



Mitchell, Gold to wed June 28

Roy and Rose Ann Mitchell of El Campo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ann Marie, to Thomas Adam Gold, son of Walter and Mary Ann Gold of Nada.

The future bride is a 1990 graduate of El Campo High School and is employed as a secretary for Helena Chemical Company.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Rice High School and a graduate of Wharton County Junior College where he received an associates degree in farm and ranch management in 1994. He is employed by Lake Lumber Company.

The couple will be married at 2 p.m., June 28, 1997, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Denley excels at UTEP

Samantha "Sam" Denley, daughter of Belinda Hemphill-Robinson and Clifton Denley Sr. and granddaughter of Jennie B. Hemphill, is excelling academically and athletically at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

She is a member of the UTEP Lady Miners, the fifth best class of track and field recruits in the nation.

Samantha's specialty is the 400 meter hurdles and she is dangerously close to qualifying in that event for the

NCAA championships. She is also a member of the top-notch 1600 and 400 meter relay teams.

"Sam" has competed against Olympians on her team as well as other world-class runners from other countries and universities.

Look for Samantha to compete in the upcoming WAC Championships (May 23-24 in San Diego, California) and the NCAA Championships (in Bloomington, Indiana).

Good luck, "Sam"!

Economic update

By DeNae Brassard Park, Economic Development Executive Director

Have you really taken a look at Colorado County lately? If you have, you will see it is growing before your eyes. New businesses are popping up and existing ones are expanding, too.

With all these newly created jobs, a challenge is emerging—housing.

Many citizens have brought up the question, "Now just where are we going to put the new people these businesses bring in?"

Some say we don't even have enough housing for the 18,383 citizens we have now. And they are exactly right.

Affordable to moderate priced housing has always been a prevalent problem in the rural areas, including Colorado County.

If we do nothing about the lack of housing, the jobs will continue to be (See Economics, Page 8)

Rodriguez home chosen 'Yard of the Month'

The Eagle Lake Garden Club recently honored the home of Melchor and Marina Rodriguez on Prairie by naming it "Yard of the Month".

The home, located across from the Baptist Church, has a lovely front yard, full of rose bushes and lilies with everything in bloom.

The couple has two children; son, Lupe, works for Delgado Wrecker, and their daughter, Sandra, is a student at Eagle Lake Middle School involved in cheerleading.

Marina and Melchor do all the yard work and use a lot of rotted mulch in the flower beds. The family also does all their own remodeling and have made their home very attractive.

Garden Club representative Anna Lee Higgins sends her thanks to Carol for her willingness to meet with them for the monthly picture and articles for the *Headlight*. She appreciates her time and efforts.



The home of Marina and Melchor Rodriguez on Prairie was chosen "Yard of the Month" recently. Pictured with Mr. Rodriguez is Garden Club representative Anna Lee Higgins.

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Powers accepted into honors program at A&M

Timothy Powers, son of Clark and Vicki Powers of Eagle Lake, has been accepted into the University Honors Program at Texas A&M University.

Requirements for this honor are that the student had to be in the top 10% of his/her high school class and score 1250 or above on the SAT I.

After the first year, 3.4 cumulative grade point average is required to participate in honors opportunities.

After a quarter of growth, the University Honors Program at A&M has emerged as one of the nation's leading special study and academic enrichment opportunities for successful, confident and motivated students.

Each year, select A&M undergraduates participate in exciting honors courses, independent research and extracurricular activities.

The University Honors Program offers small college amenities at the heart of a comprehensive research university to meet the education needs and interests of exceptional young men and women.

Each semester, honors course sections are offered campus-wide and available to students pursuing all major fields of study at the University.

Over 300 honors classes from across the University's curriculum are offered every year.

Taught by some of A&M's most outstanding faculty, honors classes

are kept small.

Honors students have the opportunity to choose the combination of honors and regular course sections

that best meet their needs and interests and the demand of their particular major.

Sustained participation in the

University Honors Program provides the student with the opportunity to graduate with honors, a mark of high academic achievement.

Drugs and kids, a growing problem

Drugs among our school-age children? We certainly hope not!

And we want to keep it that way. Keeping our children drug free is the best way for them to grow up healthy and safe.

But, the facts are that nationwide four out of 10 fourth through sixth graders feel pressure to take drugs.

One out of five eighth graders have used an inhalant at least once and one out three high school seniors have used illegal drugs at least once.

These are the tragic facts that parents, school administrators and teachers face across the nation daily.

Drug use usually starts with tobacco and alcohol. Use of these "gateway" drugs can lead to others such as marijuana, cocaine and heroin.

Any drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, can harm a growing child's mind and body.

When kids take illegal drugs, horrible things happen to them; both emotional and physical effects.

The emotional effects include forgetfulness, mood swings, hallucinations and depression.

Drug users become interested in only getting "high" and lose interest in achieving goals. They have an inability to deal with problems.

Then, they develop a loss of concentration and judgement.

The physical effects of drug users are just as noticeable.

Their body reflexes either speed up or slow down. Damage occurs to the brain, lungs, liver and heart.

This damage occurs even from the first use of illegal drugs; and it increases after each use.

The drug user can go into seizures, even on the first try.

Children who are drug users have noticeably retarded growth and poor sexual development.

Drugs can destroy your child's life. They can cause your child to fail in school work, be suspended or even expelled from school.

Drug use leads to accidents, suicide, unsafe sex and AIDS.

It causes people to break laws to pay for their drugs.

It causes people to carry out violent and destructive acts on family members and loved ones. Drug use can also open the door for the user to become a victim of drug dealers.

Remember, the use of injected drugs increases the risk of getting AIDS. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is transmitted through body fluids. It can be passed by sharing needles and syringes.

Above all, drugs can kill, either directly or indirectly. You can die on the first try, the second or, if you're lucky, the 100th.

Discuss the dangers and lies about illegal drugs with your children. This includes tobacco and alcohol use.

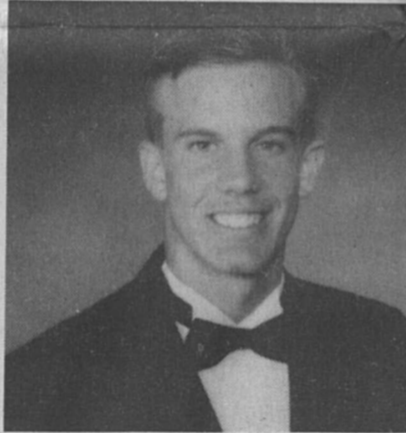
It has now been established that tobacco is the leading killer in America.

Your children look to you for guidance and a loving interest in their lives. Listen to them without prejudging their intentions. Be ready to step in and help. Set a family no-drug policy. Make sure there are no exceptions.

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Tim Powers

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Labay Jr., who parents live in Garwood, recently completed a nine-week chemical officer basic course at the U.S. Army Chemical Center and School, Ft. McClellan, Ala.

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"Trouble in Paradise" is the fascinating title for the three-act comedy to be produced by the senior class in the high school auditorium on March 31st. The cast included: Clem Blessington, Bobby Wright, Betty Jo McElmurry, Arthur Anderson, Joan Davis, Mary McDonald, Joe Armstrong, Owen Bauer, Viola Wills and Elizabeth Hutchins...

Initiation for 20 new members of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity at WCJC, was held March 22 in Wharton at the Episcopal parish house. Anthony Kallina and Leroy Lundquist of Garwood and Chester Schroeder of East Bernard were among those initiated...

C.P. Boggess, Jim Clipson, John Clipson, Louis Semora and E.H. Larsen were in Beaumont Monday to attend a preview showing of the 1949 J.I. Case self-propelled combines...

Mrs. Jack M. Obenhaus was hostess to the Bonus Sewing Club at her home last Thursday afternoon. The ladies enjoyed their usual busy time. Dainty refreshments of pecan pie and a drink were served. Mrs. Obenhaus was assisted in her duties by Mesdames L.H. Obenhaus and Donald Obenhaus. Sixteen guests enjoyed this pleasant hospitality...

The St. Patrick's Day theme was used by Mrs. Raymond Waddell at the St. Patrick's Day meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home last week. High score was won by Mrs. W.F. Meitzen Jr. with second highest going to Mrs. Joe Lee McCreary...

Mrs. Lee Johnston, who was formerly associated with Shell Oil Company in Eagle Lake, was married March 19 at Madison Square Presbyterian Church in San Antonio to Paul

Ziegenfuss...

Eagle Lake firemen were among more than 200 firemen and guests at the Tri-Rivers Firemen's Association banquet in Bay City last week...

Eagle Lake's team was made up of L.J. Spanihel, Henry Dostal, Fritz Gold, Ruben Muench, Floyd Burns and Otto Loessin...

R.R. Wells Jr. of Richmond, son of Mr. & Mrs. R.R. Wells Sr. of

Eagle Lake, had a narrow escape last week when the streamline Santa Fe train clipped the rear of the truck he was driving. Fortunately, he received only bruises and scratches...

Louis Stiles was program chairman at the Wednesday Rotary Club meeting and presented Rotarian Edgar Litzmann, County Clerk, as guest speaker to tell some interesting details of the work of his office.

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New Medicine Lowers Two Types of Blood Fat

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved atorvastatin (Lipitor), a new cholesterol-lowering medicine. Other prescription medicines that lower blood cholesterol include simvastatin (Zocor), pravastatin (Pravachol), and lovastatin (Mevacor). Atorvastatin has an additional benefit over these medicines in that it also lowers triglycerides, another type of fat found in the bloodstream. In clinical studies, atorvastatin reduced low-density cholesterol (sometimes referred to as "bad cholesterol") by as much as 60 percent in those who took daily doses of the drug ranging from 10 to 80 milligrams. In persons with mixed hyperlipidemia (more than one type of blood fat is elevated), atorvastatin reduced triglycerides by as much as 45 percent. Heart specialists indicate that triglycerides are considered an important risk predictor for coronary artery disease.

Side effects that have occurred during clinical trials with atorvastatin include abdominal pain, constipation, flatulence, and upset stomach. The drug should not be used in persons who have liver disease. Also, women who are pregnant or breast-feeding should not take this drug. Potentially harmful drug interactions could occur if the drug is taken with erythromycin or cyclosporin.

Would you like to be able to recognize gang and other youth problems?

Eagle Lake Police Department and Crime Stoppers Presents
the Aldine I.S.D. Police Department's Gang Task Force

G.ang A.wareness T.hrough E.ducation Thursday, May 15

Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Primary School,
600 Johnnie D. Hutchins, Eagle Lake

Why Do Kids Join Gangs?

- Feeling that there is no other choice
- Too much unsupervised time
- Peer pressure
- Friends or family members belong to a gang
- Wanting recognition, sense of belonging, companionship
- Poor communication and decision-making skills

Keith H. Webb, Chief of Police

Parents, Teachers, Grand Parents, Interested Citizens and/or Family Members:

Come join the Eagle Lake Police Department and Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers in an interesting and enjoyable learning experience. The G.A.T.E. program will be presented by the nationally recognized Aldine I.S.D. Police Department's Gang Task Force.

Hear their presentation in English and Spanish. All teachers and parents of school age or younger children owe it to themselves and their own families to attend.

The 1-hour program will end with a question and answer forum and will conclude with free refreshments.

Then, hang around, enjoy the refreshments and visit with the officers so you can see, up close, the many display items they will have.

When you leave, you will be able to detect gang and other youth problems and recognize them before they destroy your family and this community.

For more information, contact Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith H. Webb, 409-234-7307