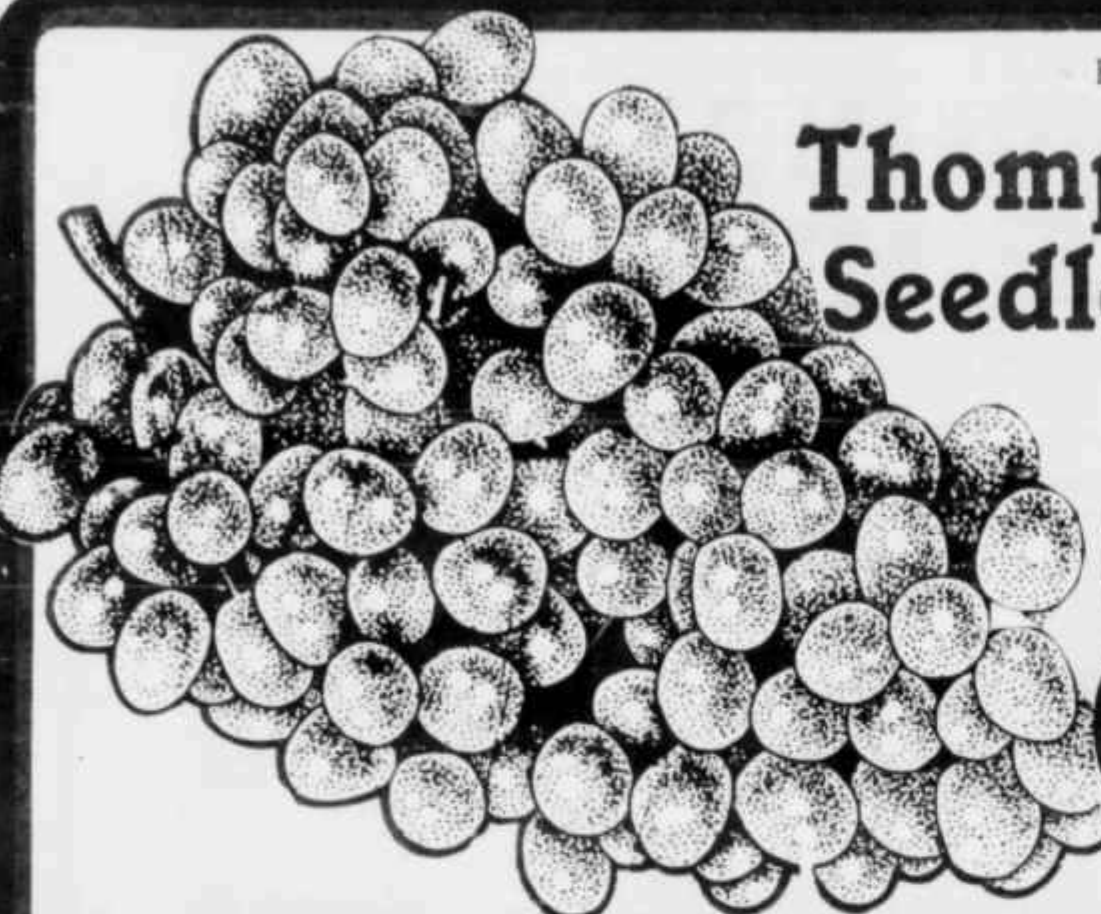


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Registration August 12 at St. Mary's

Registration for all students who plan to attend St. Mary's School in Napa is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12 at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuition and registration fees are payable at this time.

St. Mary's is state accredited for grades one through eight. For further information, call 758-3488 or 758-3267.

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Barry Woods found guilty in 30 minutes Receives 99-year prison term

A Colorado County district court jury handed out a 99-year prison term last week to Barry Neal Woods for the spring killing of Jose Daniel Navarro, 28, of Eagle Lake. He died after being shot April 30 in Woods' yard when he went to check on gunshots he had heard.

The trial took two days last week, according to district court records. When the jury finally got the case after 1 p.m. last Wednesday, it took them only about 30 minutes to find Woods guilty. The jury then began deliberations on the sentencing, and spent three hours deciding on the 99-year punishment.

When the shooting occurred, Eagle Lake police said they were called to the 500 block of Stevens St. about 8:15 p.m. on April 30 to investigate. The police report said that when Chief Ben Johnson and officer Ernie Grimes arrived, they found Navarro on the ground with at least three gunshot wounds. One shot was in the head.

Witnesses said Woods had fled the scene. Johnson said he found him hiding in a barn on Fairview St. and arrested him as a suspect. A 22-caliber semi-automatic pistol was taken as evidence. Woods then was taken to the Eagle Lake Police Department. After Navarro died in a Houston hospital the next morning, police filed the murder charge, and bond was set at \$25,000.

Attempted murder charged in Saturday bar-patron shooting

A charge of attempted murder was filed Sunday against a Louise man after the Saturday night shooting of Kelly Jobe in the parking lot behind Frankie's Pool Hall, formerly called The Back Door.

Jobe suffered a single gunshot wound in the abdomen that was extremely serious. After being stabilized at Eagle Lake Community Hospital, he was life-flighted to Hermann Hospital in Houston where he is reported to have received copious amounts of blood.

Statements taken by police reveal conflicting stories about the incident occurred. Jobe suffered a single gunshot wound in the abdomen that was extremely serious. After being stabilized at Eagle Lake Community Hospital, he was life-flighted to Hermann Hospital in Houston where he is reported to have received copious amounts of blood.

Eagle Lake police officer Ernie Grimes was in the police station just after 11 p.m. Saturday night, August 2, when a Spanish male came running in and said there was a shooting at the bar. Grimes

radioed from his patrol car that an ambulance would be needed, and when he arrived found one man on the ground bleeding heavily from a bad head wound. While waiting to look after that man, also Spanish, Grimes reported he heard another man nearby say that he had been shot. The police officer then radioed for a second ambulance.

Charged was Albert Perez, 26, of 1308 1st St. Louise. The police report said he was arrested after being treated at Eagle Lake Community Hospital for multiple lacerations. He was arraigned before Judge Mary Lou Szymanski about 1:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. He was unable to post \$10,000 bail set by Judge Szymanski, and is incarcerated in the Colorado County Jail in Columbus.

How the incident occurred depends on which witness police talked to. Troy Leal, also of Louise, apparently was driving a pickup truck with Perez as a passenger. Statements he and Perez made said they had been at another bar in Eagle Lake when they decided to go to the Back Door. But when they got there Perez reported there were several people standing around outside and that someone yelled that they didn't like Mexican's around there.

Leal told police that when the men from the bar started coming at them, he started to leave, but got the pickup stuck when he backed into railroad property. Statements from several bar patrons tell another story. Bill Reynolds of Bridgeport told police he was inside the bar when Roger Bayless and Kelly Jobe hollered from outside the

backdoor the two men were "cruising" the welding trucks parked in the lot. That statement, and another statement by bar patron Ed Andel, indicated they were afraid something would be stolen.

When the pickup became stuck, the driver ran to the police station. A scuffle occurred in the parking lot, Jobe was shot, and in the ensuing fight, Perez was injured. In the police report, officer Grimes said he was told the wound to Perez' head was caused by a bullet. However, Grimes also found a pool cue stick at the scene that had hair on it that looked like it would match the suspect.

Grimes recovered a six-shot, 22-caliber magnum foreign-made pistol that had five of six shells fired. He did not know whether all five had been fired Saturday night.



Rice sales reports confusing

The first two sales of the 1986 rice season have been bid at the rice office here so farmers are beginning to see what the fruits of their labors are bringing this year.

But just looking at the sales report sheets available at the office is no indication what farmers actually are receiving for their crop. You can take your pick of the Loan Value column, Net Loan Value and World Market Price then factor in the Gramm-Rudmann reduction. Still, you won't know what the price is.

First take the loan value, divide that by half, subtract that from the net loan value then add in the world market price and the premium over the world price offered by the rice mills. If you don't understand, the folks at the rice office can help out.

Farmers have to put their crop in the government loan program, then pay the government half of that to redeem the crop back into

their possession. For one farmer, the loan value (which is dependent on quality of the rice) was \$8.24. He put the crop into the loan program for the \$8.24, then paid the government half of that back to redeem it. Before

farmers receive their price support check from the government, the Gramm-Rudmann reduction is subtracted. In this case it is 35 cents, so the government pays the farmer \$3.77 per hundred pounds of rice sold. Then, the world market price for that rice goes for \$4.07, and the mills offered 18 cents over that price. Add that to the \$3.77 and you have \$8.02, which is the total revenues received for that lot of rice.

The above chart, which hopefully can be published each week, reflects the high and low bids that are being offered for the rice each week, plus it also shows the high world market price for rice.

No charges will be filed in the death Sunday night of a pedestrian struck and killed by a car in Garwood.

Trooper Wayne Knox said the man, a Mexican national, was standing on U.S. 71 about 10:40 p.m. August 3 when he was struck by a car driven by Maurice Hoffman, 40, of El Campo. Although it wasn't in the official report, investigators said the man had just finished urinating. He

was standing in the southbound lane facing the side of the road when struck.

Dead is Vicente Carreon, 41, of Mexico. JP William Hefner pronounced the man dead at the scene. Trooper Knox said it was not until Monday evening that officials were able to locate relatives in Mexico. The body report, investigators said the man was taken to Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

RHS band practice to begin Monday
Band practice for members of the Rice High School band will begin Monday, August 11 and be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each evening.

Busen will pick up students at the schools in Garwood and Sheridan and at the Post Office in Eagle Lake at 5:15 p.m. each day. Band members are urged to wear comfortable shoes for marching.

Teachers workshop August 12 in Columbus
The Colorado County chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association will host a leadership workshop at the Columbus Library at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12.

Representatives of local units from Wallis-Orchard, Sealy and Weimar will join the local leaders to receive information on the upcoming teacher evaluations. Local units also will make plans for the 1986-87 school year. Franklin Hunt, uniserve representative, will lead the workshop.

Next year may be even worse! Tax rates to reflect valuation decreases

When taxing entities in this area get down to the business of setting the tax rate based on 1986 property valuations, some rates are certain to reflect the world-wide decrease in oil prices. They also may shock area taxpayers who are used to keeping the cost of government low.

For instance, last year in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District there was about \$330 million dollars worth of taxable property, with a large percentage of that in oil, gas and gravel. This year, that figure has dropped by about \$40 million, to \$287 million. At the 1985 tax rate of 74-cents tax due for each \$100 of taxable property owned, it means the school district will have to adjust its budget by nearly \$300,000.

However, since taxable values on oil and gas property are based on the price as of each January 1, some officials are worried that this year's \$40 million drop may only be a scratch compared to the drop that may come next year.

Their worries may be well founded since oil still was more than \$20 a barrel last January 1 when this year's property valuations were made. With oil hovering around the \$10-\$12 mark, and threatening to go lower before going up, the district could lose more than the \$40 million in valuations it lost this year. The district has the option of:

1. Increasing taxes by about 15-cents per \$100 to keep district operations unchanged;

2. Cutting expenses so local taxes can remain unchanged; or

3. Compromising by cutting expenses and increasing taxes.

The school board already has held one budget workshop, and is expected to adopt its budget and set a tax rate by the end of August.

Other taxing entities, like the City of Eagle Lake, may have done much of its work on its next budget, but all have been waiting

for the county Central Appraisal District to release its official tax rate for 1986. That role is the legal list of property in the county, and what its taxable value is.

With that done last month taxing bodies now know where they stand when it comes to how

much property is in their boundaries that is taxable. Also important was the publication last week by the appraisal district of the "Effective Tax Rates." Those were the advertisements full of figures in last week's edition of The Headlight. The state requires those

to be published. What they tell a tax body is the rate that body can set this year without calling for a public hearing. The Effective Tax Rate also controls the triggering mechanism that gives taxpayers the means to call a roll-back election.

However, the terms and figures can be confusing. If a tax body raises its tax rate less than three percent more than the effective tax rate published last week, it does not need to call a public hearing. If it raises the rate more than 3 percent more than the effective rate, then the public can call for a roll-back election.

However, in the case of the Rice district, the effective tax rate already is 20 percent more than last year's actual rate, so what, you might ask, is the big deal about the three and eight percent? The "deal" is that if your property valuation remained unchanged from 1985 to 1986, then your taxes could really jump if the effective tax rate is adopted. Don't be really alarmed yet, since the school board has not announced its intentions.

Meitzen wins 14 shooting medals
Local sporting goods shop owner Johnny Meitzen came home from the most prestigious skeet shooting competition last week in San Antonio with 14 medals and a "fair amount of prize money."

Meitzen competed in a number of events in the C-Class of the World Skeet Shooting championships. He won the preliminaries of the 650 division but lost that championships by two birds. He only missed 45 out of 650 target shots.

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