

OBITUARY

Lisa Kay Melvin

April 12, 1956 — August 29, 1994

Lisa Kay Melvin, 38, of Houston, died Tuesday, August 29, at Memorial City Hospital in Houston.

She was born April 12, 1956, in Houston. Survivors include her foster parents, Max and Virginia Rogers of Columbus; adopted mother, Estella Breit of New Ulm; a son, Timothy Wayne Melvin of Webster, Fla.; a sister, Wanda Kay of Houston; and a brother, Steve Breit of New Ulm.

Services were held Friday, September 2, at the Henneke Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Schmitt officiating.

Funeral followed at City Cemetery in Columbus. Pallbearers were Bill Seays, J.B. and Ronnie Rogers and Gary Sutton. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Welfare reform targeted in Houston area

In two months, nearly 16,000 families in Harris and Chambers Counties will receive the Lone Star Card instead of food stamp coupons, according to Texas Comptroller John Sharp.

The recipients will obtain their benefits by using the most secure and low-cost system available for public assistance at more than 500 area grocery stores, he said during a meeting at the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank with representatives from the area's grocery retailers.

The grocers signed agreements to participate in the state's historic Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program. They agreed to accept the program for not only saving taxpayers money but reducing their costs and overhead as well.

Sharp said the families who live in Southeast Houston, including Pasadena and the Hobby Airport area, stretching towards NASA and La Porte, and those in Chambers County who receive food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children will be notified by mail about a month before the new system is implemented in October.

"The Lone Star card will virtually eliminate theft and fraud of food stamp and AFDC benefits. It will re-

duce mountains of expensive paperwork for grocery retailers and it will save taxpayers millions of dollars in bureaucracy associated with the printing, storing, delivery and destroying of paper coupons," Sharp stated.

He added, the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank presently shreds an average of a half million food stamps every day. This year, taxpayers nationwide will pay \$45.5 million to have food stamps printed, another \$4.5 million for distribution and more than \$23 million for the final processing and destruction of the coupons.

The card will only debit the purchase of food items from a recipient's food stamp account, although claims who also receive AFDC will be able to purchase nonfood items from that account in a separate transaction.

Texas accounts for 10% of the food stamps distributed. So the costs attributed to coupons bound for the state include approximately \$4.7 million for printing, \$460,000 for shipping and \$2.4 million for the final processing," Sharp commented.

He explained the project would not be possible without the participation of Texas grocers including Kroger, Fiesta Mart, Randall's, Rice and HEB as well as independent retailers such as Hawthay's, A&G, and Pair's Grocery in Chambers County.

The first phase will affect about 16,000 families receiving food stamps and more than 4,500 households

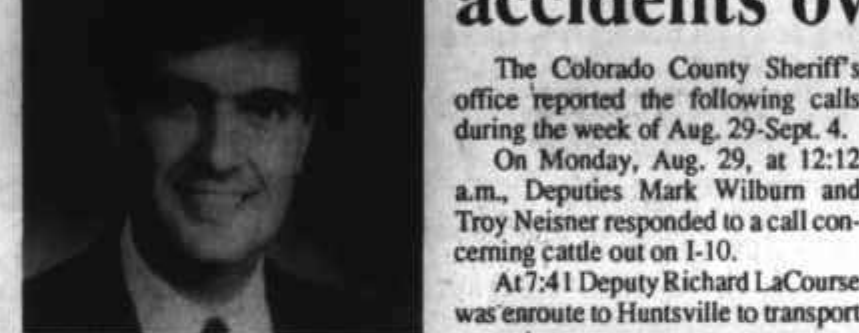
receiving AFDC payments in Harris County. In Chambers County, 750 families with food stamps benefits and 200 with AFDC payments will be involved. Many of these receive overlapping benefits.

The Lone Star Card is to be implemented statewide by 1996 when 16,000 Texas retail outlets will serve 2.7 million food stamp recipients in approximately 1.2 million households.

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Junior exhibitors announced for '94 County Fair

The junior exhibitors of livestock and poultry for the 1994 Colorado County Fair have been announced. Following are the exhibitors and their categories:

Showing turkeys: Greg Glueck, son of Charles and Mickey Glueck of Bernards; from Columbus, Andrew Koch and Patti Koch, children of John and Becky Koch, Brandy Tuck, daughter of T.C. and Beverly Tuck; from Nada, Dana and Margie Leopold, daughters of Fritz and Cathy Leopold.

Heifers exhibited: from Bernardo, Jay Glueck, son of John and Sandy Glueck, Jeffrey Glueck, son of Charles and Mickey Glueck, Will Haley, son of Bill and Colleen Haley;

from Columbus, Kenneth Rock, son of Joe and Pat Rock, Travis Sronce, son of Bobby Sronce and Janet Sronce;

from Eagle Lake, Amber and Chad Mahalic, children of Al and Janet Mahalic, Heather Shanks, daughter of Eugene and Debra Shanks, Jessica Spanhel, daughter of Steven and Vivian Spanhel, Lauren and Michelle Spanhel, children of Joe Mike and Diane Spanhel;

from Garwood, Brett Boenisch, son of Mark and Cynthia Boenisch; Nicole Noska from Frelsburg, daughter of Ernie and Kathleen Noska;

from Weimar, Ryan Brandt, son of Ted and Virginia Brandt, Chad Emmel, son of Ted and Diana Emmel, Kevin Hattermann, son of Erwin and Doris Hattermann, Carrie Pesak, daughter of Robert and Cindy Pesak, Eric Pesak, son of Kenneth and Tina Pesak, Alan Rabel, son of Glen and Linda Rabel.

Lambs exhibited: from Bernardo, Houston Haley, daughter of Bill and Colleen Haley, Kacey Hill, daughter of Jimmy and Diana Hill;

from Columbus, David Cliff son of Cindy Goodwin, Tara and Russell Hagendorf, children of Matthew and Monica Hagendorf, Kaylee Robinson, daughter of Mark and Sandra Robinson, Joshua and Jacob Chollet, sons of Sidney and Cindy Chollet;

from Eagle Lake, Frances Mkwia, daughter of August and Patsy Mkwia, Heather Shanks; from Garwood, Ashley Waligura, daughter of Joe and Leanne Waligura, Chad Fucik, son of Sheryl Fucik; from Sheridan, Andrew Varley, son of Larry and

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King, Schmidt plan to wed

Mrs. Shirley M. King of Summer announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Susan Rena, to John Joseph (JJ) Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie A. Schmidt Jr. of East Bernard.

The bride elect is the daughter of the late Billy Joe King. She is a 1984 graduate of North Lamar High School. She graduated from East Texas State University in 1989 and completed her advanced degree at Texas A&M University in 1992. She is now with the Wharton Veterinary Clinic.

Schmidt graduated from East Bernard High School in 1986 and Texas A&M in 1994. He is employed with BHC Fertilizer and Chemicals in East Bernard.

The couple are planning to wed Oct. 1 at the Lissie United Methodist Church.

County Farm Bureau seeks director nominees

The Colorado County Farm Bureau convention will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Columbus Veterans Community Center at 7 p.m. A barbecue dinner with the trimmings will be served by Austin's Catering of Eagle Lake.

You must buy your tickets in advance at \$3 for Farm Bureau members and \$5 for non-members. The deadline to buy tickets is noon, Sept. 15. The guest speaker will be Texas Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry.

The main purpose of the annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Voting delegates will also be elected to represent the county at the state convention, Nov. 27-30 in Dallas.

Directors whose terms expire this year are Ted Brandt, John Adkins, Theo Schultz, Leon Hattermann, Russell Trefny, Gayle Thomas, Al Mahalic, Perry Kloesel, and Gary Kainer.

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A&M announces summer graduates, honor roll

Texas A&M University awarded diplomas to more than 2,000 students during commencement ceremonies Aug. 12.

Kevin James Whitfield of Eagle Lake was among the graduates. He earned his bachelor of business administration in management.

A&M also has named its honor students for the 1994 summer semester. Tanya McQueen Wiese of Eagle Lake was named a distinguished student. She is a senior majoring in interdisciplinary studies. Distinguished students have earned a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.75 to qualify for this honor.

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CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Rotary District Governor visits Eagle Lake club

The Governor of Rotary District 5890, George Fracklow Jr., honored the Eagle Lake Rotary Club with his annual Governor's visit Aug. 24. Gov. Fracklow was accompanied by John Parker, well known in Eagle Lake for his relatives and for his annual portrayal of Santa Claus at the pre-Christmas celebration here for many years.

Gov. Fracklow is a native of Houston. He served in the Navy in World War II and graduated from the University of Houston in 1949 with a BBA degree. He and his wife, Janet, have a son and two granddaughters.

Fracklow is president of Harris County Oil Co., a Texaco distributor. He is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.

He joined the Houston Heights Rotary Club in 1958 and served as its president in 1964-65. He was chosen the club's Rotarian of the Year in 1988-89 and is a member of the Heights Hall of Fame.

The governor stressed membership development in his address to the Eagle Lake Club. He noted that a prime source of new member opportunities is the ladies classification, there are now 50,000 women in Rotary. Of the 56 clubs in District 5890, there are 10 women presidents. There are six women Rotary district governors in the U.S.

He emphasized the theme for the year of Rotary International President Bill Huntley, Be a Friend. Fracklow's personal theme is Enjoy Through Participation.

The governor presented Eagle Lake Club Pres. Ronnie Sedgwick with his certificate of completion for the President Elect Seminar held in Dallas last spring. Sedgwick in turn presented the governor with an Eagle Lake Club banner.

Sedgwick also reported that six members would assist in the Babe Ruth World Series in Wharton Tuesday. Attendance at the Saturday opening games of the World Series totaled

19,363 with 5,133 as the top attendance for a single game according to series officials. Baseball caps have been ordered and paid for, thanks to David.

Thirty blue aprons have also been ordered for the club to use at fundraising events. They will cost \$5.45 per person. The club is to supply four helpers for a booth at the county fair.

The Silver Dollar was presented by Earl Rodgers to Orson Hess. Not present were Arthur Anderson, Gardner Duncan, Blair Hickey, T.J. Smith and David Wintermann. Jerry McNeely is to have the program next week according to the club's report.

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