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Cloud over courthouse growing

By John Fearing, Headlight Editor

Our hat is off to county commissioner L.J. "Sonny" Spanihel. He stood up for fairness last week as his fellow commissioners and county judge Lester Cranek considered what they needed to do to replace resigned sheriff Jim Broussard.

However, from report's I've heard, commissioners are giving appearances of practicing "good ol' boy" politics and continuing to hide from the public.

If you will remember, past discussion in commissioner meetings brought charges from the public that our top county officials were trying to hide information and protect Broussard; at one point it looked like they were trying to block the investigation and prosecution.

The public ears became a little warmer last week we they learned county leaders did not want restitution for $16,000 prosecutors think is missing from sheriff department funds. Their excuse is that prosecutors can't pin down exactly what was missing. I frankly don't believe that, and I doubt many other people do either.

So, with the cloud of suspicion rising over the courthouse, commissioners would do well to pay attention to public sentiment.

They should choose their sheriff appointment next Monday carefully. Spanihel suggested they appoint someone who will not be a candidate for the job in the Democratic primary. That makes it a fair race. To appoint someone who will be a candidate for the job, is to give that person an unfair advantage. Our front page story lists those interviewed Tuesday for the appointment. At least one would make a good temporary sheriff to fill the year remaining in Broussard's failed term; that person won't be a candidate.

The public awaits the decision to judge the leadership we've elected.

Local, regional water notes from the LCRA

18,200 acres of second crop rice watered here

According to information sent last week to members of the Colorado County Water Council, the LCRA Lakeside Water Division in Eagle Lake provided water to 18,200 acres of second crop rice.

That is 2,000 more acres than was watered by LCRA's Gulf Coast Division in Bay city.

Gulf Coast watered 21,100 acres for first crop rice this summer, approximately 600 acres more than watered by the Eagle Lake division.

In other news about water:

•The Rice Consolidated school district has been provided materials for a pilot program conducted by LCRA on a generic water education program called, "The Story of Drinking Water." LCRA said the excellent response to the pilot program indicates the need for water education materials in all schools.

•Thomas Hudec of Colorado County is one of several volunteers from the LCRA 10-county region that is volunteering time to further develop an elementary school education unit on water education. The project will be distributed throughout the region in the Fall of 1988.

•The Water Council/LCRA Water Demand Task Force met for the first time on Nov. 9. The participants learned about modelling approaches and local data needed to produce a good, long-term forecast of water requirements. Virgil Adderly and Dr. David Maidment of the University of Texas described their research on municipal domestic water use. Their work is part of a computerized modelling system being developed by LCRA and Camp Dresser McKee. The task force is assisting LCRA in its local area forecasting and highlighting important water use issues facing local communities.

•Hydrilla Alert — For several years LCRA has attempted to control hydrilla, an exotic aquatic weed, in Cedar Creek Reservoir. Last Summer, hydrilla was identified in Lake Bastrop for the first time. This aggressive weed rapidly replaces native vegetation. Hydrilla impacts flood control, water storage and distribution, and power production by limiting storage volume and restricting flow. Recreational activities such as fishing and swimming are limited by the denseness of the weed.

Hydrilla often is transported on boats and trailers from an infested lake to an uninfested lake. Fishermen may plant hydrilla in an uninformed attempt to improve fish habitat. Willful transportation of hydrilla is a crime under the federal Noxious Vegetation Control Act of 1976 and is a violation of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

•Also, LCRA is working with a team of engineering and biological consultants to plan and design an innovative wastewater treatment demonstration plant in Johnson City. This research and development project will find out how advanced (tertiary) levels of waste treatment can be achieved at low cost and maintenance. An aquacultural system, utilizing marsh plants, will be designed and constructed to "polish" wastewater as it leaves the city's existing wastewater plant.

CPL customers to receive refund

Central Power and Light Co. asked the Public Utility Commission of Texas recently for permission to refund approximately $22.1 million in fuel savings to its customers.

"The refund is the result of a $21.1 million overcollection of fuel costs which occurred between July to November 1987, with $1 million in interest added," said Charles Garrett, CPL local manager. "We expect that the final refund amount will be updated through December."

Residential and commercial customers will be given a one-time credit on their bills. The actual amount of a customer's refund will be determined by a PUCT-approved factor applied to each customer's January kilowatt-hour use.

Transmission, cotton gin and irrigation customers will be given a bill credit based upon historical use.

"In three of CPL's past four fuel cases the company has requested that the PUCT lower fixed fuel factors. This time the company is not requesting to change its fuel factor, since we don't anticipate a material over-recovery for the next six months," Garrett said.

The PUCT began requiring utilities in 1984 to use fixed fuel factors, which specify the amount to be charged for fuel per a customer's kilowatt-hour use. Since future fuel costs are not known, the fuel factors ultimately can be more or less than CPL's actual fuel costs.

Over the last four years, CPL has requested a total of $198.1 million in fuel refunds, including this one, which had reduced its customers' bills more than 20 percent.

"Central Power and Light now has the lowest residential electric rate of any investor-owned utility in the state of Texas," Garrett said. "We are working to make our operations even more efficient and cost-effective."

Bob Stallman elected to Texas Farm Bureau board

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Bob Stallman, of Columbus, has been elected to the board of directors of Texas Farm Bureau, the largest state farm organization in the nation.

Stallman was nominated by delegates of his district, TFB District 11, and elected by the voting delegates To Texas Farm Bureau's 54th annual convention in Lubbock recently. He succeeds David Foehner of Boling who had served the six years permitted by TFB bylaws.

A third generation rice farmer, the new TFB board member started rice farming in 1975 and formed a family partnership with his father and brother in 1981.

Stallman has been active in Farm Bureau for many years and served as director, secretary-treasurer, vice president and president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau. He also served on the TFB state resolutions committee, the Blue Ribbon goals committee and the state health advisory committee.

The Colorado County farmer graduated from Columbus High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in computer sciences from the University of Texas.

He is a member of the Columbus ISD board of trustees, currently serving as secretary. He also had served as president and vice president and was a member of the Colorado County ASCS rice and soybean committee. He was selected as 1986 "man of the year in agriculture" by the Columbus Rotary Club.

Stallman and his wife, Connie, have two daughters, Angel and Kimberly. The Stallmans are members of the First United Methodist Church in Columbus.

District 11 includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Chambers, **Colorado**, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton.

Christmas project

The VFW Auxiliary Christmas project for senior citizens at Heritage House was supplying a beautifully decorated cake with the Christmas motif for their Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 17. Catherine Berger, right, president of the VFW Auxiliary, and Lila Armstrong, chaplain and patriotic instructor, share a vew of the cake with two World War II veterans, Walter Padon, left, and Herman Boothe, both residents of Heritage House Nursing Home.

VFW Photo

Christmas tea honors DAR Good Citizens

Members of the John Everett chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met in Eagle Lake Monday, Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. G.C. Duncan. The 1987 DAR Good Citizens and their mothers were honored with a Christmas tea. The home and table were beautifully decorated.

The invocation was given by Mrs. N.J. Mainer. Mrs. Clay Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the American's creed. Mrs. G.C. Duncan gave the national defense report.

After a brief business meeting, the DAR Good Citizens were introduced along with their mothers and certificates were given to them. Mothers pinned Good Citizen pins on each respective child. Pictures were then taken.

The 1987 DAR Good Citizens are Chris Chudy, Hallettsville High School; Wesley Migura, Sacred Heart High School; Wayne Pflughaupt, Columbus High School; Dionne Glower, Rice High School; Larry Tidwell, Schulenburg High School; Deana Michna, Bishop Forest High School. Larry Tidwell was not able to attend. DAR Good Citizens are always selected from the senior class.

The Eagle Lake members were hostesses for the meeting.

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VFW Christmas party

Matthews wins Voice of Democracy award

The VFW Voice of Democracy awards, as well as outstanding community service awards, were presented during the annual Rice area Memorial Post 8783 Veterans of Foreign Wars Christmas party. The party began at 6:30 p.m. at Sportsman's Catering Center.

The invocation was recited by Father Jesse Euresti. A delicious meal of roast, new potatoes, carrots, green beans, rolls and cherry crepes was enjoyed by approximately 100 members and guests.

Following the meal, VFW post commander Wilfred Luedecke and VFW ladies auxiliary Catherine Berger introduced special guests for the evening and thanked Sportsman's Catering for such a delicious meal.

Officers for both the VFW post and ladies auxiliary were presented by their respective leaders.

The ladies auxiliary presented certificates of appreciation for community service to Wilfred Luedecke, Helen Supak and Annie Broesche. Citations of merit also were awarded to the following: peace officers Brad Murray, Carol Wied, R.H. "Curly" Wied III, Ben Johnson, Ernie Grimes, Lawrence Berger, Vera Reeves and Jay Reeves; dispatcher, Catherine Berger; ambulance corps, Marilyn Mueller, Charlyne Spanihel, Carolyn Noska, Wilfred Luedecke, Bobby Johnson, and firemen, Melvin Stanczik, Ronnie Miller and Leon "Sonny" Spanihel.

The Voice of Democracy winner was announced by commander Luedecke with Jennifer Matthews receiving first place honors with her speech entitled 'America's Liberty - Our Heritage.' Other entrants in the contest were Laurie Abel, Renee Balas, Joey Mansfield and Dominique Isenhower. Each participant read their speech at the party. Following is Matthews' speech:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union..." These were the words of our forefathers two hundred years ago as they met together to try and create a new plan of government, a plan that a strong nation could be built on and that was fair to all people. They created the Constitution of the United States. This was such a remarkable document that it is still the basis of our government today.

What our forefathers wrote included what is now known as the Bill of Rights, which is made up of the first 10 amendments. These amendments grant every American citizen certain "unalienable rights," such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press — rights that made people dream of America — "the promised land." Here is America, people think nothing of voicing their opinions or publicly demonstrating for what they believe in, while in other countries, a person could be arrested, imprisoned or even executed for such behavior. In other words, these same rights that people suffered great hardships to obtain, are the rights that we Americans take for granted every day.

What would the authors of our great Constitution think if they read it today? They said all men are created equal, yet black people and women had no rights. Through the years we have added new amendments, all of which increase the equality of all people, and enhance the freedoms granted by the Constitution. For instance, we have added the thirteenth amendment, the abolition of slavery; the nineteenth amendment, which gave women the right to vote; and the twenty-sixth amendment, which gave eighteen-year-olds the right to vote. Not all of the additional amendments grant new freedoms though. For example, we've added the twelfth and twentieth amendments that put rules and restrictions on the presidential office so that the government we've worked so hard to perfect cannot be destroyed.

Our heritage, the Constitution, is America's liberty. The Constitution is such a masterpiece that many other nations have used it as a basis for their own governmental systems, and yet it remains unique to America. The number of people still flocking to the United States proves that America has something special — a government that really is: of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Pictured, from left, Laurie Abel, Renee Balas, Jennifer Matthews, Joey Mansfield and Dominique Isenhower.

Methodist women enjoy holiday with luncheon

Mrs. R.P. Wilcox served as hostess for the United Methodist Women's holiday meeting and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on December 15. Everyone had an enjoyable fellowship in the atmosphere of the Christmas spirit.

Invocation was given by Mrs. C.E. Marshall, the program by Mrs. Wilcox and minutes by Mrs. McInteer.

Yuletide linens made the serving tables most attractive, together with the twinkle of Christmas tree lighting.

Attending the meeting were mesdames James Ray Thomas, Alvin Wiese, Clyde Gold, Carl Pate, C.E. Marshall, K.R. Szymanski, Richard Clipson, David Hengst, R.E. McInteer, Clyde Farthing, Steve Balas, Ralph Truly, B.J. Ashby, and hostess.

Special Olympics state bowling tourney held

The 1987 Special Olympics South Zone bowling tournament was held this year in San Antonio.

On Friday, Dec. 11, special education students from the Eagle Lake Middle School and the Columbus Alternate Education Center traveled to San Antonio for a three day, two night stay and to participate in the state tourney.

Upon their arrival in San Antonio, the athletes, coaches and chaperones boarded chartered buses and were carried to the 220 acre Longhorn Ranch for opening ceremonies. They also were treated to a Texas style good time with an old fashioned barbecue, small rodeo and a dance.

Saturday morning, the students bowled at the San Antonio Country Lanes. Area students bowled in different heats of about 1,000 people. Melinda Patino, Socorro Cano and James Santos, of the Eagle Lake Raiders, and Elizabeth Lipperdt and Julie McInteer, of the Columbus Alternate Education Center, bowled a three-game series and all returned home with fourth place ribbons. Kenny Holloway, of the Raiders, received a first place gold medal; Larry Morgan and Juan Rivera, of the Raiders, received second place silver medals.

On Saturday night, everyone attended a victory banquet and dance at the Hemisfair Convention Center.

Sunday morning, Sidney Lira, of the Columbus Center, and Myron Howard, of the Raiders, bowled with Sidney bringing home a fifth place ribbon and Myron an eighth place.

The trip was busy, exciting, memorable and safe. The coaches and chaperones who accompanied the athletes to San Antonio were Ruby Darnell, Linda Lipperdt, Sandy Neuendorff, Judy Pustejovsky, Veronica Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McInteer.

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REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Veterans Land Board of Texas to Wilbur Jay Henry, 17.741 acres, Ludwig Lidstrand Survey; 12-4-87.

Deed, Herbert A. Schroeder Sr., trustee, to Jackie M. Haworth and Esteth H. Haworth, lots No. 4 and 5, Garden Oaks Subdivision in W.B. Dewees Survey; 12-7-87.

Deed, Mateo and Efigenia Navarro to Robert and Hope Montella, tract of land in block No. 55, G.W. White Survey, Eagle Lake; 12-9-87.

Deed, Thomas Lee, trustee, to Dimas Cavazos, 5 acres, Peyton R. Splane League; 12-9-87.

Deed, Melvin and Marie Scott and Mane Scott, et al, to Weimar Independent School District, .13 acre, H. Austin Survey; 12-10-87.

Deed, Glen L. and Charlene Teach to Gayle Mraz, two tracts being lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 45, Sheridan; 12-10-87.

Deed, Violet and J.W. Herrington to Jake Barosh, lot 15, block 11, Sheridan; 12-11-87.

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Gayle Gudger Grubbs to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, BS&FRR Co. Survey; 12-7-87.

Ann Moody to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, BS&FRR Co. Survey; 12-7-87.

Virginia Jackson Grandall, estate, to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, BS&FRR Co. Survey; 12-7-87.

Elvina Bahm, et al, to Cambridge Oil Co., 319.90 acres, I&GNRR Survey; 12-7-87.

Lynn Foster Craz, et al, to Lee Reese, und. 1/2 int. in 19.7 acres, Thomas Cartwright Survey and lots 8, 9 and 27 Vineyard and Foster Sub., full und. int. in 4.4 acres, Thomas Cartwright Survey, and all of lot 26 of Vineyard and Foster Sub.; 12-8-87.

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