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CP&L asks to issue refunds, lower fuel charges

Central Power and Light Company is seeking to refund approximately \$13.2 million to its customers, as well as to lower the amount customers pay each month in fuel charges.

On June 17th, CPL asked the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for permission to refund over-collected fuel costs, including inter-

est, in August 1991. CPL also asked that it be allowed to lower its Fixed Fuel Factors effective with August 1991 bills. If approved, the refund would be included as a credit on August electric bills and the reduced Fixed Fuel Factors would result in lower fuel charges on August and future bills.

The fuel savings are a result of CPL's continuing efforts to procure fuel at the lowest reasonable price. The refund CPL has requested is the result of a \$13.2 million over-collection of fuel costs which occurred during the period from August 1989 through May 1991, including interest. CPL also requested that it be permitted to update this filing with June 1991 data when the data is available. This will permit the refunds to be as accurate and timely as possible. Over-recoveries occur when CPL is able to purchase fuel at prices below those that were expected when the Fixed Fuel Factors were set.

CPL, like each of the nine investor-owned utilities in Texas, uses PUC-approved Fixed Fuel Factors. The fuel charge is listed separately on customers' bills, while another portion of the bill reflects the base charge — CPL's cost of providing service to its customers. The PUC requires electric utilities to refund to customers, with interest, all savings which result when actual fuel costs are lower than the Fixed Fuel Factors.

Decreasing the Fixed Fuel Factors should reduce the fuel factor portion of all customers' bills by approximately 8 percent on an annual basis. A residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month would see an annual reduction of approximately \$1.90 per month on

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Humid heat can be deadly

An early heat wave, combined with high humidity, could lead to the deadly threat of heat-related illness for many Texans.

Health officials warn that heat stress, or hyperthermia, contributed to 1,700 deaths in the U.S. during the humid summer of 1980. The victims of heat stress are usually the elderly, the very young, the poor, or people weakened by illnesses such as heart disease or alcoholism.

Dr. Jim Cheek, of the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Disease Control and Epidemiology, said, "The first few days of a heat wave with high humidity are particularly dangerous."

He explained that generally four to seven days are needed for people to acclimate to elevated temperatures. Dr. Cheek noted that most cases of serious heat-related illness occur early in the summer.

Heat-related illness includes a broad spectrum ranging from simple heat cramps to life-threatening heat stroke.

Although many persons with heat stroke have some form of debilitating disease, healthy young persons may develop heat stroke following strenuous physical exertion.

The warning signs of impending heat stroke may be few, and loss of consciousness may be the first sign. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and care should be sought immediately.

Dr. Cheek stated that "people can prevent heat-related illness by drinking more fluids, preferably water, before exposure."

In addition, he noted, "Particularly susceptible people such as the elderly and the very young should wear light, loose-fitting clothing, take frequent baths, avoid strenuous activity, and remain in a cool place."

Local weather forecasts can be a guide to the danger of heat-related illness. The "heat stress index," obtained from the National Weather Service reflects how hot the air feels to humans. A heat stress reading of 105 is considered very dangerous, yet can occur while temperatures are in the mid 80s.

Police Report

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were arrested and transported to the police department, where they were charged with disorderly conduct, processed and transported to the County Jail.

Officer Jones was dispatched to Lady's Restaurant early Sunday morning, when he was advised that someone had broken a window at the restaurant sometime between 12 midnight Saturday night and 8 a.m. Sunday morning. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Argo was advised Sunday afternoon of a burglary of a residence on "A" Street, which occurred sometime between June 28 and July 7, while the complainant was on vacation. Entry was made through a bathroom window and a television, Nintendo Power Pad, revolver and video recorder were taken. This case remains under investigation.

If anyone saw any suspicious activities or persons in this area during this time, the police department would like to be advised of this. Your help in this burglary or any other crime will be greatly appreciated.

During the month of June, the Police Department answered 190 calls which include 5 assaults, 8 burglaries, 16 thefts, 5 disturbances, 3 accidents, 8 criminal mischiefs and 145 miscellaneous. Also 12 arrests were made with 5 being misdemeanor and 7 felony. A total of 76 citations were issued.

Foot Facts
By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
CAUTION: FEET AT WORK

In an average year, there are about 120,000 job-related foot injuries, ranging in severity from stubbed toes to crushing injuries that require amputation. How can you protect your feet on the job? The best way is to use common sense and obvious ones. There are shoes with steel toes, puncture proof inserts, and even metal shin guards. If you work with chemicals or solvents, you may need foot wear of vinyl, rubber or another plastic, with synthetic stitching. If you work in extreme heat or near direct flame, you can get fire resistant boots or overboots with wooden heels and soles and to exposed metal parts. Your supervisor should tell you what kind of protective foot wear you need.

Specialized, protective footwear is important for workers and also for those who partake in leisure activities such as rock and mountain climbing, and anything involving machinery. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I can provide for your entire family's podiatric needs, with quality medical care, gained from years of experience and attention to my patient's particular needs.

P.S. Only one in four victims of a job-related foot injury had worn safety shoes.

'Jr. Jazz' wins two National titles

The Eagle Lake Dance Group, known as Jr. Jazz, competed in Arlington at the Southern National Finals Dance Competition for Starlight Productions.

In April the group qualified for national competition by achieving two first places in the Pom Pom and Pro-Am categories. After two months of strenuous preparation and nearly 100 hours donated by each dancer, the group pulled together to bring back two national titles; Starlight Productions '91 National Pom Pom Champions and National Pro-Am Champions.

The dancers include Stephanie Braden, Rebal Canaris, Ginger Case, Kasey Eubanks, Lori Grigar, Heather Henske, Amanda Meehan, Dee Ann Meehan, Amy Obenhaus, Dawn Schwemm, Holly Shindler, Barrett Thomas and Lisa Valigura.

The group is instructed by Robert Delgado, a former Starlight Productions National Champion.

All parents were present to give the performers moral support. The name of the group will be changed for next year's classes which

begin the first week of August. The group will be known as "Jazz, Etc." with the motto: "The quiet storm; Beware of our reign!"



Pictured in front from left are Heather Henske, Lori Grigar; 2nd row: Lisa Valigura, Stephanie Braden, Rebal Canaris; 3rd row: Dawn Schwemm, Holly Shindler, Barrett Thomas, Dee Ann Meehan, Amy Obenhaus, Kasey Eubanks; back row: Kasey Eubanks, Robert Delgado and Glenda Blair. Not pictured is Amanda Meehan.

School Board

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where: Lisa Harper, special education at Eagle Lake Middle School; Judy Hoelscher, special education at Sheridan School; Judy Pustejovsky, special education at Rice High School; and Julie Smith, teacher for visually handicapped.

Also, Jane Clipson, English at Rice High School; Ray Reynolds, biology and boys basketball coach at Rice High School; Tracy Theut, physical science at Rice High School; Patricia Fink, teacher at Garwood

School; Kay Tilton, fifth grade at Eagle Lake Middle School; Jeanne Hatley, science at Eagle Lake Middle School; Lee Politsch, language arts at Eagle Lake Middle School; Stacey Vesely, third grade at Eagle Lake Primary School; and Deborah Politsch, second grade at Eagle Lake Primary School.

In other business, the board: "Tabled the review and approval of bids for renovation projects in the district, authorized bidding for park-

ing lot repairs and engineer contract; "Named First National Bank of Eagle Lake as the district's depository for the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years;

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Eagle Lake Headlight

Elevated water tank needs painting... sounds simple, doesn't it?

After a lengthy discussion with City Engineer John Mercer, Eagle Lake City Council realized that painting the elevated water storage tank would not be a simple task.

Mercer's reservations about the procedure and the companies who had submitted bids for the project were numerous. In particular, he did not like the idea of using a chemical agent (as bid by one of the companies) to strip the old paint. "Chemical stripping agents do not give you a good surface profile which improves the ability of the new paint to 'grab' hold of the metal surface. Not only does sand blasting give you a good surface profile, it removes rust and assures a longer lasting paint job," Mercer added.

Another reservation he voiced was the inability to be sure all the stripping agent was off the tank before the paint

was applied. In addition, he was worried about the chemical rinsing off in an overnight rain since the stripping agent has to be left on the painted surface for a length of time.

"The regulations concerning the removal of lead-base paint are so new many smaller companies are afraid to mess with it," Mercer stated. Mayor Roy Van Nort questioned Mercer about delaying the job a few months to see if the City could get more bids when these smaller companies learned what was involved in the process. The only bids received by the City for stripping and painting two water storage tanks were from Travis Industrial Painters (using chemical stripper) and A-Way Tank Services, Inc. of Rosenberg.

According to Mercer, A-Way is one of the leaders in this area and are now in the process of doing a job in

Bellaire, whereas Travis has never chemically stripped an elevated tank before.

Action on this project was tabled until the next meeting (set for July 23rd) in order to allow Mercer to contact as many people as possible to find out as much as possible concerning his reservations and questions raised by Council. "I believe now you're getting the feel that this is not a cut and dry situation," Mercer stated during the discussion.

Mercer is also responsible for advising Council as to a future Texas Council of the need to advertise once again for the position of City Manager. An ad will be placed in the *Texas Municipal League Magazine* for the next two months.

Council approved a resolution and letter of intent to request financial assistance from the Texas Department of Aviation for their 1992 fiscal year. The City's participation is, of course, contingent on whether TDA receives funding from the legislature and how

much funding they receive.

"Following yet another discussion with City Engineer Mercer, learned there are not enough funds budgeted for the Johnnie D. Hutchins Drive project to re-curb and seal Partridge Lane. It was at first thought this could all be included, but Mercer told Council re-curb would cost from \$10-12 per foot and approximately 1,800 feet needs to be replaced. Dean and King, the company doing the work on Hutchins Drive, were in the process of working on a definite price for the re-curb, which will be reported to Council at the next meeting for consideration.

Acting City Manager Lucille Perry reported on a meeting she had with Postmaster Robert McClelland

concerning the need for Eagle Lake's Post Office to expand its physical plant. They, representatives from the postal property office, would like to stay at the present location if the building were upgraded and expanded. Their expansion plans would probably call for the closing of the street behind the existing building. No action was taken since this expansion is planned for the future, but Perry wanted Council to be aware of the upcoming expense. Since last week was city owned and rented to the Postal Service, city revenues will have to be used for any improvements or expansion.

Council members approved the sending of a letter to the legislature opposing the sale of LCRA's electric assets.

NEWSBRIEFS

Oops!
The Eagle Lake Veterinary Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 8-12 noon on Saturdays. This information was erroneously reported as being Monday-Thursday. We apologize for the error.

Congressional assistant at Courthouse
Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assistant in Columbus at the Colorado County Courthouse from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon on Thursday, July 18. The caseworker will be able to handle problems with social security, veterans benefits, and other topics involving the federal government.

No appointment is needed and residents are urged to drop by with problems or questions that they may have with the federal government. For more information please call 512-576-1231 in Victoria.

Dr. Huff to expand hours in Eagle Lake
Effective July 16 Dr. Huff expanded his office hours in the Eagle Lake area to include Tuesdays and Fridays. Call 1-800-535-0186 for an appointment. The new hours will be published at a later date.

District 20-AAA 'Coaches Night' August 1
Sealy Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 2nd Annual District 20-AAA Coaches' Night August 1 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The meal will be catered by Staff's Catering. Come meet District 20-AAA coaches and hear what they say about their 1991! Tickets are \$8.50 per person.

RCISD Boosters meeting July 25
The Booster Club will be having a meeting at Rice CISD on July 25 at 7:30 p.m. The new president, John Popp, will be introduced and Coach Mark Johnson will give a run down on his plans for the year.

Anyone interested in joining the Boosters or just curious persons are invited.

New 4-H Club being organized
Attention kids! There is a new 4-H Club starting in this area. The first meeting will be at the Blue Goose Restaurant in Altair on July 31st. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 234-2990.

'Eagle Classic' Tourney starts Monday
The "Eagle Classic" Softball Tournament benefiting the Eagle Lake Little League will begin this Monday, July 22 and continue through Friday, July 26. Games will begin at 6 p.m. each day and the concession stand will be open to add to your enjoyment. The top three teams will have a play-off on Friday to decide who gets 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Another Long-Ball Contest will be held on Friday, July 26 from 6-6:45 p.m. If a buy-off is needed, it will be from 6:45-7 p.m. and games will immediately follow. The cost to enter the contest will be 10 balls for \$5. Your support is very much appreciated. All proceeds will be put in the Little League Funds.

Ushers, Choir Day at White Cloud July 21
White Cloud Baptist Church at 316 Old Altair Road of Eagle Lake is sponsoring an Annual Ushers and Choir Day on Sunday, July 21 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker for the event is Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor, Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The public is invited to come and worship with White Cloud Baptist. Rev. O. Rhodes, Pastor.

Area Bible Schools getting underway
Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the White Cloud Baptist Church on Old Altair Road from 9 a.m. to 12 noon the week of July 22-26. The closing program will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, the 26th. Rev. O. Rhodes, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Gethsemane Baptist Mission on July 22 through July 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. each evening. Classes will be for children 4 years of age through 6th grade. Come for Bible study, crafts and recreation. The church van will not be picking up children.

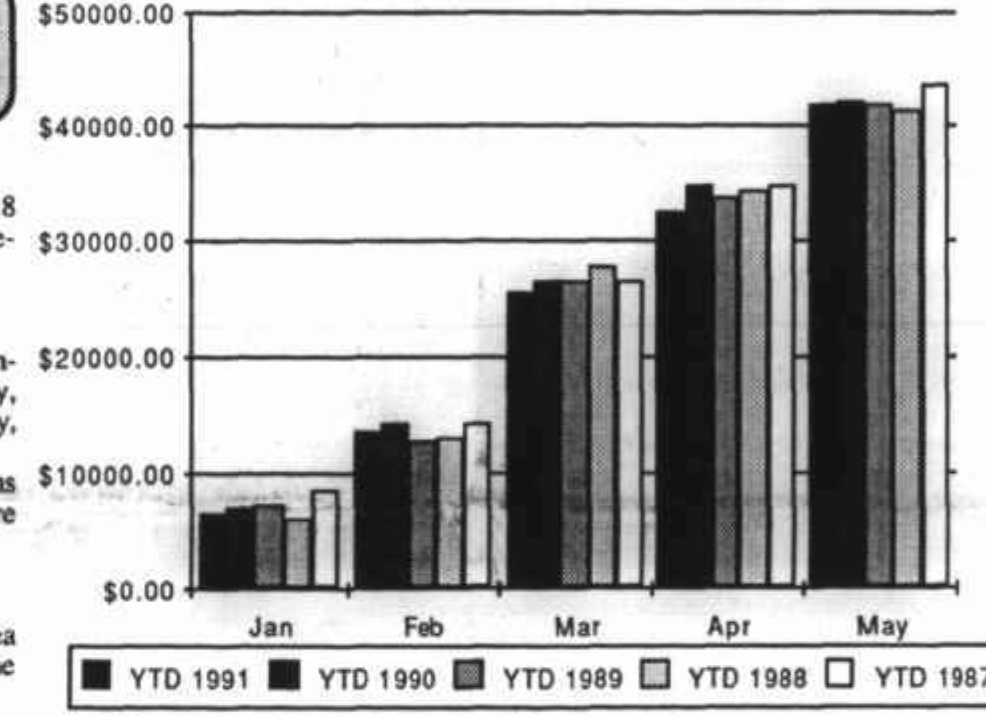
Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 25-August 2 at Lehrer Methodist Church in Garwood. Our theme this year is "Share God's Blessings," with stories of how God's love blesses us and how we should share it with everyone we meet. The children will enjoy songs, crafts and activities included in our Bible School time, along with the fellowship of other children. Vacation Bible School will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 noon each day and Friday, August 2 will be our VBS program and Ice Cream Social with everyone welcome.

Volunteers are needed for classroom helpers and to provide refreshments for the children each day. Registration will be July 14-20. Contact Lori Alford at 758-3769 or Jane Wied at 758-3690 to sign up or volunteer. It is important to sign up so that we may have enough materials for everyone. There is no charge.

Wintermann Library's 'Camp Wanna-Read'
Scheduled this coming week at Wintermann Library are: Wednesday, July 24, Story Hour; Mrs. Robbin Clipson, Camp Discover, and Thursday, July 25, the movies will be Dorothy and the Necktie, Corduroy, Naughty Owl, Clumsy Little Elephant. All activities begin at 2:30 p.m.

Almost even with last year...

Sales tax rebate takes big jump



State Comptroller John Sharp recently sent checks totaling \$98 million to 1065 Texas cities and counties with the state's six largest cities receiving 42% of all city sales taxes distributed.

"Local sales tax rebates — from Beaumont to El Paso — continue to run ahead of this time last year, an indication that the Texas economy is expanding at a steady rate," Sharp said.

Eagle Lake's portion of the sales tax collected in May, reported in June and rebated by the state last week was \$9,207.89; 26.56% higher than the same period last year. This large increase brings the year-to-date figure up to 0.55% (\$371.05) less than 1990 at the same time.

Cities in the area did fairly well this month. Sealy's check was for \$26,193.35, 20.99% higher than 1990; Columbus' share also rose over 20% to \$26,171.71; Weimar had the largest increase in the county with 24.44% giving them a rebate of \$7,842.92 compared to \$6,059.26 last year, and Wallis fell 11.2% receiving only \$1,935.03.

Houston received almost \$14 million, the largest payment in the state, to bring that city's 1991 total to \$116.8 million. Dallas received the second largest payment, \$8.6 million for a 1991 total of \$70.8 million. San Antonio's check for \$5.3 million was the third largest in the state for a year-to-date sum of \$40.4 million followed by Austin with \$4.2 million, adding up to \$31.1 million for the year.

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

Week ending 7-16-91

Chief Villarreal was dispatched to a vandalism call on 8th Street Wednesday afternoon, where it was reported that someone had broken complainant's windshield. It appeared that some type of blunt object had struck the windshield. There are no suspects in this case.

Officer Staude was dispatched to an assault call on Second Street Wednesday night, where two black males were involved. The subjects were advised to see the judge the next morning if they wished to file on each other.

Gloria Araque came to the police department about 11 p.m. Wednesday night and reported to Officer Argo that someone had stolen her 1985 Chev. Cavalier from her driveway.

On the 15th, Kevin Anderson advised of a car fitting this description being abandoned off Hogfarm Road. This was the stolen vehicle which Officer Argo had Delgado's Wrecker Service pick up. The owner was notified and reclaimed her vehicle. There are suspects in this case, but no charges have been filed.

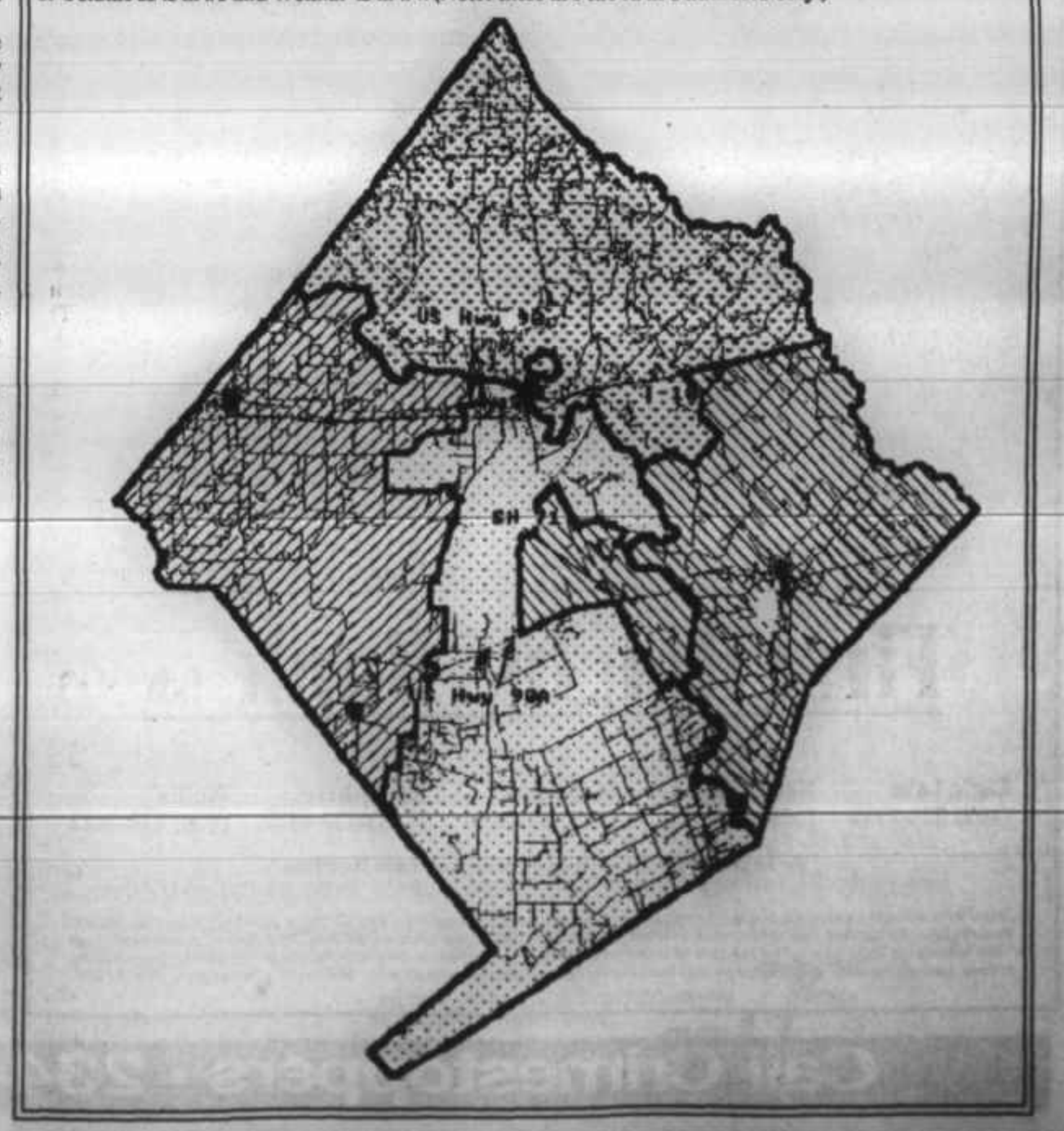
Late Thursday afternoon, while on routine patrol, Officer Argo discovered a clock had been taken down from over the front door of Meitzen's Service Station and smashed.

Officer Staude investigated a call of criminal mischief at the Gethsemane Baptist Mission Church on "B" Street Thursday afternoon. Unknown suspect had broken a window out of the church annex building. No other signs of damage were found.

(See Police Report, Page 12)

Proposed redistricting plan, Colorado County Commissioner Precincts

Below is Proposal D submitted to Colorado County Commissioners Court by Bickerstaff, Heath & Smiley, the consulting firm chosen by the county. Clockwise, from the top are Commissioner Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 proposed boundaries. As the firm has them numbered, Eagle Lake is located in the center of #2, most of Columbus is in #1 and Weimar is in #4. (Note: these are the firm's numbers only.)



Rice School Board awards renovation bids

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees awarded bids, totaling over \$700,000, for school renovation projects during a special meeting last Thursday night.

All the projects are part of the district's capital improvement program which was approved by district voters in a previous bond election.

The bids were as follows:
•Calks Construction Co. of Giddings for renovations at Sheridan
(See School Board, Page 12)