $60.6 million. He projects the city will need only about $5,000 more revenue from that levy and is hoping the collection rate of taxes due will increase, giving the city about $10,000 more to operate on next year.

The combination of lower taxable values and higher revenues means the tax rate will increase from 27.98-cents per $100 valuation to 29.56 cents. All figures depend on council's vote and are subject to revision. The actual tax rate won't be adopted until late summer when the county central appraisal office provides a certified tax roll.

Overall, the budget calls for the city to spend $1.1 million in the fiscal year that begins April 1. Revenues not generated by property taxation come from water, sewer and garbage fees, revenue sharing, non-property taxes such as sales and gross receipts tax, licenses and permits, and fines and fees.

With a projected $36,865 to be received from the federal revenue sharing program, and $4,615 left over from this year, Klockman suggests that $27,980 be used to purchase a backhoe/loader, and $11,000 for a new police vehicle. However, council said it would not take action on that until after the city election. Should the street bond issue fail, council could use the money for street paving, as it has done in the past.

In other business, council approved on one reading only an ordinance that calls for stop signs to be installed on the north and south side of the Lake Ave. railroad crossing. Council discussed traffic congestion on Lake Ave. between Davitt and the airport. Congestion, created by traffic and parked vehicles, creates danger for youngsters playing in the neighborhood. A year ago it was suggested that the Davitt intersection become a four-way stop, but no action has been taken.

Drug charge changed, case plea bargained; Sheriff, city police report other incidents

Kenneth Wayne Coats, 26, of Eagle Lake, was released from the county jail Tuesday after acceptance in district court of a plea-bargain arrangement.

Originally charged last month with two felony counts of delivery of a controlled substance, which later was changed to delivery of a simulated controlled substance, Coats was allowed to plead guilty for a probated sentence. The arrangement was worked out between the district attorney's office and the defense attorney, and approved by Judge B.B. Schraub.

Schraub ordered Coats released with a $5,000 personal recognizance bond, which means there was no cash or collateral required for the bond. He still must appear in a regular district court session for final probation arrangements.

In other Sheriff's department news, two juveniles from Victoria were arrested in Lavaca County last Wednesday about two hours after the Sheridan Dairy Delite was burglarized. Law enforcement officers said they found items that were taken from the dairy delite in the juveniles' pickup truck, which turned out to be a stolen vehicle. The two, age 14 and 16, were sent to Victoria for juvenile proceedings.

Eagle Lake police were busy Saturday with several aggravated assault reports.

About 1 a.m. Saturday, March 8, Rudolph Torres told officer John McKee that after another male had come to his home, an argument ensued, and he received a knife wound. Police arrested John Torres, 42, of Victoria, (no relation) and charged him with aggravated assault. Bond was set at $1,000.

About 3:30 p.m. that afternoon officer Lupe Villerreal investigated another assault. Nathaniel Fitzgerald said he was being harrassed by two other men in the 600 block of A St. One of the men used a .22-caliber rifle and shot a window out of the truck Fitzgerald was in. Arrested and charged was James Lee Rov, 21, of the 700 block of East D St. Fitzgerald, in a 1986 Nissan pickup, suffered a head cut either from flying glass or a bullet grazewound.

Later that night, officer Ernie Grimes was arresting Pearl Montalbo, 18, on two outstanding warrants. In the course of the arrest, the woman also was charged with resisting arrest, and assault after she bit Willie Lang. The event occurred in the 200 block of Boothe Drive. The Montalbo woman's address was listed as San Antonio.

Retail sales nosedive 46%

Retail sales in Eagle Lake for January dropped 46 percent from last year, according to this month's sales tax report from Austin. Countywide the decrease was 26.5 percent.

The city receives a check from the state each month representing one cent of the 5-1/8 percent sales tax levied on retail sales. The check received Monday was for $8,532.50, a decrease of $7,258 from the March 1985 check of $15,791.44.

Across the state, sales were up a little more than three percent.

In Columbus, sales were reported as decreasing 12.9 percent, and in Weimar the decrease was 22.5 percent. Columbus received a check for $17,692.33 and Weimar's check was for $5,674.11.

For the first three month of 1986, Columbus has received $79,377, down 3.6 percent; Eagle Lake has received $38,804, down 16.0 percent, and Weimar has received $30,470, up 1.2 percent from the same three months of last year.

In Austin County, the monthly check for Sealy was for $19,134, a decrease of 16.1 percent. For the year to date, Sealy sales are up nine tenths of one percent.

Police very active in February, report shows

The arrests that the Eagle Lake police department made last month, concerning illegal drug sales in the community, head the list of action taken by the department in February. The monthly police report was given to city council Tuesday night.

According to police chief Ben Johnson, police activity in February shows there were eight felony arrests and 17 narcotic drug law violations. Overall, 23 prisoners were processed, including 15 misdemeanor arrests.

Among other items, the report shows the department drove 3,390 miles during the month and spent 30 man-hours in court. There were five larcenies and ten burglaries reported. Police also were called for one attempted robbery and one aggravated assault.

The report says there were five assault calls and three vandalism calls made to the police department during the month. Nine drunkenness charges were made, two disorderly conduct reports made, and there were two calls about loose dogs. Police were called about 11 disturbances in residences, and six other disturbances, four prowlers, six suspicious persons and handled four suspicious vehicle calls. Five calls were referred to the county.

Police also were called to investigate two stolen vehicle reports, and six vehicle accidents, with one involving an injury.

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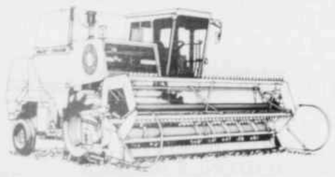

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American Troubadour to appear in concert in Wharton Tuesday

Bill Schustik, the American Troubadour, will appear in concert on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wharton High School auditorium. The concert is the third in the series sponsored by the Wharton County Community Concert Association.

American Troubadour Bill Schustik, with his rich baritone voice and unique storytelling ability, carries his audiences on a musical journey through America's history and folklore, spinning facts and trivias as vast and varied as our heritage. He entertains audiences, accompanying himself on guitar and banjo, harmonica, concertina, and dulcimer.

Raised in Lewiston, New York, Schustik launched his unusual career at Nantucket's Straight Wharf Theatre in September of '67. He became one of the original members of the Pete Seeger Hudson River Sloop Singers, appearing in folk festivals around the country. Other credits include a special performance at the White House before President Nixon and Indira Gandhi; and a gala presentation for President Ronald Reagan and other government officials.

The concert on March 18 is open to all who hold membership cards with the Wharton County Community Concert Association. For additional information, call Mrs. Emil Soderquist at 532-4936 or Harry Anderson at 234-3635.

Sharla Popp participating in trip to Washington D.C., New York City

Sharla Ann Popp, a senior agricultural economics major at Texas A&M University will be participating in a public affairs and agribusiness trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City during the week of March 14-23.

The field study emphasis will be in public affairs, bio-technology, marketing, sales, financial institutions, and production agriculture. Students will have the opportunity to visit with United States Department of Agriculture officials, and have arranged visits with important commodity groups, including U.S. Wheat, National Cotton Council, American Soybean Association, U.S. Meat Export Federation, the National Council for Farmer Cooperatives, National Cattlemans Association and others. Students will go to Wall Street, the Commodity and Stock Exchange, visit Farm Credit and commercial bankers, investment bankers, the World Trade Center and others.

The A&M student group will host a reception for former students living in the Washington, D.C. area with a special invitation being extended to the entire Texas Congressional Delegation.

Students also will have the opportunity to visit with Senators Phil Gramm and Lloyd Bentsen and Congressmen Charles Stenholm and "Kika" De la Garza.

Plans are made to see historic Old Philadelphia and Valley Forge, and visit the battlegrounds in Gettysburg National Military Park.

Sharla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Popp Jr. of Garwood and graduated from Rice High School in 1982.

'Tea' and 'Children's Fears' programs at sorority meetings

The members of Alpha Delta Phi met in the home of Connie Gertson on February 17 for the regular meeting. Robin Thomas presented a very informative program on "Tea" including the history of tea and how a proper tea would be conducted. She served hot tea, cucumber sandwiches, and scones to the members as a demonstration of what might be served at a tea.

The minutes were read along with communications received during the month. Social chairpersons Debbie christ and Charlene Rodgers thanked everyone for making the Western Dance a success and helping to decorate and clean up.

Carol Edwards, service chairperson, reported the Pink Ladies at the hospital would be taking up the baby t-shirt program started by Alpha Delta Phi at the hospital. Gail Guthman volunteered to do the tray favors for March.

Vicki Powers reported the next meeting would be in the home of Sylvia Rucka with Charlene Rodgers presenting the program.

Membership chairperson Gail Guthman reported the ritual of jewels would be held at the next meeting on March 3.

Rosebud girl Shelia Mathis asked for thank yous and reminded members of birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

President Melody Grigar reminded members to be thinking of nominees for Lady of the Year. The tea for Lady of the Year will be held on March 22 in the home of Kay Clipson.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed by members.

On March 3, the members of Alpha Delta Phi met in the home of Sylvia Rucka with Charlene Rodgers in charge of the program. She spoke to the members on "Children's Fears" and had the group share some of their fears now as well as their fears as children. She read a list of fears that were normal and fears that parents might need to be concerned about.

President Melody Grigar read a thank you note from Charlene Rodgers and Janice Obenhaus read a thank you note from Campfire Girls for the groups' donation to Valentines for Vets.

Ways and Means chairperson Janice Obenhaus led in a discussion of the upcoming April Fest and the possibilities of having a booth. The members decided to check into having a "fishing booth."

Social chairperson Charlene Rodgers reported on the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Tuesday, March 25. The place will be decided later.

The next meeting will be in the home of Robin Thomas with Debbie Christ giving the program.

Rosebud girl Shelia Mathis asked for thank yous and reminded everyone of upcoming birthdays and anniversaries.

Members then voted on Lady of the Year and the date of the tea was set for March 22 in Kay Clipson's home.

Vicki Powers surprised Janice Obenhaus with the presentation of her scrapbook from 1980-81. Due to the move of Marsha Cunningham it was not finished at the time of Janice's term as president.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the ritual of jewels ceremony was held for new members Sylvia Rucka, Robin Thomas, Sue Canaris and Connie Gertson.

The meeting was then closed and refreshments were provided by the hostess.

Contributions increase services to others

Federal regulations require that all participants have an opportunity to contribute toward the services that have been provided to them. At Colorado County Golden Age Center in Columbus, no one will be denied service if you cannot donate. Contributions will be used to offset cost of meals and will allow the center to maintain service to everyone and to increase service to others in need.

For those who would like to contribute, here is a contribution suggestion: 75 cents for site participants and 50 cents for home delivery meals.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Margaret Hurd Flowers

Mrs. Margaret Hurd Flowers, 94, of Eagle Lake, died on March 2 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, from Providence Baptist Church with Pastor Coby Shorter Jr. officiating. Burial was in Eagle Lake Community Cemetery.

Sheryl Shorter Henry served as pianist for the services and Mrs. L.A. Ashton sang, "The Day is Passed and Gone." Special music in the form of a duet was rendered by Mrs. Flowers' granddaughters, Debra Smith and Jennifer S. Barrow.

She was born on April 8, 1891 in Matthews community, Colorado County, a daughter of the late Matt Hurd and Mrs. Zella Matthews Hurd. She attended school in the Eagle Lake Public School system.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three children; three sisters; two brothers and one devoted first cousin.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Pauline Parker, Mrs. Zalia Thomas, Mrs. Vetta Hinton, all of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Ruth Archie of Galveston; five granddaughters, Mrs. Margaret McTear, Mrs. Thelma Smith, Mrs. Betty Swanner, all of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Ophelia Morrison of Bryan and Mrs. Martha J. Seller of Galveston; two grandsons, Elmo Christal of Oakland, California and Marvin Christal of O'Fallon, Missouri; 35 great grandchildren; 54 great, great grandchildren; seven great, great, great grandchildren; one nephew, one great nephew and a host of relatives and friends.

Casketbearers were her grandsons, Stanley Joe Smith, Rev. L.D. Smith, Lester Smith, Gerald Robinson, Charles Robinson, Gene Smith, Rev. John A. Smith, Paul L. Smith and Arnold Parker.

Mann's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Major Robert Charles Price

Major Robert Charles Price, 35, stationed at Ft. Meade, Maryland, formerly of Eagle Lake, died on February 6.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12 from the Garden of Hope Chapel in the Paradise Funeral Home in Houston with Rev. Richard J. Williams, pastor of Grove Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was at Ft. Bliss, Texas (El Paso).

He was born on July 9, 1950 in Eagle Lake. He attended Sanderson Elementary and Kashmere Junior High Schools in Houston and graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1968. He received his BA degree in business administration at Prairie View A&M University. Upon graduation in 1972, he was commissioned into the United States Army as 2nd Lieutenant. As a soldier, he served his country in Germany, Korea, Texas, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. He was promoted to Captain in 1977. He served as company commander, battalion leader, supply officer, equal opportunity staff officer, liaison officer, department of army staff and chief of logistic team. His awards include: National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Over-seas Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. He was promoted to major in 1985 and was stationed at Ft. Meade, Maryland until the time of his demise.

During his stay in Houston, he was a member of Grove Street Baptist Church under the pastorage of Rev. R.J. Williams and served as an usher. He attended Community Baptist Church in El Paso and Chapel Calvary in Ft. Meade, Maryland. He was a member of Omega Phi Psi fraternity.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Price and a brother, Kevin.

Survivors include: his widow, Elenor Price; his son, Kelsonic (Nicky) Price; stepchildren, Kimberly and Guylor Hankins; mother, Mrs. Ophelia Morrison, stepmother, Mrs. Rose Price; stepfather, Billy Morrison; grandmother, Mrs. Zelia Thomas; three sisters, Nancy Arriola, Earnstine Carroll, Sandra Davis; six brothers, Melvin Robinson, Jessie, Larry, Marvin, Bobby and Anthony Thomas; three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, uncles, aunts and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Mrs. Josephine Emma Harry

Mrs. Josephine Emma Harry, 90, of Bay City, died on March 9 at the Twelve Oaks Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Taylor Bros. Funeral Home Chapel in Bay City with Rev. Linwood Cheshire officiating. Graveside services and burial was held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Local arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

She was born on March 11, 1895 in Milam County, Texas, a daughter of Frank and Veruna Kopecky Talafuse. She had been a Bay City resident since 1933 and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bay City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.E. Harry on March 5, 1968.

Survivors include three daughters, Verna Fondon of El Campo and Mildred and Edna Harry, both of Houston; a son, Ernest Harry of Louise; six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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