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'Just Say No'

Standing, front row from left, are Robert LaBlanc, John Cardenas, Manuel Cobia; back row from left, Pilot safety area leader Jean Abel, Pilot president

Just Say No

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would love to hear from them and she will write back.

Bobby serves on the March of Dimes National Youth Council, is a member of the board of directors of the National Federation of Drug Free Youth, and sits on the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Statewide Advisory Council.

The originator of the "Just Say No" club movement in Texas, he started with elementary schools near his hometown, asking permission to talk to the younger students, telling them it is indeed "cool" to say "NO" to drug experimentation and usage. Thousands of children responded to

the positive message by joining a "Just Say No" club.

Bobby has travelled the state of Texas, and now throughout the nation, to deliver his message. Twice he has had the honor of visiting his inspiration, First Lady Nancy Reagan. He was named the 1986 "teenager of the year" by the Texas Optimist Clubs, was awarded the National Youth Award at the fifth annual conference

of the National Federation of Parents in Washington D.C., and recently the Freedom Foundation's George Washington honor medal for excellence of individual achievement.

Special guests present were Drs. Jose Ugarte and Russell Thomas, John Brasher and Sam Thomson, of the First National Bank and Chief Ben Johnson and Rev. Charles Miller, directors of the drug council.



Appreciation certificate

Chamber...

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the city square, members of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have booths set up at the Community Center for the convenience of their customers. Letters will be sent to chamber members notifying them of the deadline, since space is limited.

Tom Reed, president of the chamber, selected a nominating committee for the selection of nominees for directors 1988. The committee consists of Michael Henry, Dr. Russell Thomas, Bill Appelt, Sandy Bendy and Steve Taylor.

In other business, the directors gave Michael Henry, treasurer, authority to place the chamber certificate of deposit at the institution with the highest interest rate available at the time of maturity.

Brad Murray, left, police officer for Eagle Lake, was presented a certificate of appreciation by VFW commander Wilfred Lueddecke from the VFW Post 8783 for his outstanding service to the community of Eagle Lake. The certificate reads as follows: Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Brad Murray in grateful recognition of unyielding adherence to the highest ideals of law enforcement in maintaining, preserving and protecting the lawful rights of all citizens.

Training begins in November for Parent Aide volunteers

Parent Aides in your area are helping families break the cycle of abuse. You can too! If you are a caring person with child care or parenting experience interested in working one-to-one, you have valuable skills that can help a needy family change and grow. As a volunteer you will receive the following: 12 hours of training before being matched with a family, monthly meetings with other parent aides, ongoing personal support and consultation, and reimbursement for mileage and long distance calls. Upcoming events for Parent Aides and their matched families include a full day of fun, food and making friends, a hands-on Christmas Craft Fair, and practical parenting classes. Volunteers are needed NOW!! Training sessions begin in early November, so call the Parent Aide Program at (713) 749-7192 and join the team of concerned parent aides making a difference.

Halloween safety

Halloween evokes images of goblins, witches, and other cleverly disguised children who go trick-or-treating each year. Here are a few precautions to remember:

Costumes, especially dark-colored ones, are difficult for motorists to see at night; make certain the costume is not so long that a child can trip on it; cloth masks and entire head masks can block a child's vision or breathing. Instead, consider painting a mask on the child's face. Parents should review safety rules with their children.

Thief caught drinking up stolen property

Sgt. Lupe Villarreal was called to 504 West Post Office Wednesday afternoon, October 7 at approximately 3:30 p.m. to a burglary at the John Walker home. According to the police report, Jim Allen, who is working for Mrs. John Walker of Galveston, arrived Wednesday morning to work on the home and around noon, locked up and left. He returned around 3:30 p.m. and found the door unlocked and a broken window pane.

Villarreal combed the area and noticed a suspicious subject near the Southern Pacific railroad track drinking and found articles of clothing in his possession that belonged to the Walkers. Curtis Mott, 32, of Havana, Florida and recently paroled from Florida for burglary of a building, confessed to the theft. A local citizen assisted Villarreal in recovering the articles and bringing them to the police department.

Mott was charged with burglary of a habitation and bond was set at \$5,000 by Judge Szymanski.

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Senior meals program undergoing change; Feds file for unpaid taxes

The long-running senior citizens Meals on Wheels program, under administration of the Colorado County Golden Age Center until October 1, is undergoing a transition brought on by "poor bookkeeping."

The Golden Age Center, a private group organized through The Bookers Temple Church in Columbus, had been serving the meals on wheels with a federal grant through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC). Valued at \$100,078 last year, the contract was supplemented with \$2,000 furnished by Colorado County. The county also provided office space in the County Agricultural Building, next to the jail on Spring St., and paid up to \$50 a month on the telephone bill.

There is no more Golden Age Center," a woman in the new Senior Citizens Program office in Columbus said Tuesday.

Last week rumor began circulating in Columbus that there was a financial problem with the program. The Internal Revenue Service filed tax liens on August 26 and Sept. 16 at the courthouse in Columbus, against the Golden Age Center, showing that \$21,735.09 in federal income tax withholdings and social security withholding taxes have not been paid to the government. The lien covers parts of 1984, 1985 and 1986.

Jack Steele, HGAC executive director, said Tuesday that HGAC became aware of the problem this past August when they were contacted

directly by the IRS. Also that month, the HGAC received from a Houston CPA firm an audit for the Golden Age Center's 1985 operations. He said the audit was so late because the auditing firm had to re-construct the center's books.

Steele said an HGAC auditor was sent to look at the Golden Age Center's 1986-87 records, and reported that the books were in no better shape than the 1985 records. HGAC staff then recommended to its board that the Golden Age Center's contract not be renewed when it expired Sept. 30. Steele said the group could not provide assurances the problems could be corrected.

After HGAC studied the 1985 audit, Steele said "We believe there is

no money missing, and there is no case of fraud. It is a case of poor record keeping, quite frankly; we believe that the money was put into the program itself."

Rev. Carl Evans, pastor at Bookers Temple and executive director of the Golden Age Center, could not be reached on Tuesday afternoon for comment.

Important program
According to county judge Lester Crane, an HGAC board member, the average age of Colorado County residents is the oldest in the state. "This is an important program," Crane said, because of the number of senior citizens. He also said that the Meals on Wheels program provides some of those people with the only meal they get that day.

To keep the program going, several temporary arrangements have been made. Magnolia Place in Columbus, a licensed personal care home, is

making approximately 80 lunches a day. Although they are not the traditional hot meals, the sack lunches do provide nutrition from the basic four food groups, according to Dyan Louzon, administrator.

From there, the Colorado Valley Transit organization in Columbus is using volunteers to deliver the meals. Approximately half go to the homes of senior citizens, and the other half are delivered to a central location in Weimar and Eagle Lake where people enjoy the meal and fellowship. In Eagle Lake, the meals are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Christ Episcopal Church. Mrs. Ora Jones can be reached in Eagle Lake at 234-3248 for more information on obtaining the meal.

When the program with the Golden Age Center was not renewed, the central meal site in Columbus, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, also no longer was available. Therefore,

sit-down meals are not currently available in Columbus. Officials are looking for a meal site in Columbus, and for a location to cook meals.

The program is being overseen through the Senior Citizens Program at Wharton County Junior College. Although there is some problem with the transfer of equipment—most of it has been transferred from the Golden Age Center—the Colorado County Senior Citizens Program has been established in the office in the county Ag building in Columbus, and applications for meals are being taken there.

HGAC said they still are seeking possession of the vans used by the Golden Age Center. While working on this story Tuesday morning at the Ag Building, one of those vans was seen parked next to the building. Steele said if there are problems obtaining the vans, "necessary action will be taken to secure them."

Curler set Saturday

Halloween costume contest Friday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Halloween costume contest at 4 p.m. this Friday at the Municipal Building and pre-kindergarten children through third grade are invited to participate in the contest.

There will be many ghosts and goblins roaming the streets of Eagle Lake Saturday night, October 31 for Halloween and acting city mayor Lucille Perry announces the city of

Eagle Lake has set a curfew for 8 p.m. to make sure this Halloween will be a safe and fun one for the "little ones."

Halloween finds children pretending to be characters from fairy tales, horror movies, dreams and nightmares. It's all for fun — so parents should keep in mind the following ideas.

•Keep their costumes loose fitting but not too long.

•Make certain that costumes are

constructed of flame resistant material and light in color—or use reflective tape as decorations on the clothing to keep the youngsters more visible in the dark.

•Instead of masks that can hinder eyesight or breathing, try using non-toxic face paints.

•Discuss the night's route and rules (also the curfew) with children before they leave the house.

•Emphasize that none of their treats are to be eaten until the contents of their trick or treat bags have been examined.

Keep Halloween a thrilling evening for all of our little "ghost and goblins!"

newsbriefs

'Elvira' to make local appearances Friday

Eagle Lake will be invaded by "Elvira," Friday, October 30. She will make her appearances at Miller's Grocery at 11 a.m. and Wilcox Minimats at 3 p.m. Elvira is the spokesperson for Coors television commercials and will be here in conjunction with Halloween.

4-H Halloween carnival this Saturday

The Eagle Lake 4-H Club grounds on Seaholm Street will be transformed into a Halloween carnival this Saturday, October 31 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Games, food, witches brew and prizes will fill the evening and the haunted house will be open from 9-10 p.m. The public is invited to attend!

Eagle Lake chapter AARP meeting Nov. 4

The Eagle Lake chapter of A.A.R.P. will meet on November 4, at the United Methodist Church for the November meeting, at 2:30 p.m.

Prior to the business meeting, the Executive Committee will meet at 2 p.m. An interesting program has been planned by this month's chairperson, Mr. Albert Pustjovsky.

Retired teachers meeting November 2

The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers will meet on Monday, November 2 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall in Columbus at 2:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Sara Uzzi. She will talk about the literacy program in Colorado County.

Halloween movie this Thursday at library

There will be a special Halloween Movie Day this Thursday, October 29 at the Esia and David Wintermann Library. All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to see the movie from 3 to 5:45 p.m. Admission is free and children may wear costumes.

'Trick Or Treat Safely' at Heritage House

ARA Living Centers Heritage House invites all young witches, goblins, monsters and other local spirits to join them for a special Halloween event. The facility is offering a Trick or Treat Safely (TOTS) program for local children, on Saturday, October 31 from 6-7:30 p.m.

This special Halloween program provides a safe place for children to trick or treat. Heritage House resident grandmothers and grandfathers will be ready with "goodies" and treats, while the children trick their way through the special Halloween decorations. Located at 200 Heritage Lane, Heritage House will provide free bags for the children's candy.

Evangelist at New Life Fellowship

The Sheridan community will be especially blessed on November 1 with the preaching ministry of evangelist Francis Butler of Australia. He sings and plays every musical instrument and has a wonderful ministry to the youth. This will be the second visit here for Butler and everyone is welcomed to come hear him preach and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit at the New Life Fellowship, located on Hwy. 90A. He will be returning home in December, so don't miss this opportunity on November 1. Prepare to stay for lunch after worship services.

Defensive driving course November 3, 4

Colorado County Farm Bureau has scheduled a defensive driving course for Farm Bureau members on November 3 and 4 at 6:30 p.m. each night at the Colorado County Farm Bureau office. For further information call 732-2383.

Eagle Lake Study Club Auction Items



LEFT PHOTO: This fresh flower arrangement, donated by The Farris 1912, will be one of the auction items at the Study Club's annual event November 7. Mrs. Helen Farris is pictured by one of her beautifully arranged works of art.

BOTTOM PHOTO: This picture gives you more auction items that will be at the Eagle Lake Study Club November 7. They are, from left, antique snack set given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcox; milk glass compote, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Duncan; jalapeno jelly donated by Robert Samuel Martin; Boudier print donated by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sunderman, and a Ducks Unlimited hunting knife donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Burke.

That motion was never ruled on, as the indictments were quashed by Blackwell.

Munson filed a motion to set aside each indictment on grounds that:

•The indictment does not state facts sufficient to constitute an offense against the State of Texas.

•The indictment fails to allege all the essential acts or omissions by this defendant necessary to constitute the crime alleged.

•The indictment is not written in plain and intelligible language and it is not written so that it will allow the defendant to plead this prosecution in bar.

•The allegations of the indictment are insufficient to put the defendant on notice of what record the state will rely on to prove its accusations.

•The indictment fails to sufficiently state the manner and means by which the offense is alleged to have occurred.

Other motions entered by Munson for consideration Thursday are a motion for production and duplication of grand jury testimony, a motion for election (which orders the cases will be tried in), a motion for discovery and inspection, an application for felony probation (required prior to the trial to show the defendant has no felony conviction and, if convicted, is eligible for felony probation) and a special plea of collateral estoppel.

Boy tries to give \$4,000 away

Local police investigated an incident last Thursday in which it was reported a 13-year-old was giving away part of \$4,000 cash he apparently had taken from a family household safe.

Eagle Lake Middle School principal Charles Abel said police heard the boy was giving away the money at school. When he talked to the youth, the rest of the money was found and turned over to the police department. Police Chief Ben Johnson said the money was returned to the boy's grandmother and no charges were filed.

VOTE next Tuesday, November 3. It preserves your freedom!