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Marijuana bust

at Fairlawn handles receives all north-bound traffic coming from the border of Mexico. All traffic must stop at the checkpoint to be checked for identification to see if they are American citizens.

A Border Patrol agent was interrogating the driver of an 18-wheeler truck the evening of Jan. 22, and wanted to see what was in the trailer. He did not notice any sign of nervousness by the driver. The officer stepped to the rear and opened the small door used for airing out the trailer. He smelled a strong odor of marijuana from the trailer.

At that point, the officer asked the driver to pull the truck into the secondary lane for a more thorough check. Opening the door to the trailer, officers saw about 15 to 20 pallets of flour substance for making tortillas. The officer ran the well known drug dog, Marco, into the truck. Marco's trained to stop and sit down when he finds drugs. The dog entered the trailer and immediately alerted officers of the drugs.

The officer found a bundle of marijuana. The driver and a passenger, his son, were placed under arrest. The truck was unloaded and all the marijuana was found and weighed. The weight was 3,417 pounds and it was estimated at a street value of \$2.2 million.

While inventorying the vehicle, a brown bag was found in the cab of the truck under the glove compartment, filled with \$33,300. The vehicle and trailer were seized and turned over to D.E.A.

The U.S. Border Patrol deserves great credit for their part in the war on drugs. Deputy Busby got real hands-on training with them in learning to apply the techniques he had studied.

Eagle Lake Police Department report

The Eagle Lake Police Department made the following calls during the week of Jan. 21-28.

On Jan. 22, at 2:10 a.m., while on routine patrol, Officer Jeff Argo found a broken window at the Country Time Inn on Glen Flora Road. Upon investigation and meeting with the manager and owner, it was learned a large amount of beer and some change was taken. A considerable amount of damage was sustained to the beer cooler. Entry was possibly gained from the front door after breaking a window and unlocking the door.

At 9:02 a.m., Chief Lupé Villarreal responded to a hold-up alarm at Heights of Texas Savings. Fortunately it was a false alarm.

A report was received about 3:30 p.m., Jan. 22, of a theft that had occurred sometime between the Jan. 17 and 22 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church where a wireless mike, two boom microphones, two hand-held mikes and two ceramic hands statues had

been taken. Chief Villarreal is the investigating officer.

Sgt. Earl Jones assisted DPS with traffic control at an accident at US 90A and CR 2764 Wednesday evening, Jan. 22.

Early Friday, Jan. 24, at 2:08 a.m., while on routine patrol, Officer Keith Matura and Sgt. Jones were checking the downtown area and discovered a black male inside the chain link fence at the back of the Western Auto Store. The suspect had pulled a piece of tin loose from the upper part of the building where he could slide through. Once inside the area, the suspect attempted to pry a window out with a lead pipe. The suspect, Marvin Thomas of Eagle Lake, was transported to the Spaulding residence on Calhoun Road in response to a call. The owner showed him a broken window on the south side of the house where entry had been gained. The complainant reported a Sony compact disc player, two speakers, VCR and two remote controls, stereo cassette deck, and various stereo equipment missing. The case is under investigation.

Thursday morning, Jan. 23, Deputy Steve Scott answered a complaint of a vehicle broken into during the night at a residence on Taylor St. in Glidden. The complainant's daughter had her car stored there. The car hood had been raised and the trunk pried open. Parts of the motor were missing, including air cleaner, alternator, rocker arms and other pieces. Only the carburetor and block were left. The complainant heard nothing during the night. The case is under investigation.

Sunday, Jan. 26, Deputy Steve Scott was dispatched to Dairy D'Lite in Sheridan where Jeanette Nance told him someone had broken into her business during the night. A wrapper from some crackers was found on the counter top about 10 feet from the point of entry, also a dirty glass and bubble gum. Nothing was taken from the car. The case is under investigation.

Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3:30 a.m., while on patrol, eastbound of Hwy 90 at MM701, Officers Leonard Peters and Eddie Arja observed a white 1983 Buick stuck in the mud in a ditch. The right front of the vehicle was severely damaged. The suspect, Domingo Salazar, was found lying on the front seat of the car. Salazar was asked to get out of the car. He stumbled around the ditch.

Officer Matura was dispatched to a disturbance on Church Street Sunday morning, Jan. 26. Upon arrival, he located the subject causing the disturbance and arrested Jose Segura for public intoxication.

Officer Eric Hart assisted at a car fire at the 200 block of East Main Saturday afternoon, Jan. 25. The fire department was also dispatched but the owner was able to put the flames out before the firemen arrived.

Officer Hart is investigating the burglary of a motor vehicle which occurred near the Guadalupe Church where a cellular phone was taken from the car.

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Chevrolet backs wildflowers

The Houston Branch of Chevrolet Motor Division has agreed to sponsor the 1992 Spring Wildflower Celebration to be held in Eagle Lake from April 1st through 26th.

This annual event features over 700 acres of various wildflowers grown from seed in Colorado County to be viewed by thousands of visitors seeking colorful photos and a look at

the nation's largest wildflower seed production crops.

"We are delighted to have such a responsible sponsor that shares our enthusiasm of preserving nature's flowers while showing its generosity toward environmental activities," said Helen Craig, Board Chairman of Wildflower Celebration, Inc.

Chevrolet has agreed to provide

eight 1992 pickup trucks for the narrated tour wagons which carry visitors through the wildflower fields.

"The wagon rides are the highlight of our wildflower show each year, and this spring promises to be more colorful than ever," commented Liz Waddell, Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce President.

TDA announces pest control grants available

More than \$180,000 in grants is available through the Texas Department of Agriculture for pest control programs that rely on the least amount of chemicals possible, announced Ag. Commissioner Rick Perry.

The department is now accepting proposals for the funds. \$47,870 will go toward boll weevil diapause programs and \$133,500 will be awarded to projects that expand the use of integrated pest management (IPM) methods in agricultural pest control.

"Integrated pest management techniques encourage producers to find safe, effective strategies that are non-chemical or will minimize the use of chemicals," Perry said.

IPM is an interdisciplinary, cooperative approach to pest control. It involves the development and maintenance of ecologically sound pest control systems by integrating information from the fields of biology, ecology, sociology, agronomy and economics.

Farmers who practice IPM principles rely on carefully researched combinations of methods that manage, not eliminate, the densities of pests and their subsequent damage to crops and livestock. Those methods include planting diverse crops, rotating crops from year to year, raising pest resistant varieties, maximizing benefits of biological control and controlling weeds by mechanical cultivation instead of relying on costly herbicides.

"It is our policy to promote IPM in both rural and urban environments,"

Perry said. "Diapause is an extremely complex physiological condition when an insect is in a state of dormancy, but basically, if you deny a boll weevil food and habitat, your chances of cotton damage are substantially reduced. We know that a combination of uniform planting dates, stalk destruction, cotton plow-up and spraying is extremely effective in controlling pink bollworm and boll weevils."

TDA enforces Texas' pesticide laws and certain IPM practices such as stalk destruction project for pink bollworm and boll weevil control. Texas has four boll weevil pest management zones encompassing the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Lower Coastal Bend, Upper Coastal Bend and the El Paso area.

Proposals for diapause funds should include a one page project summary, a review of previous diapause programs conducted by the producer, a detailed project description including a general work plan and rationale, and project duration. They should also include a statement showing need for state funding with a financial statement of current and available assets, a detailed project budget including funds from other sources to be

used for the diapause program. A full program report will be due four weeks after the project is completed.

IPM proposals should propose methods for implementing and conducting biologically intensive integrated pest management programs for farmer groups, on-farm demonstration trials and educational programs developed from state-of-the-art technology. Proposals must come from producer organizations involved in state-wide integrated pest management programs.

Each proposal must include a one page project summary, a review of previous work related to the project, a project description encompassing a general work plan, project duration and rationale, a description of the project's anticipated impact, historical background information of the organization and a project budget. A project report will be due within eight weeks upon completion of the project.

Proposals should be submitted to Keith Jones, Director for Agri-Systems, Producer Relations Division, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or call 512-463-1088 for additional information.

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Wells Airport for instrument approach.

"Tabbed action to adopt a resolution opposing a high speed bullet train through Texas until the Court is able to learn more about the project;

"Heard the yearly report of the Colorado County Historical Commission and learned the 81-member organization raised some \$23,000 through the sale of bricks for the restoration of the sidewalk and fountain on the south side of the courthouse;

"Appointed the Rev. David Mann, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, as the county's representative on the Public Responsibility

Committee of Ricaland Regional Mental Health Authority. He will replace the Rev. Raymond Cox;

"Agreed to allow the Live Oak Art Center the use of the north and south-east sides of the courthouse square May 16-17;

"Awarded herbicide bids to Wilbur Ellis, Tide Division, of Eagle Lake; cultid bids to Wilson Culvers Inc. of Lockhart and pre-mix, hot-mix and gravel bids to various suppliers; and

"During a special meeting last week, awarded a renewal of a contract to Traveller's Insurance as the county's health insurance supplier.

Houston Livestock Show tickets on sale Saturday

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo ticket trailer will be in Colorado County Saturday, Feb. 1, selling tickets to all performances of the rodeo which will run from Feb. 16 through March 1 in the Astrodome. The trailer will be at the Eagle Lake City Hall from 9 to 10 a.m. and at Potter's Western Wear in Columbus from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Tickets range from \$5 to 12 and include admission to the livestock show.

Potter's will be giving away four arena level box seats tickets to the rodeo in a drawing to be held at noon, Saturday. People may stop by the store between 8:30 a.m. and noon to register for a chance to win.

In addition, Carl Geisler of KULM radio and Go Texas Queen Carissa Blair, who also works for KULM

radio, will do a live remote broadcast from Potter's. They will be giving away rodeo tickets over the air to lucky winners.

The performance scheduled to salute and recognize Colorado County's overall participation in the livestock show and rodeo will be Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The star entertainer that evening will be Clint Black.

The Colorado County Go Texan Committee consists of Ambassador Lynda Appel of Eagle Lake, members Bob Huette, Dale Heinsohn, Jim Hilscher, County Judge H.O. Strunk, Steve Wickie, Billy Ray Krenk, Holly Waligura, Vic Corman, Joe Mike Spinnaker and senior members Henry Potter, Leslie Heinsohn and Henry Beken.

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Two New Ways of Delivering Medicines

Transdermal patches and implants represent two of the newest dosage forms prepared by pharmaceutical manufacturers. Both of these dosage forms work on the principle that a slow and constant release of active ingredients is a desirable feature for certain medicines.

Transdermal patches are similar to small bandages that contain medicine. When patches are applied to the skin, the medicine inside the patch flows through the skin into the bloodstream at a steady and predictable rate. The first medicine approved for skin patch application was scopolamine, an atropine-like medicine used to treat motion sickness. Scopolamine patches are placed on the skin just behind the ear and provide protection against motion sickness for up to three days. Nitroglycerin and other medicines are available in the form of skin patches.

Implants are surgically inserted under the skin to provide controlled release of active ingredients. A large amount of medicine is implanted for slow release. In 1990, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Norplant, a contraceptive, for implantation. Norplant continuously releases small amounts of hormone. According to a recent issue of FDA Consumer, Norplant protects against pregnancy for a period of five years.

Crime Stoppers offering reward for information on recent theft

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person of persons involved in the theft of a Motorola Cellular Phone which was taken from a vehicle on Guadalupe Street.

Two suspects were seen leaving the scene. Both were Hispanic males, approximately 16 or 17 years of age. One suspect was wearing a white, short sleeved

shirt, blue jeans and was on foot. The other suspect was wearing a long sleeved shirt, blue jeans and was riding a white BMX bicycle.

Crime Stoppers also pays cash rewards for information which leads to the solution of any felony crime. Call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. You will remain anonymous.

Eagle Lake Headlight

Kelly Vacek Head Start Center officially open in Eagle Lake

The Kelly Ann Vacek Head Start Center in Eagle Lake was the official center for the ribbon cutting signifying the start of Head Start in Colorado County. The historic event was marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception Wednesday, Jan. 29th.

The Kelly Ann Vacek Center in Eagle Lake and the D&P Center in Columbus will be accepting children this year. Next year another center will be opened in Weimar. President Bush announced last week that he was advising an additional \$650 million dollars for the Head Start budget. Within two years, Colorado County will be receiving \$3 to \$5 million as their part for funding.

The center in Eagle Lake was dedicated to Kelly Ann Vacek, daughter of J.D. Vacek and granddaughter of Rosie G. Vacek. She was a senior communications major at Southwest Texas University in San Marcos. In her early years, Kelly had a hearing impairment which affected her

speech. With the help of special teachers and programs, she overcame these difficulties.

She entered college with a major in Public Relations, but found a very necessary need for communication skills. In her junior year, she became a communications major and placed in the top ten percent of her college class. She loved people of all ages and wanted everyone to understand and be able to communicate.

On her first day home for the summer after her junior year, Kelly went to Clear Lake to visit her fiancée for lunch. On the way home, she was passing a car when another vehicle turned into the approaching lane without warning. Kelly's car was struck and she was mortally injured.

The Vacek family, mother and sisters, Karen, Koni and Koni, sent daisies for the ceremony since they were unable to attend.

Dignitaries and guests attended the ribbon cutting ceremony from

several areas. From the Rice CISD was President of the Board John Matthews, Board Secretary Kate Labay, Member Melody Grigar, Past President Fritz Leopold and Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey, Colorado County Judge H.O. Strunk was present with Economic Development Board Members Roger Olier and Willie Mae Williams. Lil Stallman, executive director, represented the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Also attending were Eagle Lake Mayor Roy Van Nort, Helen Windel of Wharton, Kim Dunk and several others with Head Start, Melvin Gordon of the E.H. Henry Committee, Katherine Williams, Sarah and Zachary Anderson, Vickie Brown and Rosalyn Eversole.

Linda Ferguson and her staff of Eagle Hill in Eagle Lake catered the occasion, making a very lovely setting for all the activities.

Each year almost a million children from low-income families enter

(See Head Start, Page 12)

NEWSBRIEFS

Freshman orientation scheduled early

All incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to Rice High School's Freshman Orientation. The meeting will be held in the Commons at Rice High School, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Preregistration information will be handed out at that time. Counselors Guy Beane and Linda Chapman are planning to discuss course offerings and prerequisites for enrollment in these courses.

Principal Fred Grahmann and all the faculty and staff encourage parents of 1992-93 freshmen to attend. This will be an opportunity to meet the high school counselors and discuss your child's educational plan.

Defensive driving class offered

A defensive driving course had been scheduled by retired DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kili in Eagle Lake on Feb. 11 and 12. The class will be from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Wintemman Library, 101 North Walnut. To preregister for the course, call 234-2042 or report to the class room a few minutes early. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation or a discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

Public hearing for academic indicators

A public hearing to discuss the Texas Academic Excellence Indicator system will be held Monday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Rice CISD Administration Building in Altair. The hearing is to provide an explanation of the system to parents and property owners in the district. Campuses and districts will receive ratings based on their performance on each of the indicators. Accreditation will be affected by the ratings.

Crime Stoppers board to meet

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers Inc. Board of Directors will meet Thursday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Police Department.

ELMS PTO meets Feb. 11

Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Eagle Lake Middle School PTO will meet at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Counselor Claudia Mann will discuss standardized testing in public schools. Charles Abell will discuss upcoming activities. Plan to attend.

Catholic youth to organize

There will be a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. for all high school youth interested in forming a Catholic youth group. The meeting will be in the home of Breanne Wood, 601 N. McCarty. For additional information about the meeting please call 234-2753.

E.H. Henry board to meet

The board of the E.H. Henry Historical Corporation will meet tonight, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the E.H. Henry Corp. site, 701 E. Street in Eagle Lake.

Pilot Club sets Valentine's bake sale

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club will hold a bake sale on Friday, Feb. 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The sale will be in front of Eagle Lake Farm and Home in downtown Eagle Lake. Plan to buy your sweetheart some sweets for Valentine's Day.

Church event continues through Sunday

The Rock Island Full Gospel Church mid-winter camp meeting continues through Feb. 9. Services are daily at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is an annual event attended by ministers, special singers, musicians, gospel speakers and workers from various parts of the United States. The public is invited to attend these services and enjoy the good Christian fellowship.

Gulf Coast Hereford sale is Saturday

The Gulf Coast Hereford Association 42nd Annual Spring Sale is this Saturday, Feb. 8, beginning at 1 p.m. The new indoor auction arena at Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham is the site for the sale. Lunch will be available. The auctioneer is to be Dick Britten. For more information and catalogs contact L.A. Kainer, 713-641-2345, or P.O. Box 330088, Houston, TX 77233-0088.

Senior Citizens have dance

A senior citizens dance is set for Friday, Feb. 7, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the KC Hall in Eagle Lake. Music will be by the Country Playboys and there is a \$2 per person charge. The dance is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #4843.

VFW Chili Supper set Feb. 28

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake VFW Post #8783 is sponsoring a chili supper Friday, Feb. 28. The benefit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake KC Hall, intersection of Hwy. 90A and FM 3013. The cost is \$3.50 a bowl with to go orders available. There will also be a bake sale at the supper.

Dr. Roderick James at Feb. 12 Rotary meeting

At noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, Dr. Roderick James will speak to the Rotary Club.

A native of Trinidad in the West Indies, James has a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Since 1975, James has been with Texaco in Bellaire. He has used his expertise to invent and improve methods of energy exploration. James, his wife and daughter, spent three years in the early '80s in Saudi Arabia where he was on loan to Aramco from Texaco. In 1984, he returned to Texaco in Bellaire where he headed the Computer Assisted Mapping project "Texgraph."

In 1990, James began working with Texaco's International Application Group with focus on the then USSR. He negotiated a license for the most powerful computer ever licensed in Moscow. This earned him the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award.

Since March, 1991, James has managed the Texaco Moscow Computer Center. He was there when the coup against Gorbachev occurred. James is now visiting his family in Houston.

He comes to Rotary as a guest of Rev. Charles Miller.

Law Enforcement Reports

Eagle Lake Police Department

The Eagle Lake Police Department handled 194 calls in January. There were 57 criminal cases and 163 cases were cleared. Thirteen arrests were made, five misdemeanors and eight felons.

The following calls were handled during the week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 4. Jan. 28, Chief Lupé Villarreal provided escort from the Methodist Church on W. Prairie to Lakeside Cemetery.

A loose horse was reported on Fairview; the owner was notified. In checking a report of shots fired, police located subjects working on a car which was backfiring.

On Jan. 30, Chief Villarreal was dispatched to criminal mischief call at the Jack Coghill Truck Yard where someone poured some type of oil on the driver's side of the truck cab.

A theft was reported on Schley Street. Police investigated. Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to check on a report of shots on Glen Flora Road, but was unable to locate anyone on his arrival.

Sgt. Earl Jones investigated a report of a prowler but did not find anyone.

Officer Keith Matura received a report of a missing juvenile on Feb. 1.



Cutting the ribbon to officially open the Head Start program in Eagle Lake and Colorado County are Rosie G. Vacek, Rice CISD Board Member Fritz Leopold, J.D. (Jay) Vacek, Rice CISD Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey, CCA Program Director Kim Dunk, Colorado County Judge H.O. Strunk and Economic Development Board Member Roger Olier. A number of other representatives from the area also took part in the event.

Musical, play scheduled in Eagle Lake...

Black History musical performance Feb. 15

The E.H. Henry Historical Corp. will present a musical Saturday, Feb. 15, on black history. The musical will be performed at the former Eagle Lake Primary School, 701 E. Street in Eagle Lake, at 7:30 p.m.

An organized community choir, guest church choirs as well as local and visiting individual talent will participate in the program.

Anyone who would like to take

part in this musical event may contact Mrs. Elaine Harrison at 758-3000 or Debra Smith.

An offering will be taken to help with repairs to the facility.

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