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Last Day of School!
Have A Safe Summer!**

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State threatens to sue owners of local cable company

According to an article on page 2D of the Sunday, May 26th, issue of the *Houston Chronicle*, TCI Cablevision of Dallas has been notified by the office of Assistant Attorney General Steve Gardner of the state's intention to sue the company on six alleged violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The charges stem from the company's plan to charge subscribers for a movie channel without subscriber permission. The "Encore" billing scheme (as *The Chronicle* calls it) is a "negative option" according to Gardner.

Cable subscribers in Eagle Lake (which is served by TCI) were notified of this "Encore" billing during the past month.

Other states are also investigating TCI's Encore billing within their jurisdictions.

County Judge visits Council, gives update on Drug Grant

Colorado County Judge Butch Strunk was first on Tuesday night's Eagle Lake City Council agenda. Strunk was in attendance to update the Council on the status of the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force Grant.

Paramount to the members was hearing Strunk, in his own voice, tell Council that the administration of the grant has been moved from the Sheriff's office to Strunk's office. He also presented some forms for follow-up information which needs to be submitted to the state for the upcoming grant which has been approved.

Strunk informed Council that \$10,000 of the Department of Public Safety confiscated funds (previously promised by Sheriff Bill Esterling) would go toward the drug grant. When reminded that the funds were not released yet, Strunk said, "They have the okay and they should have it (the money) soon." When questioned about his source of this information, Strunk said it was the same person who had promised the larger amount earlier and caused so much trouble with Eagle Lake's budget.

Councilman Don Bendy brought up a question concerning the dispersal of funds in the past which he had remembered as questionable. He was referring to the storage bill on previously confiscated vehicles which were ultimately returned to their owners and all the Task Force was left with was the expense of storage.

Bendy asked Strunk, "Who makes these decisions?" Strunk's reply was, "That came out of the Sheriff's Department and that was something that was unfortunate. The way it was handled was worse than unfortunate."

Strunk said he would also like to see future Juvenile Grants to be administered by the County Judge's office.

During the discussion of grant funds, confusion surfaced over the amount shown on a report prepared by County Auditor Raymie Kana. It showed the City of Eagle Lake had overpaid the present grant, but there had been no income into the Grant Fund other than the monies from the state, Colorado County and the City of Eagle Lake. The Cities of Columbus and Weimar had previously opted for a lump sum payment at the end of the grant period.

Mayor Roy Van Nort suggested Strunk have Kana call Acting-City Manager Lucille Perry to explain the Grant Fund income and expenditures presented by Strunk. The follow-up information will be expedited to Strunk's office when these figures are clarified and the City could "see where we stand on this year's before we go to next year's" according to Van Nort.

In other business, Council... Voted to change the time of the June 11th meeting to 5 p.m. in order to reduce the conflict with the presentation to be given General Joe N. Frazier III at the Community Center that evening. (See Newswire for more information.)

Approved the request by City Engineer John Mercer to cancel the bids on sandblasting and painting the water storage tanks until he has had (See City Council, Page 12)

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

Friday, May 24th, at 8:31 p.m., the Eagle Lake Police Department was called to a major accident at the intersection of South McCarty and South Austin Road. Officer Clemon Johnson responded. Joe Bob Chapman of Eagle Lake was in his 1985 Chevrolet pickup driving east on South McCarty and turning onto Austin Road. Chapman turned in front of a 1977 Ford driven by Frank Morris Ashton, also of Eagle Lake. Ashton was west bound on South McCarty. Chapman and Jean Crawford of Eagle Lake, who was a passenger in Chapman's truck, were taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital where they were treated and later released.

Officer Jim Staude responded to an accident reported Saturday at 2:08 p.m. at the intersection of Murphy and Guadalupe Streets. Locodillo Cordova of Eagle Lake, driving a blue 1984 Ford pickup struck the right back side of Martha Flores' 1986 Chevrolet Van. Cordova was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by his daughter in a private vehicle.

A third accident was reported to Officer Staude Sunday, May 25th, at 10:57 p.m. This was a hit and run. A Mrs. McBride of Smithville was west bound on East Main in a 1990 Mercury when an unknown vehicle ran a stop sign at Allen and East Main St. The vehicle made a wide right turn, went across the center stripe and struck McBride's vehicle. Witnesses informed police that the other vehicle was a maroon two-door with a vinyl top and was occupied by three people. The witnesses could not give a description of the occupants. McBride was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries.

Chief Villarreal was called to a burglary at 500 South Austin Road on Monday, May 27th, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Elizabeth McAfee of Apt. 8, Solar Hills Apts., had been out of town and returned home to find her apartment broken into. An Emerson microwave and a Zenith color television were taken.

Another burglary was reported to Chief Villarreal on Monday, May 27th, at 3:40 p.m. This one was at the Presbyterian Church located at 106 E. State. Rev. Charles Miller reported the kitchen had been broken into and a GE microwave oven and Zenith VCR were stolen. On Tuesday afternoon, police received information on a subject attempting to sell a VCR and microwave. The subject was located and the items were recovered. They were the items taken from the Presbyterian Church. The Eagle Lake Police Department greatly appreciates the caller's information.

Charges were filed recently against H. M. Benge on a complaint signed by the parents of a juvenile. (See Police Report, Page 12)

Owner wants more 'compensation'... Land dispute brought before Commissioners' Court

First thing Tuesday morning, Colorado County Commissioners' Court got hit with both barrels from Peggy Murrin and her attorney H.F. Halcom concerning the county's taking in an additional portion of her land on County Road 281 (Richter Road north of the Borden area).

Former Commissioner Rafael Veselka apparently had promised Murrin to do some work on her land if she would allow the county to use up to 10 feet of her land on a curve of 281. First, Halcom stated the land in question was approximately 30' x 200', pointing out it was difficult to estimate due to the curvature of the road. Then, Murrin "guessed" the county had used approximately 15 feet. A letter Murrin wrote to Commissioner Johnny Elstner said the agreement was for a 10 foot wide stretch. Elstner approximates the usage as 3' x 175'. As one can see, there is a definite disagreement about the amount of land involved.

According to Halcom, a verbal agreement was reached with Veselka in the presence of witnesses. The work to be done was, according to Murrin's recent letter to Elstner, deepening and enlargement of her stock pond to her satisfaction, restocking of the pond and laying and re-seeding of topsoil around the pond. Murrin says the pond is now a mud hole. Commissioner Elstner vehemently disagreed and showed other members of the court the amount spent in man-hours and equipment.

After hickering back and forth, Halcom stated, "It doesn't matter how much the county said they spent, the work hasn't been done by her (Murrin's) satisfaction and that was the agreement." He went on to add, "I do not feel the county owes anything above what has been done." With that Strunk thanked Halcom and Murrin for coming and moved on to the next agenda item.

In other business, Commissioners... Approved the advertisement for bids to purchase a lawn mower. Strunk explained they would also gather estimates for an overhaul of the old one and decide which would be the most (See Commissioners, Page 12)

Anderson selected as finalist in TASSP program

Darryl Anderson, Rice High School's 1991 Valedictorian pictured above with Principal Fred Grahmann, has been selected by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) as a finalist in their Academic Excellence Award Program. This is the third year TASSP has conducted the program to recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements.

Over 200 senior students were nominated by their high school principals based on the student's academic grade point average, score(s) on scholastic aptitude tests (SAT/ACT), pursuit of advanced diplomas, and other evidence of exceptional academic abilities. Each nominee was asked to write a monitored 300-500 word essay to submit with the application. From this group of outstanding scholars, 20 were chosen for the TASSP All State Academic Team and 30 were chosen as finalists.

As a finalist in the program, Darryl is to be congratulated for his superior scholarship.

Firefighters extend training experience

Several members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department recently participated in the 5th Annual Columbus Fire School held at the Columbus Fire Training Field and sponsored by the Fire Protection Training Division of the Engineering Extension Service of Texas A&M University.

Instructors and participants for all classes were from departments throughout Colorado County and surrounding counties.

Firemen attending the training session on "Occulus and the Fire Service" were Melvin Stancik, Harold Raabe, Chuck Stephens and Thurston Webb. The session on "Rescue" was attended by Peter Canaris with Stephens and Ray Obenhaus serving as instructors.

Mr. Webb was the instructor for the training session on the "Liquid Petroleum Gas Project." Local firemen Billy Cook and Vance Corman received instruction on this session. Canaris also attended sessions on "Foam Equipment" and "Positive Pressure Ventilation."

Cook and Corman added to their training experience by attending additional sessions on "Fire Fine," "Self-contained Breathing Apparatus and Smokehouse" and "Hand Extinguishers."

Several members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department are shown participating in part of the Liquid Petroleum Gas Project conducted at the 5th Annual Columbus Fire School held recently. Thurston Webb was the instructor for the training session. Firemen learned fire streams, hose handling and fire control. (See Photo by Charlotte Gundlach)

NEWSBRIEFS

Guest speaker at Methodist Church Sunday
Mrs. Janet Dupré will be the speaker at the United Methodist Church this Sunday. Janet pastors the Rock Island Methodist Church. The congregation is pleased to have her talk during the change of ministers. Rev. Larry Bailey will begin his duties here and in Garwood on June 9th. Rev. Charles Runk, former UMC pastor, is retiring and has built a home in Macon.

Thrift Shop 'Clearance Sale' this weekend
The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will have a clearance sale from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 31. There will be many wonderful bargains. The Thrift Shop will also be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1. The shop will then be closed until August 17 at which time it will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Operation Desert Storm" program June 11
General Joe N. Frazier III, son of Brigadier General and Mrs. Joe N. Frazier Jr. of Eagle Lake, will be at the Eagle Lake Community Center to present a program on "Operation Desert Storm" on Tuesday, June 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. He will tell of the time he spent in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. He has been designated by the U.S. Government to go around to different communities speaking on the Persian Gulf War.

Wintermann Library's 'Camp Wanna-Read'
Scheduled this coming week at Eagle Lake's Wintermann Library are: Wednesday, June 5, Story Hour, Mrs. Wanda Center, Camp Wanna-Read and Thursday, June 6, the movies will be *The Cricket and the Tuba*, *Foolish Frog*, *Frederick and Curious George* at the Baller. All activities begin at 2:30 p.m.

Retired Teachers Association meeting
The Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers will meet at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus at noon, June 3, 1991. This will be the day for members. All Colorado County teachers who are retiring this year are invited to be luncheon guests.

Workshop, Women's Day next weekend
The missionary department of the White Cloud Baptist Church invites you to their Annual Christian Workshop Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme is "Standing On The Promises of God." Their Annual Women's Day is Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m. Rev. G.W. Clark, pastor of Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church will be the speaker.

July 4th parade to honor all servicemen
The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a parade to honor the servicemen and women who participated in "Operation Desert Storm" and all other war veterans on Thursday, July 4th. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Please notify the serviceman or woman in your family so they can leave in time to be here for this occasion. For further information, contact Enola Gertson at the Chamber Office, 234-2780, between 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

Juneteenth Celebration coming June 15th
The Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at the Eagle Lake City Park. Boods are available. Call 234-2067.

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Tammie Rana Hines... is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hines of Sheridan, Texas. Tammie participated in Basketball (9-11), Track (9 & 11), Volleyball (11-12), Tennis (12), and received Perfect Attendance (9). She plans to attend Wharton County Junior College for two years and transfer to Southwest Texas State University.

Photo Not Available
Janice Marie Johnson... is the daughter of Oliver and Tammy Johnson of Eagle Lake. Janice was in Vocational Office Education, and was a member of Future Homemakers of America and Business Professionals of America Clubs. She plans to attend TTT Technical Institute in Dallas, Texas. After graduation, she plans to attend a trade school.

Photo Not Available
Laricia Nannette Johnson... is the daughter of Ruby Johnson of Eagle Lake. Laricia was in Basketball (9-11), Volleyball (11-12), and received 2nd place in local in Cosmetology Contest (12). She plans to attend Wharton County Junior College for two years and then transfer to Law School in Houston for two more years.

Photo Not Available
Roy Edward Johnson, Jr... is the son of Roy and Katie Johnson of Garwood. Roy was a member of the Future Homemakers of America and Business Professionals of America organizations. After graduation, he plans to attend a trade school.

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Brent Edward Matulis... is the son of Jim and Sheila Matulis of Eagle Lake. Brent was a member of the Band Council (11), Band Council President (12), competed in UIL Band, chosen Bandman of the Week (9-12), received 1st division in Solo & Ensemble (10), Varsity Tennis (10). After graduation he plans to attend Wharton County Junior College and later transfer to a four year college.

Photo Not Available
Steve Victor Kuech, III... is the son of Steve and Deborah Kuech, Jr. of Kuech, III. Steve plans to attend Wharton County Junior College for one year and then transfer to San Houston State University and major in communications.

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Walter Frank Medeiros, IV... is the son of Walter and Jeanne Medeiros of Christerville. Walter was involved in the Basketball Club, UIL Persuasive Speech, football (9), Band (9). After graduation he plans to attend a two year college and then transfer to The University of Texas at Austin.

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