



Detective First Class Dennis O'Finn (Lee Politsch) begins the story of the murdering little old ladies as he explains to the audience, "It went something like this."



At the window, Miss Birdie (Vicki Powers) relays O'Finn's movements in his apartment, across the street, to the rest of the ladies with the help of her binoculars. Miss Nettie (Gloria McCain) anxiously awaits his next move.



Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing



With Miss Elizabeth (Darlene Stancik) dead and layed out on the couch, the other ladies gleefully greet Detective O'Finn and Detective Second Class Kramer (Pat Maschek). From left are, Miss Elizabeth on the couch, Miss Birdie, Miss Lucy (Deborah Politsch), Miss Amanda (Marsha Priemeyer), Miss Nettie, Miss Hildegarde (Janet Dupré), Kramer and O'Finn.

TIRR night at Astroworld sponsored by Chevy First Team

Tom Reed, Lake Motors Inc., is sponsoring "TIRR Night at Six Flags Astroworld" April 21 as a member of the Houston area Chevy First Team.

The special evening, for former patients of TIRR Systems entities, means invited individuals with physical disabilities and their families will be guests of 44 dealer-members of the Chevy First Team, their employees and families.

TIRR is The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, a not-for-profit medical rehabilitation hospital in Houston's Texas Medical Center.

at the park will be a fantastic time for the guests of TIRR, and it may even help them realize that our park is a place for them to visit and enjoy all year long. We are happy and proud to be a part of this event."

TIRR Systems provides medical

rehabilitation to enable people make the most of lives that have been restricted by illness, injury or congenital defect. Programs that are focused on outcomes which improve the individual's health, employability and quality of life include spinal cord injury,

brain injury, amputee, pediatric rehabilitation, stroke and musculoskeletal. TIRR Systems services range from the most catastrophic care to subacute care and outpatient physical therapy.

For more information call Nancy Hudgins at 713-528-0123.

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Joan Matthews Betty Wegenhoft Verita Jordan Betty Schiurring Obie Rhodes Joe Mike Spanihel Maximum tax rate: 40¢ per \$100 valuation Election date: May 6, 1995 Board of directors position election to be held May 1996. Actual tax rate to be set by the Board.

The maximum rate allowed to be established by state law is 75¢ per \$100 valuation. The Board felt that this was far too much to allow taxes to reach, and adopted a 40¢ ceiling.

A 40¢ rate would yield about \$1 million in net tax revenue. If a need for more were to be deemed necessary, the tax district would have to be put to a vote again.

Currently, the Board estimates that a 20¢ rate might need to be set the first year. For a citizen with \$50,000 in property, that would amount to about \$100 levy for the year. This would

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yield to the Hospital about \$500,000 in tax revenue. The revenue would be used to fund a projected \$320,000 deficit and the remainder to reduce the debt that the Hospital has incurred.

The plan envisioned by the Hospital Board is to lease the Hospital and its assets to the tax district. The tax district board will have operational governance and full authority to run the Hospital as it decides.

The creation of such a district is certainly not unusual; in fact, there were a total of 99 such districts in Texas last year, and several of our neighboring communities like Columbus, Hallettsville and Bay City have had one.

Many hospital tax districts have been their hospitals' salvation, and taxes were later reduced as the hospitals found solid financial footing again. While the board does not guarantee such an outcome, the outcome without a tax district is very clear.

Don't forget the "town" meeting at 8 p.m. today, April 6, at the Prairie Edge Museum auditorium. Everyone is urged to attend!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the board (listed above). They will be glad to help you.

Next week: The healthcare future, with and without a tax district.

S.P. holding May 6 reunion

The 9th Annual Glidden Southern Pacific Railroad Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the Veterans Community Center in Columbus starting at 8 a.m.

A catered barbecue beef and sausage dinner with all the extras will be served at noon.

Many door prizes will be given away during the drawing right after the meal.

Employees, retirees, family and friends are welcome to attend. Cover charge will be \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6 to 12, and under six eat free.

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Xi Pi Psi current officers

Picture are the current officers of Xi Pi Psi Sorority: extension officer, Ernie Sommerlatte; recording secretary, Jan Harrell; vice president, Kay Thomas; corresponding secretary, JoAnn Garrison; president, Connie Lange; and treasurer, Jean Williams.

Photo Courtesy of Xi Pi Psi

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Entry forms may be picked up at the Wintermann Library, offices at each school in the Rice District and Eagle Lake Drugstore.

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Boy Scouts say thanks!

Boy Scout Troop #334 would like to thank the members of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival for letting them participate in the festivities the weekend of March 24-26.

The scouts would also like to acknowledge Better Beverages of Hallettsville for donating the soft drinks and Eagle Enterprises and The Cupboard for donating the ice.



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Mrs. Brian Sheridan Greene

Lissie United Methodist hosting Sunrise Service

The Annual Lissie Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 16 at 6:30 a.m. behind the home of Mark and Becky Anderson in Eagle Lake.

Speaking for the service will be Nelson Isenhower, a well-known resident of Eagle Lake, who grew up in Lissie.

In addition to the proclamation of the Word of God, there will be opportunities for everyone to sing their

Corrections received from Friendship Baptist

The article on the recent fundraiser for reconstruction. Among those contributing, Rosie L. Coats was left out. Also, three were misspelled: Stefanie Fields, Travis Wegenhoft and George Xenos.

Sealy Assembly presents Easter egg hunt, drama during April

It's a fact that everything is done big in Texas - including Easter Egg Hunts. Sealy Assembly invites everyone to attend the Tri-County's largest egg hunt with over 32,000 eggs.

Candy eggs, filled plastic eggs and prize eggs will cover the Sealy High School Football Field on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. Special eggs with coupons for prizes such as a bicycle, baby chicks, baby ducks, prize baskets, pizzas and more will be hidden among the thousands of other eggs on the field.

Upon arrival, the egg hunters will be treated to a puppet show directed by Sealy Assembly's Children's pastors Darrell and Marie Myers. The puppet show will star "Les and Sally" as well as "The Lambchops" who will perform to some be-boppin' 50's music - Christian style.

The Sealy Assembly drama team will then perform the "Whip, Hammer, and Cross" which portrays the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. One never seems to tire of the story of Christ's sacrifice and victory which took place nearly 2,000 years ago on a cross in Jerusalem.

After the drama, the children will be invited to come out of the stands and onto the field. And at the signal of Pastor Rusty, the egg hunt begins. Church members hope you and your family will join them for their third annual egg hunt. Pastor Rusty says, "Children and family are

important to us at Sealy Assembly and we consider it an honor to be able to offer this opportunity of music, ministry and family fun."

Also, everyone is invited to join them on Sunday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. for the "Living Lord's Supper". As you witness this heart-warming portrayal of Christ's last supper with his disciples, you will feel as if you stepped back in time to the actual event.

Hunt, Greene exchange vows

Miss Melissa Brooke Hunt of Gainesville became the bride of Brian Sheridan Greene of Eagle Lake on March 11, 1995, at the First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

Minister and family friend Tim Meyer performed the ceremony.

Miss Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hunt of Gainesville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green of San Antonio; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sheridan, and great-grandson of Mrs. Rose Lange, all of Eagle Lake.

Musicians were Ramona Orchard and Johnny Dill. Vocalists were Kerri Reiter and Shawn Grote. Musical selections were "All I Ask of You", "Parents Prayer", "Only God Could Love You More", "The Twelfth of Never", and "Hompippe".

Maid of honor was Marcy Hunt, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Christy Greene, sister of the groom of Dallas; Ki Kennedy, of Sulphur Oklahoma; and Allee Jeter of Gainesville. Flower girl was Kelsey Starnes of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Best man was David Greene of Denton, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Brian Yates, Jason Armstrong of The Woodlands and James Payne of Denton.

Serving as ushers were Bryan Gaskill of Richardson, Cody Purcell of Big Spring, Kyle Kennedy of Sulphur, Oklahoma, and John Hunt of Gainesville.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church hosted by the bride's parents.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple resides in Eagle Lake.

'Thoughts from the Heart and Mind'

By Elizabeth Boothe For the Week of April 6, 1995

One of my philosophies is my deep belief in giving "Flowers to the Living." The first bouquet I wish to offer is one to our Living God, who affords us so many blessings. First of all these blessings is His sending Jesus Christ to be our Savior if we only will accept this wonderful Gift. Then I'm thankful for health, family, friends, doctors, nurses and all others who help to look out for our well-being at our hospital and other care facilities. I want to say "Thank You" for the gorgeous spring flowers that are now gracing our landscapes.

Another line of thought that is often in my mind is this: Do we take much for granted? Just think of the good health that most of us enjoy many years of our lives. Do we have respect for the miraculous bodies that God gave us? I have read that in our brain is a computer so full of potentiality that if man were capable of constructing a computer of equal potentiality, the earth's surface would not be able to accommodate its size. Think about this and ask yourself if you are taking advantage of the many wonderful educational opportunities being offered us?

Another very important aspect that we too long have taken for granted and to a large extent neglected is that of our natural environment. I am thankful in many ways we are waking up to this serious situation. Think of our land, forests, water supply, and wildlife. Let us be thankful that right here in our own community there are many who are taking definite stands and steps for the things that we need so much.

We sometimes take our family and friends for granted. We should let these people know how much we appreciate the many ways in which they enrich our lives by their love and concern.

Sometimes we take our health facilities for granted. I very often think that Eagle Lake and community are blessed with three medical clinics, our Eagle Lake Community Hospital, and Heritage House. Let us remember that we need these facilities and try to help see that they continue to be a part of our lives.

Let us seriously ponder the words of John Greenleaf Whittier: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest these are 'It might have been.'"

Older Texan Fair is May 4

The Annual Colorado County Older Texan Fair will be May 4 at the Community Center (KJT Hall) in Nada. Each year, an outstanding Older Texan, man and woman, are selected and recognized for their volunteerism and contributions to the community.

All organizations and churches are encouraged to nominate an Older Texan for this award. This person must be 60 years of age or older; a resident of Colorado County; must attend the May 4th Fair (unless physically incapable). Nominees will be recognized; winners will be presented plaques.

Organizations and churches may submit nominations for both a man and a woman. Nomination forms should be completed and returned to the County Extension Office by April 21. In addition, individuals age 60 and over may enter items to be judged: art, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, floriculture, fresh garden products and needlework. Groups may have booths to sell items, with all proceeds being kept by the group.

A program for senior citizens will be given at 10 a.m., followed by the recognition of the outstanding pair. Older Texans in the county are encouraged to participate and/or attend.

A meal of chicken fried steak and all the trimmings will be served for \$4.50 after the recognition. Reservations must be paid in advance and received at the County Extension Office before April 24.

If you have questions, call the Extension Office, 409-732-2530.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

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The good news is there is no reason to continue to experience foot discomfort. We turn to the most advanced treatment for problems of the foot and ankle, always with a gentle and caring approach. That's the reason why so many children, adults, and seniors continue to seek our help whenever it is needed. Put the smile back in your step - call us at 234-5571, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. I am here the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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