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Subjects arrested for possession of drugs

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department was busy last week arresting several subjects for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Deputies also investigated several burglaries and thefts.

At 4:22 a.m. Sunday, February 18, Deputy Andrew Weido observed an unoccupied vehicle parked on the shoulder at the I-10 west on-ramp at Hwy. 71 and noticed through the windshield a small brass and wood smoking pipe with marijuana residue sitting on the dash of the vehicle.

While Deputy Weido was checking the vehicle's registration, a subject, Willis Lynn Gathright, walked up and advised the vehicle was his and that he had car trouble. Gathright, 35, was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to the Colorado County Jail.

Following an inventory of the vehicle, a clear bag containing marijuana was found in a blue duffel bag. Other items found were zig-zag rolling papers, four marijuana roaches, two screen filters used for the smoking pipe, a white container with a white residue inside and green vial with a white paste residue inside.

At 11:09 p.m. February 18, Deputy Leonard Peters arrested Richard Alden Young, 24, for possession of marijuana. While patrolling Hwy. 90 approximately two miles east of FM 102, Deputy Peters observed a pickup parked at the picnic area and stopped

to check the welfare of the occupant since the picnic area is not lighted and has no restrooms.

The occupant, Young, was lying on the seat of the vehicle. Peters observed a cooler in the bed of the truck and noticed a large "roach" (marijuana cigarette end) in the ashtray of the vehicle. A marijuana cigarette was found in the left pocket of the subject's coat. Also found in the vehicle were a brown paper sack containing two full plastic bags of marijuana weighing approximately .226 grams (about one-half pound). Young also had \$643 cash in his possession.

Deputies Weido and R.H. "Curly" Wied arrested Dean Edward Kibodeaux, 35, at 12:50 a.m. Monday, February 19 for possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

While patrolling the I-10 East rest area, Deputies Weido and Wied checked on a motorist parked at the rest area and observed a water pipe (bong) used for smoking marijuana on the right floor board of the vehicle and a clear bag containing marijuana in the console of the vehicle. Kibodeaux was placed under arrest and transported to the Colorado County Jail.

Following an inventory of the vehicle, other items found were a brown vial containing a white powder residue (cocaine), a smoking pipe and a triple beam balance scale. All of

these items were found in a maroon suitcase. A computer check on Kibodeaux also revealed he was wanted for felony DWI out of Orange County.

On February 13, Richard McGrath of Alleton reported a burglary was in progress at a gray house at the corner of FM 949 and IH-10. Captain James Brooks Jr. arrived at the scene and spoke with the owner, Darlene Neundorff, who was crying and advised someone was in her house. After Sheriff Bill Esterling arrived, the house was searched and no one was found inside.

A subject advised Neundorff had been chasing a blue van and local DPS and Austin County officials were advised. After searching the area, Captain Brooks returned to the house and Ms. Neundorff advised him she did not see anyone and was not chasing a van. She said when she arrived home she saw the glass doors on the east side of the house open and knew someone had been there.

Captain Brooks advised all units to disregard the information on the van. After checking the house, the subject(s) had used a metal object of some kind to pry open the locked double glass doors. Upon entry the subject(s) took the pillow cases off one of the beds and gathered up the following items: 1 Canon 35mm with zoom lens (\$500 value), 1 Minolta 35mm with Gemini flash (\$200 value), 1.32 chrome pistol with white handles, 1 Bulova watch with red and

white stones on watch and band, 1 Hamilton watch with white stone, 1 horseshoe shaped gold ring with white stones, 1 gold mother's ring, several other rings from a jewelry box, 1 Snake Charmer .410 single shot with black stock and chrome barrel.

On February 14, Captain James Brooks Jr. investigated a burglary of a building near a camphouse belonging to Bobby Brack of New Ulm. The camphouse is located 13 miles down Oil Patch Road, about a quarter of a mile down a private road. The subject(s) entered the storage building, which sits in front of the house at the end of the driveway, through unlocked doors.

Items reported missing were a Tonika 16 inch blade chainsaw, reddish orange in color, and an Evinrude 4hp outboard boat motor, white with blue lettering.

Scott Mattingly of Diversitech Inc. of Columbus advised Captain Brooks on February 15 that six wheels and tires had been stolen from two trailers parked at the business located on IH-10 and 949. The theft occurred sometime the night of February 14.

The suspect(s) entered at the northeast corner of the property, walked to the two trailers and took four wheels and tires off the back of one trailer and two wheels and tires off another trailer parked next to it. The items taken are valued at approximately \$2,400.

Proposed primary school site meets all required criteria

Registered voters in the Rice school district will go to the polls Saturday, March 10 to vote on a \$3,850,000 bond which will be used to finance urgently-needed repairs, construction and renovations.

Following an extensive study by a committee of the Board of Trustees, a need for a new primary school in Eagle Lake was identified, in part because the extensive work needed to bring the present primary school facility up to the proper standards would have been extremely expensive. Another consideration was the requirement that all asbestos be removed from the facility, another very expensive procedure.

Questions have been asked about how the committee selected the proposed new primary school site, why there wasn't any public input into the site selection process, and why the site next to the middle school was not chosen.

Site selection involves many factors, including guidelines set by the Texas Education Agency, the school district's regulatory group in Austin.

TEA advises a school district to provide a site for a new elementary school of at least 10 acres, plus one additional acre for every 100 students located on that campus. Also, TEA strongly advises not to have more than 800 students on one campus.

The site must be accessible to all the students who will be using the facility to be constructed. Then there is the question of availability of utilities: how much will it cost to run water and sewerage lines to the site, if they are not already there and properly sized? Also the school district is strongly advised not to locate the facility near agricultural land, and especially not near a rice field because the chemicals applied to the fields by airplane might drift over children on a playground. The matter of site preparation is also a concern, since a site with very low or high water table or poor drainage will cost more to prepare for construction. Finally, the cost of the land should be reasonable.

The proposed site met all of these criteria fully — containing approximately 20 acres of land, easily accessible from all areas of town, utility lines of sufficient size already in place, not located near agricultural land, not expensive to prepare for construction, and reasonable in price.

The site next to the Eagle Lake Middle School was ruled out because there wasn't adequate space according to the TEA guidelines, and if the school had been placed there, kindergarten-age students would be mingling with older students. Also, many more than 800 students would be located on one campus.

The proposed new primary school includes adequate accommodations for students through third grade. Third grade is presently located at the Middle School and would be moved back to the primary school.

The committee considered at least twelve sites for the new campus. The potential sites were not made public because of the possibility that land speculators might try to buy the preferred site before the district could make a large profit by reselling it to the district. This would have made the cost of the site much higher, and in turn made the bond larger.

There also has been concern about Partridge Lane becoming the main thoroughfare for students getting to school. Present plans are not to use Partridge Lane as a feeder street at all,

mainly because the steep incline off McCarty Avenue is very difficult for many drivers. Also, the sharp curve at the golf course is impossible for school buses to negotiate. This is why no school bus route now includes Partridge Lane, even though such service has been requested. The main route to the school would be Ridgeway Street, with the possibility of an auxiliary entrance off Austin Road.

If anyone has any questions about any part of the bond election, please contact any member of the Rice C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees or call 234-3531 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Carter promoted to present rank

Marine Maj. Tandy P. Carter, son of Eunice Bratcher of Columbus, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

A 1977 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a 1982 graduate of National University, San Diego, with a Master of Science degree, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1977.

Heart event

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Waddell, Rene Cano Jr. and Brian Cardenas; Kicker, Jennifer Christ, Amanda Dusek; LaShonda Foster, Areli Arellano, Amber Sides, Patrick Sparks, Jonathan Hruzek and Matt Gertson; Ardis: Dawn Schwem, Danielle Wietz, Lori Grigar, Rebel Canary, Vanessa Gonzales, Latoya Thomas, Marvin Garza, Ralph Gertson and Tierra Wright.

Fourth grade: Overall winner, Amanda Dusek, collected \$101.50. Congratulations!

Other fourth graders: Fowler: Robert Swanson, Sammi Gertson, Ben Turner, Latashia Stovall, Kerri McGaughey and Jaynelle Carroll; Grammar: Britni Wood, Risa Waddell, Clint Gertson, Kelli Mathys, Kim Axel, Janmarcus Brooks and Michael Koneschek; Pavlicek: Jessica Brisco, Tyfany Castro, Fabula Rangel, Dale Obenhaus, Quincy Diggs and Michele Brown; Morgan: Sean Dulaney, Erica Wilkerson, Jason Waddell and Natalie Noska; Wetzell: Frances Mkwia and Jonathan Burrow.

Fifth grade: Overall winner, Robyn Rucka, collected \$50. Congratulations!

Other fifth graders: Sanders: Kelly Almanza and Bridget Baird; Swanson: Misty Duncan, Timothy Powers, Lance Grigar, Sunny Gertson and Shara Glaister; Knight: Todd Matthews, Gina Sides, Amy Stavinocha, Angie Bock, Sarah Wetzell and Jackie Schmitt; Wesmann: Nicole Chamberlain, Kyle Flint, Chris Soto and Trey Kuchera.

Overall or top money collectors in each grade receives a trophy with the overall winner also getting a medal. The groups in each grade that collected the most money were treated to a free soda water.

I would like to congratulate everyone again for their participation and efforts in helping combat one of the world's #1 killer.

Coach Jackson



If you have any questions or comments about the upcoming Bond Election, please contact a member of the Rice CISD Board (Fritz Leopold, John Matthews, John Thomas, Reggie Brisco, Bill Carpenter, Wayne Corman or John Carey) or call 234-3531 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Eagle Lake Headlight

Headed for regional competition Friday, Saturday

Raiders win bi-district, area titles

Brian Amos scored 15 points to lead Rice Raiders in a 58-55 victory over Luling Eagles, capturing the bi-district title in District 28-AAA competition Friday night in Yoakum.

Amos also added one assist and four rebounds to his record.

This win entitled Rice to meet Liberty Hill Tuesday night for the area title. The Raiders won 85-77 and are headed for regional competition.

Rice, leading each quarter in the bi-district game, was ahead 21-10 in the first quarter. Raiders added 10 points in the second quarter while Luling added 14. In the third quarter, Rice scored 16 more points with Luling adding 14 points again. In the final quarter, even though Luling scored 17 points to the Raiders 11, Rice stayed ahead three points to win the game.

With 2:56 left in the game and the score tied 52-52, the crowd of fans was going wild. Rice proved their strength, pulled ahead and won.

Scooter Davis contributed to the win by scoring 14 points including one three point shot. He also had six assists, four rebounds and one foul.

Shawn Turner added 12 points, two assists, 15 rebounds and had 1 foul;

Lloyd Jackson tallied 11 points, including one three point shot, two assists, four rebounds and had two fouls, and Deon Williams added 6 points, five rebounds and had one foul.

"It's a great feeling to be bi-district champions," stated Coach Sam Bell. "From here on out I'll take a win anyway I can get it."

"For three and one-half quarters we played good basketball. For the last four minutes we didn't. We rested

on defense and failed to connect on offense."

They ran a very aggressive zone defense - lots of movement, doubling. "They are a very quick team - possibly the quickest we have seen all year," Bell continued.

He stated, "When Luling made their run at the end of the game, we stopped them. We dug in and did what was necessary to win the game. I'm very proud of these young men!"

This win in the playoffs moves Rice into area competition Tuesday night, February 27 against Liberty Hill in Smithville.

Area competition - On Tuesday night, Rice played a very exciting game against Liberty Hill, beating the Panthers 85-77 for the Area title. This win brings the Raiders to 24-7 for the season. The

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Public concern expressed regarding future of old Primary School facility

Public interest and concern have been expressed regarding the future of the old Primary School facility once a new facility is built.

It is the Rice CISD Board's intent that the current Eagle Lake Primary School be dealt with in a manner that will both benefit the community and take into consideration the historical and sentimental value these old buildings have for many people in Eagle

Lake.

State law prohibits a school district from owning or maintaining property which is not used for educational purposes. Therefore, the first requirement would be transfer of title to persons or agencies who desire to use the facility or the space.

Suggestions for the use of this property include a community park and/or recreational area, a community center,

or an adult training center. Other possible uses might be to provide office space for officials or agencies that do not require permanent offices in Eagle Lake.

Anyone interested in discussing this matter with the Rice CISD Board of Trustees should contact Superintendent Harold King at 234-3531, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday to make the necessary arrangements.

Public School Week Open Houses planned

Rice CISD will be among the 1,070 public school districts in the state celebrating Texas Public Schools Week, March 5-9.

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Rice art student captures Grand Prix

The students of Rice Consolidated Independent School District were named the winners of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art 1990 Grand Prix. Fifty seven school districts competed for this top award which was presented Sunday,

February 25, at the Astorhall. After local judging, January 27, Rice students received a score for their exhibit made up of 350 student's pictures from Eagle Lake Primary School, Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood School, Sheridan School and Rice

High School. Many students and teachers from these schools worked hard to make the local exhibit successful and high scoring. Five pictures were chosen by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Judges to represent R.C.I.S.D. in the Astorhall for the length of the Houston Rodeo.

At Sunday's presentation, Elementary Best of Show winner, Cleo Johnson from Eagle Lake Primary School, Junior High Best of Show winner, Garrett Hagendorf from Eagle Lake Middle School, and High School Best of Show winner, Linda Gold, were presented trophies. Gold medal winners Rachael Hoffman and Russell Labay from Rice High School received medals.

Eight \$2,000 scholarships were given for the month of June's Cowboy Artists of America Summer Art Workshop. Linda Gold was named as one of the eight recipients.

Four one-year \$2,000 scholarships were presented along with one four-year \$8,000 scholarship to the Texas college or university of the winner's choice with the major of his choice. Linda Gold received the \$8,000 scholarship.

In conclusion, Linda Gold's watercolor of her brother, Tom, shoving in a creek was named as the Grand Champion out of the fifty seven High School Best of Show Finalists.

Rice CISD has received the Grand Prix five times within the last twelve years.

Sincerely,
Roy D. Van Nor, Mayor

Eagle Lake omitted from article Mayor writes letter to prison board chairman

On February 24 the Houston Post ran an article on the Legislature possibly considering additional beds at prisons during the special session.

The state prison board asked the legislators last month to consider the proposed addition of 5,250 beds during the coming special session. The prison board also voted to make the request part of a five-year plan to add 14,500 beds to the prison system.

Charles T. Terrell of Dallas, chairman of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board, said the cost for the additional 5,250 beds would cost an estimated \$136 million, which would be funded through unappropriated funds approved by voters in November.

If they are approved, four prison sites will be selected from 20 "semi-finalists" - the cities that were in the running, but not chosen, for prisons currently under construction.

In the story it mentioned Terrell had said there are three cities closest to Houston — Livingston, Woodville and Lufkin. Mayor Roy D. Van Nor dictated a letter to Charles Terrell in response to the story and to make note that Eagle Lake is the closest to Houston of the list to be considered.

The letter reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Terrell:

'Mattress Mac' to speak to youth on drugs March 7

The Pilot Club of Eagle Lake is proud to announce that James F. McIngvale, "Mattress Mac," will be speaking to our youth and to the Rotary Club on Wednesday, March 7, 1990.

His main focus will be giving anti-drug speeches to the youth. The Pilot Club sponsors the Just Say No program in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades at Eagle Lake Middle School.

James McIngvale is president and owner of Gallery Furniture in Houston. He began the company "on a shoestring" in 1981. Before starting the company, McIngvale held various sales positions in Dallas.

McIngvale is involved in fighting drug abuse in the community. He gives more than 100 anti-drug



James F. McIngvale

Local citizens named on unclaimed money list

State Treasurer Ann W. Richards said recently that more than 120,000 Texans have \$99 million in lost or forgotten money coming to them this year — up 65 percent from last year's \$60 million.

The 120,000 are named in the 1990 version of the Texas Treasury Unclaimed Money Fund List which will be published statewide on Sunday, March 4 in 27 newspapers.

Persons who find their names on the list can call the Texas State Treasury on its toll-free telephone line at 1-800-654-3463 or they can write the State Treasury at P.O. Box 17728, Austin, Texas 78760. The toll-free line opens at noon on March 4.

The telephone hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday from March 5 through April 6. After April

7, the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All listed accounts are worth at least \$50 with the largest account worth close to \$103,000. Generally, accounts on the list are from checking and savings accounts, utility deposits, oil royalties, and corporate stocks.

Following is a list of names from the surrounding area which appear on the list:

Eagle Lake: Mark Anderson, William H. Barrow, Brenda Blount, Rudolfo Carrera, Colorado County Farmers S, Jack Daniels, Oliver J. Dromgoole, Frank Gonzales, Gregory Hemphill, Alfonso Hernandez, Jimmie Tatum Holloway, Curtis Hurd, Raymond Jochez, Lones C.

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