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Cameron updates Austin County on West Houston Airport

Says construction could begin by late 1989 or 1990

As the City of Sealy grapples with the decision of whether it can financially afford a regional airport, plans for the Houston Westside Regional Airport are moving along and construction should begin by late 1989 or early 1990, a spokesman for the project said on Wednesday of last week.

Houston Realtor Bruce Cameron, instrumental in assembling a 1,332-acre land package and selling it to the City of Houston in 1986, told the Austin County Board of Realtors at Capricorns' Restaurant that the airport not only will impact the significance of West Houston, but also the surrounding counties.

Cameron said the results of a City of Houston feasibility study announced several weeks ago said the airport is needed and should be built.

Airport construction draws other industry to the area "like a magnet," Cameron said, and developers already have "talked to several major companies about locating there."

"It's a pattern that's happened all across the United States," he said.

To be located between Katy and Brookshire, two and a half miles north of Interstate 10, the airport initially would be used for general aviation — private planes and corporate fleets — and eventually service commercial flyers.

Two parallel runways, one at 6,000 feet and the other at 7,000, are planned. In comparison, the longest runway at William P. Hobby Airport in South Houston is 7,900 feet, Cameron told the Realtor group.

Waller County Commissioners, despite public hearings in which many constituents voiced opposition to the project, still saw the need for the airport and adopted two types of zoning to avoid future problems, Cameron said.

Height hazard zoning, common for airports, will regulate the height of structures around the airport, while compatible land use zoning, the first of its kind in Texas, will enforce certain requirements, for homes built in the area, to cut down on noise problems and prohibit "incompatible development," he said.

Before Cameron's involvement in the project, he said that it failed approximately five times because local officials and citizens were not consulted in the proper way and because the location chosen by Houston in 1981 was in the area of the Katy gas field, one of the oldest in the United States.

The site was moved slightly north, and a package deal of land owned by the Carter, Woods and Freeland families was sold to the City of Houston in August 1986 and, if the airport goes through, the city will have purchased the acreage at the "very attractive price" of $4,000 per acre, Cameron said.

Cameron told the newspaper that the West Houston airport project is not in contention with Sealy's proposed facility and that it would be "extremely short-sighted not to push that airport."

"I think the region will suffer if they don't put it in eventually. I'm all for it," Cameron said.

With the feasibility study behind them, the West Houston airport now is facing a new hurdle, mainly environmentalists who contend the airport will interrupt the migratory patterns of geese and bald eagles which follow them on their journey, Cameron said.

Groups such as the Audibon Society and the Sierra Club have "threatened a battle to the death" over the issue, Cameron said, but added that environmentalists are "on weak ground."

Noting that airport investors had studied the environmental issue thoroughly before becoming involved in the project, Cameron said the diminishing rice field acreage in the Katy-Brookshire area, attributed to the high cost of ground irrigating the fields, will lead to a decrease in the area's bird population even without an airport.

"Rice production is not economically productive for Katy anymore," he said, adding that only four extended families in the Katy area are still in the rice business.

Crop dusters and other aviators have been flying in that area for years, he said.

"There's no question in my mind that we'll have a Westside Airport," he said. "Some day the people of this area can look forward to not having to pack a lunch to get to Intercontinental or Hobby."

Sorority hears self-protection program

Alpha Delta Phi met in the home of Melody Grigar October 19. Debbie Christ, president, called the meeting to order with 16 members and four guests present. The minutes were approved as read by recording secretary Connie Gertson.

Ordering information was received from International for the holiday cookbook. Other communications included a letter from the Pilot Club of Eagle Lake asking for support of the anti-drug program, "Just Say No," they are sponsoring at Eagle Lake Middle School.

Ways and Means chairmen Sue Canaris and Charlene Rodgers, have booked the Community Center for next years style show and luncheon.

Robin Thomas and Shelia Mathis, social chairmen, passed invitations for members and their spouses to attend the October social. Service chairman Melody Grigar gave the supplies and napkins to Charlene Rodgers for the hospital tray favors.

Rosebud Mindee Porter reminded of upcoming birthdays and anniversaries and thank yous were said. Connie Gertson reported she has sent her photograph to International for the Valentine contest.

Under new business, Robin Thomas shared an invitation from former Alpha Delta Phi member Jacalyn Ashby of the Pink Oak Ladies Club in Katy to a "Festive Kitchen and Dining Home Tours" on November 7.

Gail Guthman received her president's scrapbook for the 1986-87 year from Vicki Powers.

The next meeting will be in the home of Debbie Christ with Charlene in charge of the program.

The closing ritual was recited at the close of the meeting and hands were joined for the mizpah. Prior to the meeting, a very informative program was presented by Wayne Hanson, a consultant for Citizens Against Crime, a national crime safety awareness organization. Ideas for self-protection were shared in hopes of saving lives through education.

Reporter

Hospital News

Patients (November 16)

Eagle Lake: Isabel Vecera, Laura Matthys, R.L. Baird;

Columbus: Maria Contreras; Sheridan: Aileen Jung; Rosenberg: Sabina Hernandez; East Bernard: Susan Jochec.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Lorrie Romo, Alfred Gertson, Matthew Stovall, Lee Politsch, Candace Powers, Evelyn Miller, Joe Koudelka, Mindee Porter, Olivia Maxie;

Columbus: Vivian Coleman; Altair: Tillie Neubauer; Garwood: James Rivera, Lillian Stevens; Kerrville: Alice Hale; Shiner: Innocence Otto; Egypt: Carla Matthews; New Ulm: Geraldine Marek; Lissie: Victor Corman Sr.; Katy: Phyllis Sherick; Sheridan: Marge McCoy; East Bernard: Johnnie Balusek.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

Welcome home Elizabeth!

Come see and buy Christmas paper, cards and ribbon and other gift items.

The museum will have a 1/2 price sale on "garage sale" items this Saturday, November 21 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Get into the Christmas spirit on December 6. The Children's Community Christmas Choir will present "Twinkle II" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 in the Prairie Edge auditorium.

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Who's zat

By RENEE BALAS

Many students at Rice were fooled by these big blue eyes. The only clue given was that she was a freshmen.

Some students identified this little girl as Krista Miller. Those guessers included Kevin Bendy, Dominique Isenhower and Michael Grahmann. Dionne Glover guessed this to be Tricia Broussard while Jennifer Matthews and Kim Corman guessed Tammie Hinze. Tricia Thomas took a wild guess and thought those eyes had to belong to Matthew Wilson. Kim Garrett had no idea who this was.

Some students were not fooled by this picture. They knew it had to be none other than Heather Abel. Those included Jennifer Mader, Patty Stephens, Suzanne Corman and Prisca Cantu. Heather is the daughter of Charles and Jeanette Abel of Eagle Lake. She is an active member of the Mighty Raider Band.

Glover receives DAR award

By PATTY STEPHENS

Dionne Glover, Traci Klein and Suzanne Corman were recently nominated by the Rice faculty to receive the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award. The seniors of Rice High School voted Dionne Glover, daughter of Clifton and Helen Glover of Altair, as the DAR Good Citizen award recipient.

Dionne will write an essay to be entered in a contest against other DAR winners competing for the DAR scholarship to the school of their choice. This award has given Dionne a sense of pride about herself and her future. Dionne has high expectations for her future.

She has been accepted to attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall semester of 1988. Dionne plans to major in communications and minor in journalism to fulfill her dream of working for a major newspaper syndicate.

Meet the Rice Raiders

By JENNIFER MATTHEWS

This week we have a big treat for all you Raider fans out there! Due to the large number of seniors on this year's football team, we ran out of season before we ran out of players. Therefore we have interviewed five senior players this week.

Paige Paschall, son of Gwen and Gene Paschall of Eagle Lake, was number 30 for the Raiders this season. He is 5'7" tall, weighs in at 130 pounds and played the position of split end. Paige said the biggest problems this year were the team's attitude, their lack of leadership and the fact that "there were too many individuals and not a team." He says this year's season was a disappointment, but he is glad it's over because now he can concentrate on other sports - powerlifting, golf and baseball. After graduating, Paige plans to attend Blinn Junior College.

Next we have number 20, Clarence Weeks. Flip, as most people know him, is a 5'8", 160 pound senior who played a very good season as running back and corner back for the Raiders. Flip feels that the defense was the biggest weakness this year. He said it was a fun year and felt that there were many good things that happened, but that the defense just wasn't as good as it used to be. Flip is the son of Harold and Patricia Boone. He will now direct his efforts towards a successful track season. Flip has already passed the Marines acceptance test and will be joining the corps after graduation.

Louis Richardson, son of Mrs. Atlene Richardson, played linebacker for the Raiders this season. He is 5'11" tall, weighs 175 pounds and wore jersey number 83 on Friday nights. Louis says he feels bad when thinking back on the season because the Raiders didn't play as a team like they should have. After graduation, Louis plans to join the Army and later get married.

Our next interview was with Willis Johnson, number 75. Being 5'11" tall, and weighing 206 pounds, he did a great job of playing tackle for the Raiders. When asked about the season, Willis said they could have won more games than they did, because they had the ability, but did not because they didn't play as a team. Willis is the son of Inola Johnson and plans to join the Army after graduation.

Last but not least, we interviewed Kevin Long. Kevin, number 12, was the 5'10", 170 pound quarterback for the Raiders this season. He says this season was a learning experience, but he never dreamed it would end up 1 and 9! He thinks the biggest problem was the lack of support among team members and the many injuries that occurred this year. Kevin is the son of Lenora and Tommy Long of Eagle Lake, and he will now concentrate on playing basketball for Rice this season. After graduation, Kevin hopes to play football for a junior college, but if not, he plans to join the Navy.

Rice CISD school menu

(All meals are served with milk.)

Thursday, Nov. 19: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered spinach, assorted jelly, biscuits.

Friday, Nov. 20: frito pie, baked beans, celery and carrot sticks, pineapple tid bits, hot rolls.

Monday, Nov. 23: fish nuggets, catsup, pinto beans, combination salad, yellow cake, garlic butter rolls.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: baked turkey, dressing with giblet gravy, English peas, cranberry sauce, hot roll.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: hamburgers, French fries, catsup, burger salad, Thanksgiving dessert.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27: Thanksgiving holiday.

Business Club officers elected

By SUZANNE CORMAN

Recently, the Rice High School Business Club was formed and on Friday, October 30 elections of officers were held.

The officers for the 1987-88 school year are: Jeff Marquart, president; Tonya Castro, vice president; Marsha Hoffmann, recording secretary; Leslie Glover, corresponding secretary; Suzanne Corman, reporter; Brian Balas, treasurer; Traci Klein, historian. The Business Club sponsors are Mr. Wendel, Mrs. Engstrom and Coach Wild.

The club has many activities planned and intends to have a successful year.

Student Pride person picked

By LAURIE ABEL

This week's Student Pride award recipient is Leslie Glover, daughter of Ernest and Marie Glover. Leslie was very excited upon receiving this award.

She is an active senior in the Mighty Raider Band, parliamentarian of FTA and corresponding secretary for the Business Club.

The Student Pride award is a great honor for any student at Rice High School

FFA members hear program on hunter safety

By DIONNE GLOVER

The Rice High School Future Farmers of America held a meeting on Tuesday, November 1, in the Rice High School ag room. Guest speaker, Sam Center, presented a program on hunter safety and the Game Warden Academy. Chapter vice president Darrell Stancik and chapter advisor David Wiese demonstrated to the class on bow shooting. After the demonstrations, members voted on buying a new cattle trailer and the motion was passed.

President Leslie Sunderman feels that the FFA has gotten off to a good start. The members are looking forward to a successful year at the local ag show and the Houston Livestock Show.

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Fire Prevention poster winners

The children in the third grade at Garwood School made posters in accordance of Fire Prevention Week. The winners were Carrie Engstrom and Jason Sanders.

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Garwood pre-kindergarten

"Please allow me the privilege of introducing myself to you. My name is Dennis Wetzel. I am the new pre-kindergarten teacher at Garwood school. I recently moved to Shiner this past summer and at home, my wife, Sue, and two daughters, Sarah and JoAnna, keep me busy. At school our class is busy with learning to express themselves verbally, relating to one another, learning school routines, developing positive attitudes and other fundamentals which they will need to have as a foundation for kindergarten. In the classroom, my aide, Mrs. Kristynik, gives the children needed help whenever possible. Pictured are, front row from left: Ashley Johnson, Justin Johnson, Kurt Sanders, David Hernandez, Lakeisha Johnson; second row, Martha Rodriguez, Tia Doublin, Devrick Eaton, Corey Williams, Bennie Glover; back row, Mr. Wetzol.

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