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## Did You Know?

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster moved to Eagle Lake from Sugar Land and in 1964 built a metallic building to house a drive-in grocery and washateria and named it Foster's Superette.

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## LCRA priorities for the 1990's include clean Colorado River

When the Lower Colorado River Authority was formed in 1934 by the Texas Legislature, it was done so with a sense of urgency. LCRA was created to bring flood control to a river out of control and to provide reliable, low cost electricity to Central Texas.

Now LCRA enters the 1990's with a new sense of urgency and purpose. The River is no longer out of control. LCRA's challenges now are to protect those water resources from increasing pollution and slowly but surely to clean up the Colorado River.

LCRA has begun that job in earnest. In a flurry of trailblazing activity, the Lower Colorado River Authority has devised a plan for managing the waters of the Colorado (the first for any river in the state), enacted a first-of-its-kind ordinance to protect Lake Travis from pollution washed into its waters by rain runoff and is placing the full strength of the agency behind demands that cities upgrade sewer treatment facilities and use discharged effluent to irrigate land when feasible, rather than pollute the lakes.

A Clean Colorado is essentially the priority for the 1990's. Nothing is more precious than our water supplies and never have those resources been

more threatened. This is a problem which LCRA will challenge on every front in the coming decade.

That means not only taking action against direct pollution threats to the Colorado like sewage plant discharge but also a closing of ranks with others interested in solving related problems.

LCRA is working with cities and counties right now to develop regional solutions to garbage disposal and wastewater and water treatment needs of rural areas along the river. There is also serious, overdue work underway to control the soil erosion that pours silt into the Colorado River and its chain of Highland Lakes.

While determined to protect resources on one hand, LCRA is also building much stronger programs to help everyone willing to conserve water and electricity. The power crisis we just experienced during the recent cold weather is a reminder that our energy resources are limited. Conservation is good for the system and it also saves you money.

All of these efforts speak to urgent needs—needs almost as important as the low-cost, reliable electricity and flood control for which LCRA was founded. We're willing to take the lead in the work that must be done, and we ask you to join and support us in this effort.

## Newsbriefs

### Parent Support Group meeting Jan. 8

The Parent Support Group for dyslexic students will hold a meeting on Monday, January 8 at the Christ Episcopal Church, 306 E. Stockbridge at 7 p.m.

### Gulf Coast Blood Drive January 13

The Gulf Coast Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, January 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 306 E. Stockbridge, Eagle Lake.

## Houston man arrested for sexual assault

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department was kept busy between the Christmas and New Year's holidays investigating several thefts, aggravated assaults and a sexual assault.

Jackie Tezeno, 33, of Houston was arrested in Columbus on December 28 for sexually assaulting his 16-year-old stepdaughter.

According to the report, Deputy Leonard Peters was dispatched to the Columbus Community Hospital to investigate a possible sexual assault. Dr. Anderson informed Peters, the juvenile complained of being sexually assaulted by her stepfather. Juvenile Officer Bobby Johnson arrived at the hospital to take a statement from the juvenile.

Tezeno told the officers he and his stepdaughter had left Houston at approximately 7:30 p.m., stopping once along the way to purchase a light bulb for his car. Tezeno stated they then stopped at Grek's Shell Station to get something to eat when his stepdaugh-

ter threw up and passed out. Dr. Anderson told Deputy Peters the juvenile had been forcibly entered (sexually) and was still bleeding from these injuries at the time of the examination.

Deputy Peters found a motel key hidden between the cushions on a couch at the hospital's waiting room, after the victim reported there should be one. The victim's mother arrived and a consent was obtained to search the motel room. Evidence was gathered at the scene.

Tezeno is in jail under a \$20,000 bond.

On December 25, Deputy Peters was dispatched to the Weimar hospital to investigate a stabbing that occurred at the Jungle Hut. According to the report, Phillip Wayne Williams was being treated for a stab wound to the front left shoulder. Williams told Deputy Peters he did not see his attacker.

Deputy Peters also learned a Debra Miller was stabbed during the

same incident. Miller, who had two stab wounds in her left arm, reported she also was unable to describe her attacker.

Williams and Miller were treated for the stab wounds and released. On December 28, Charles Garret of Central Power and Light Co. in Eagle Lake reported the theft of copper wire taken at the CP&L Substation, known as the Mathews Substation, located on FM 950 just west of FM 102. The theft occurred between December 21 and 28.

CP&L workers check the substation once a week. A crescent wrench, made in Ohio, was left at the scene by the subject(s). A name was scratched into the end of the wrench.

On December 26, E.E. Rackel of Southern Pacific Railroad reported someone had stolen a battery from a 1975 GMC truck tractor parked at the railroad yard in Glidden. The theft occurred sometime between December 22 and 26.

## Area athletes compete at State Level

Special Olympic athletes from both the Eagle Lake Raiders and the Columbus Alternate Education Center competed in the 1989 south zone state bowling championship the weekend of December 8, 9 and 10.

This year's tournament was once again held at the Big Texas Lanes in Houston and hosted by Texas Special Olympics — Area 4.

Tournament results are as follows: Eagle Lake Raiders: First, Jaime Gonzales; Second, Kevin Middleton and Loretta Sims; Third, Kenny Holloway; Fifth, Judy Holloway and Demont Holloway.

Columbus A. E. C.: First, Socorro Cano; Third, Beth Lippert; Misty McCloud; Irma Perez and Rex McCloud; Fourth, Denise Newsom and Jason Wright; Fifth, Patricia Giles and Dwayne Lopez; Sixth, Sidney Lira, Roman Ortiz and Jonathan Peters.

The Raider team was accompanied by Veronica Daniels, Ruby Darrell and Linda Lippert. The A. E. C. team was chaperoned by Debbie Floyd, Judy Wright, Jerry Perrino, Sandra Neuwendorf, Ron Peach and Judy Pustejovsky.

In addition to the competition, the athletes were treated to several special



First Baby for 1990

Little Miss Amber Nicole Tesch was the first 1990 baby born at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. She is the daughter of Cynthia and Darryl Tesch of Sheridan. Amber made her debut at 6:53 a.m. Monday, January 1. She weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21-1/4 inches long at birth. Dr. Jose Ugarte was the attending physician with Mrs. Marjorie Porter, R.N., as the attending nurse. Amber is welcomed home by a brother, Travis, 10 years old. Grandparents are Dorothy Cindr of Hallettsville and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tesch Jr. of Sheridan. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barborak of Moulton and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tesch Sr. of Sheridan. The new mother is the former Cynthia Cindr. Pictured above, from left, are Colleen Waligura, R.N., B.S.N., Jane Tacker, D.O.N., Dr. Jose Ugarte, and Jeanie Sommerlatte, L.V.N., and seated is Mrs. Darryl Tesch holding Amber Nicole. A six month supply of baby formula was given by SMA. The hospital provided the new mother and father a complimentary steak dinner in honor of their happy occasion.

## Filing period ends for March 13 Primary Election

The filing period for the March 13 Democratic Primary election ended Tuesday, January 2 with the county judge, commissioner precinct 2 and JP Precinct 1 positions sparking the most attention.

Filings as of closing time January 2 were: Leonard W. Frank of Columbus, county surveyor; JP Precinct 1, Barry White of Columbus, Robert Lee (Bobbie) Richardson of Columbus and Joe "Jack" Schindler of Columbus; JP Precinct 2, Ed Hanzelka Jr. of

Weimar; JP Precinct 3, Mary F. Ordner of Freilburg and Francis Truchard; JP Precinct 4, Mary Lou Szymanski of Eagle Lake.

In this election the number of justices of the peace in Colorado County will be reduced from seven precincts to four, according to state law. The change will put JP Pct. 1 Barry White and JP Pct. 2 Olga Hebert of Garwood in the new Pct. 1; JP Pct. 3 Dennis Poppe of Oakland and JP Pct. 4 Ed Hanzelka of Weimar in the new Pct. 2, and JP Pct. 5 Mary Ordner of Freilburg and JP Pct. 6 Francis Truchard in the new Pct. 3. JP Mary Lou Szymanski of Eagle Lake already represents Pcts. 7 and 8 and will be the only incumbent in the new Pct. 4.

Following is a list of candidates who have filed:

County Judge — Lester J. Cranek, Garwood (incumbent); H.O. "Butch" Strunk.

District Clerk — Harvey G. Vornand, Weimar (incumbent).

County Clerk — Darlene Hayek, Weimar (incumbent).

County Treasurer — Juanita "Nita" Renick, Columbus (incumbent); Joyce M. Stancik, Eagle Lake.

County Surveyor — Leonard W. Frank, Columbus (incumbent).

County Commissioner Precinct 2 — Walter Lee Kram, Weimar; Paul Billeck, Weimar; Delbert Fuchs, Weimar; Johnnie Elster, Weimar; James E. Dabse, Weimar.

County Commissioner Precinct 4 — Leon "Sonny" Spambel, Eagle Lake.

JP Precinct 1 — Barry White (incumbent); Dottie Dungen, Columbus; Robert Lee (Bobbie) Richardson, Columbus; Joe "Jack" Schindler, Columbus.

JP Precinct 2 — Ed Hanzelka Jr., Weimar.

JP Precinct 3 — Mary F. Ordner, Freilburg and Francis Truchard of Columbus area.

JP Precinct 4 — Mary Lou Szymanski, Eagle Lake.

## Wholesale propane prices skyrocketed nearly 200%

Texas LP-Gas dealers watched in frustration as wholesale prices of propane skyrocketed nearly 200 percent while icy winter weather sent temperatures plummeting. Many propane retailers experienced a dozen price increases in thirty days that left them shivering, along with consumers, over the historic cost climb.

Gas processing plants and oil company refineries who manufacture propane dealt retailers a heavy blow by charging prices approximately 35 cents a gallon higher than just a month ago.

"Supply and demand is ruling the marketplace," said Lynn Gray, president of the Texas LP-Gas Association. Gray, who is also president of Dixie LP-Gas in Hillsboro, is mystified over the way gas producers have responded to the situation. "It appears they (gas producers) are taking advantage. It's not costing them any more to produce, but they are getting all the market will bear. It's a windfall profit for them." Texas producers are shipping propane out-of-state where they can get more money for their gas.

Propane dealers are caught in the middle of a difficult situation as they try to balance unhappy customers on one side with escalating wholesale prices on the other. Most dealers are absorbing a percentage of the increases while the cost of doing business goes up. "We are faced with increased capital in inventories, larger accounts receivables to carry and setting aside more bad debt reserves," Gray explained.

According to Gray, the existing LP-Gas supply/production infrastructure is operating at reduced levels in response to several years of warmer weather. The industry had been hard pressed to cope with the demands of the nation's record-setting cold temperatures. A turn towards warmer weather should allow inventory to build up and a moderating wholesale price index.

In the meantime, propane dealers have their hands full meeting delivery demands amplified by the cold weather while keeping prices as low as possible.

## Farm Bill to highlight Rice Council meeting

Insight on the 1990 Farm Bill will be a highlight of the 39th annual meeting of the Texas Rice Council scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 24 at the Sugar Land Community Center in Sugar Land.

Bob Bor, an attorney in Washington, D.C. and an expert on farm legislation who counsels the U.S. Rice Producers Legislative Group, will speak on what the rice industry can expect in the new farm bill. Bor, who has devoted his entire professional career of 41 years to agricultural law, worked closely with Congress in the marketing loan provision for rice in the 1985 Farm Bill.

The U.S. Rice Producers Legislative Group is an ad-hoc committee of rice farmers that serves as a unifying voice on legislative matters, explains Chairman Stewart Jessup of Stuttgart, Ark.

In addition to Bor's comments, officials from the Rice Council for Market Development will update growers on the marketing programs they support with their checkoff investment. The Rice council, a non-

profit association funded by the nation's rice growers and millers, works to expand domestic and foreign markets for U.S. rice.

The luncheon meeting, sponsored by American Cynamid makers of Prowl herbicide, is open to all who are interested in rice.

## Turner arrested for aggravated assault

Rosetta Turner, 25, of Lubbock, was arrested on December 30 by Eagle Lake police for aggravated assault.

Turner was charged with assaulting Joe Zapalac and was transported to the Colorado County Jail.

Willie Parker, 39, of Eagle Lake was arrested December 30 for criminal mischief. Parker allegedly beat the hood of a 1989 Jeep Cherokee with a brick and broke out the window on the driver's door.

Parker was fined \$117.50 and released.

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