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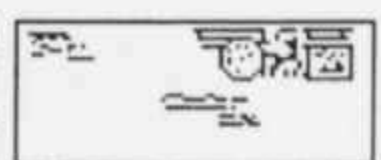
Rape: a misunderstood crime

Rape is not a crime of passion, it is a crime of violence. Rape or sexual assault is an act of sexual violence and aggression expressed through force, anger and/or intimidation, in which a person is made to engage in sexual activity because he fears for his life or fears bodily harm and believes the rapist has the ability to carry out these threats.

In this context cooperation is not the same as consent. Sexual assault is not motivated by a need for sexual satisfaction, but rather by a need to express hostility, anger and power over another person. It is not simply aggressive sex, but aggression expressed sexually, in which sex is used as a weapon, as a means to an end. When force is used to make someone have sex, it is a crime, a felony, so that a person, even a child, who is fondled, kissed, held, groped or made to engage in any other sexual activity, has been raped or sexually assaulted. When a deadly weapon has been used to commit rape it is termed aggravated sexual assault. (This information was given by Bastrop County Women's Shelter and Austin Rape Crisis Center.)

My life was threatened with a knife and I was raped. I am a rape survivor.

Rapist Neal Barry received 30 years in prison and is up for probation in 10 years for the crime of aggravated sexual assault in Colorado County. We felt as if we had been slapped in the face by this woman, as if no one cared if a sentence was served for the crime of aggravated sexual assault in Colorado County. Life has been hell for the past months. But, there was one consolation for this senseless crime.



We felt that justice would be done! If we had to go through the trauma of a trial, we thought it would be worth it because justice would be done! If this terrible thing had to happen to us, we want some good to come of it. We wanted the people of Colorado County to stand up and say "We don't allow rapists in Colorado County!" But that is not what happened, justice was not done! For justice to be done, we felt Neal Barry should have received a life sentence where he would be in prison for at least 20 years before probation. This means Neal Barry should have received a sentence for life or at least 60 years.

If you're tired of the crime around you, you can do something about it! Everytime you're picked as a juror, you can say, "We don't allow crime of any kind in Colorado County!" Because in the end, the final decision lies with you, a citizen of Colorado County.

By the time a case gets to court and the jurors are sitting there trying to make a decision of guilt or innocence, or of what kind of sentence to give, everyone else has done their job.

We highly commend Colorado County Sheriff's Department and Texas Ranger Ray Nutt. Buford Ashley especially should be commended. They did an excellent job of collecting evidence and information, and most importantly, for the capture of the rapist, Neal Barry.

Barry. You, the people of Colorado County, should feel proud that we have such an efficient Sheriff's Department.

We feel the reason most rapists get off with a light sentence is because people don't fully understand the nature of this crime or the people who commit this type of crime.

Rape does not happen to the victim only. It happens to her husband, family, friends and anyone who hears of the incident. It affects anyone who cares for another human being.

We don't need to tell you the hurt, outrage and fear we feel because of this crime. We don't need to tell you how hard it was for us to go to trial, hoping for a sentence of justice and the let down from the sentence that was given. We don't need to tell you the frustration we felt because our District Attorney, Bud Kirkendall, could have gotten a longer sentence if we would have plea bargained (plea bargain - the defendant offers to plead guilty to a reduced sentence).

Rape is a deadly, serious crime and should be dealt with in a deadly, serious way. Sexual assault goes on in Colorado County whether the victim is an adult or a child. You can do something about this crime and other crimes. The next time you're picked as a juror, care enough to say, "I am not going to put up with crime in Colorado County." You make the final decision.

(Factual information is available from the Bastrop County Women's Shelter, P.O. Box 534, Smithville, Texas 78957).

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. and Mrs. Don M. Lewis

White calls himself 'most conservative Texas governor'

Trying to save state dollars, Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock warned last week that state spending increased in April for the second consecutive month.

But Gov. Mark White questioned the accuracy of Bullock's report and insisted that his austerity plan would meet its savings goals by September.

White also called himself the most conservative Texas governor "in quite some time," a characterization which amazed some observers by its boldness. White, after all, has raised taxes twice.

His statement was a political reaction to criticisms by his GOP opponent, Bill Clements, who stumped the state last week calling White a heavy spender.

Clements labeled himself as the underdog, which is true since White defeated him in '82. But in terms of campaign spending, Clements has the resources to wage an impressive campaign.

Replay '82
After election results showed both White and Clements winning their party nominations without runoff, the politicians at the Capitol seemed to settle back to watch the main event: a replay of '82.

On election night, Clements gathered the public support of his two defeated opponents, Tom Loeffler and Kent Hance, in an immediate show of Republican unity.

By contrast, White hasn't announced whether he plans to meet

with his opponents, particularly Andy Briscoe and Don Crowder.

Oil patch woes
The president of the Texas Research League, an Austin-based organization which conducts private research on state government financing, last week said the Texas Legislature probably will have to raise taxes next session.

Jarred Hazleton told Houston business leaders that costs in education, prisons and state agencies have spurred state needs to outpace the growth rate of state revenues.

Again, the falling price of oil has caused losses in state revenues in severance taxes and oil-related sales taxes.

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Short takes
-The Texas Supreme Court last week was urged to protect the Texas Education Agency from an expected rash of lawsuits by teachers failing the competency test. Five suits filed against TEA are pending.

-Goddess of Liberty II is scheduled to be installed on the Capitol dome on May 31.

-The Public Utility Commission has ordered a temporary rollback in rates by Gulf States Utilities Co. in 24 Texas counties to approximately the rates paid by GUS's customers in Louisiana. A final order is expected this summer.

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Field day scheduled May 16 for macartney rose hedge control

By Leroy J. Hajdik
County Extension Agent

A Macartney Rose hedge control field day will be held Friday, May 16. The field day will start at 9 a.m. at the Robert Wells Airport located on Highway 71 south of Columbus. Producers will have an opportunity to see results of past years rose hedge control work, techniques of how to properly treat rose hedges for their control, and participate in discussions concerning the different treatment methods.

Cow-calf clinic
The fourth annual Gulf Coast Cow-Calf Clinic will be held in Edna at the Jackson County fairgrounds on Tuesday, May 20. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the program to get underway at 10 a.m. and

the clinic concluding at 3:30 p.m.

The agenda for the day includes: production options for the beef producers, economics of the cattle business, consumer demands for beef, mini-demonstrations, artificial insemination and estrus synchronization, cross breeding and exotics for the Gulf Coast, prescribed burning, herd health and new products, calf fires, and social.

The registration fee of \$10 per person to cover catered noon meal and seminar materials will be collected at the door. The clinic is sponsored by the livestock committee of Brazoria, Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton counties. These programs are another of a series of educational activities sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Committee.

Courthouse Report

REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, Ralph M. Truly, et ux, to Sam P. Thompson, et ux, 16,448.25 square foot tract, G.W. White Survey, 4-23-86.
Deed, Rosa E. Garcia, et ux, to Fred Canis, et ux, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 4, Simmons Addition, city of Eagle Lake, 4-22-86.
Gift Deed, Wilma Charned to Gary Charned, 0.50 acre, Henry Austin Survey, 4-24-86.
Deed, Gene A. Vass, et al, to Edith W. Vass, et ux, undivided 1/4 interest in and to 132.65 acres, J. Doty Leager, 4-22-86.
Gift Deed, Frances Burda to Robert L. Burda, lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, block 27, town of Rock Island, 11-7-78.
Deed, Edith Reichle, et al, to Himer Appel Jr., et ux, lot 2, block 48, town of Weimar, 4-15-86.

OIL, GAS LEASES
Loma Dixon, et al, to H.G. Bedford, 75.35 acres, P.K. Barlow Survey, 4-29-86.
Mabel Beard, et al, to Shell Western E&P Inc., 91.42 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey, 1-31-86.
Louis Crane Jr., et al, to Shell Western E&P Inc., 320 acres, Salvo Saline Survey, 3-24-86.
Agatha Pounder to Shell Western E&P Inc., 281.75 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey, 1-24-86.

OBITUARIES

Roy Richard "Ricky" Chisum

Roy Richard "Ricky" Chisum, 29, of Eagle Lake, died suddenly at approximately 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 while at work in the rice fields near Eagle Lake. He was born on February 4, 1957, in Jourdanton, Texas (Atascosa County), a son of Roy Craft and Nettie Mae Coble Chisum. He moved to this area 18 years ago with his family and graduated from Rice High School in 1975. He was very active in the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Eagle Lake Little League program. He had worked for John and Rusty Thomas in farming and ranching and for the past two years had worked for Melvin Sunderman Farms. He recently married Peggy Johns Jansky on February 22, 1986 in New Braunfels and they were expecting the birth of another child soon.

Funeral services were conducted at noon on Saturday, May 10 from Dalany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. E.B. Beasley Jr., pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church, and Leon "Sonny" Spunkel, chief of Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, officiating. Graveside

services and burial was held at 4 p.m. Saturday at City Cemetery in Christine, Texas near Jourdanton.

Survivors include his widow, Peggy Chisum of Eagle Lake; parents, Roy and Nettie Chisum of Crane; two daughters, Trish Chisum of Sheridan and Crystal Jansky of Eagle Lake; three sisters, Beverly Welch of Pecos, Karen Chisum of San Marcos and Royanne Chisum of Crane; a brother, Wayne Chisum of Crane; three nieces, Misti and Kristi Welch of Pecos and Tara Chisum of Crane; numerous other relatives, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Pallbearers were Melvin Sunderman, Mike and Gary Rucka, Randy Sanders, Steve Potter, Laudon Reel, Bob Cook Jr. and Paul Vass.

An educational trust fund has been established for Ricky's children. In lieu of usual remembrances, the family has requested that contributions be made to the "Children of Roy Richard Chisum Trust," c/o Gulf Coast Savings, 111 N. McCarty Avenue, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Richard Leroy Obenhaus

Richard Leroy Obenhaus, 73, of Jones Creek, died on Thursday, May 8 at his home. He was born on June 3, 1912. He was a member of the Jones Creek Baptist Church and had lived in the Jones Creek area since 1943 and married to Maxine Mullins. He was a retired operator from Lou Chemical Company.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10 from Jones Creek Baptist Church with Rev. E.E. Smith officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake at 2 p.m.

Survivors include his widow, Maxine Obenhaus of Jones Creek; a son, Lawrence Obenhaus of Shady Acres; two daughters, Myra Obenhaus and Lenell Wahl, both of Houston; a sister, Jewel Starke of Houston; three grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were the senior men's Sunday school class. Sympathy is extended to the family.

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Patients (May 12)

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Dismissals
Eagle Lake: Vester Booker, Lowell Dockery, Kate Williams, Loma Dixon, Mae Henry, Shirley Wilkerson, Alvina Yanez, Sylvester Castle, Arminhel Sims, Florence Walker, Betty Smith, Frank Sherer, Tonette Long, Lillie Parker, Andrew Powers.
Garwood: Mary Labay; from El Campo: Hamie Staff; from Wallis: Leon Sowa; from Columbus: Baby Girl Mays, L.J. Braden; from Sheridan: Jeni Ann Muncie and baby girl; from East Bernard: Shirley Fisher; from Sealy: Alexander Guerrero; from Paige: Janet Bordovsky.

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