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Dams

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Altair, Columbus and Wharton, according to LCRA in a fact sheet.

The dams are structures 10 to 15 feet high that create small lakes within the river channel by retaining river flows and storm runoff.

A gate in the dam allows water to flow downstream and helps control water levels.

Because the lake created by the dam is contained within the river channel, very little private land would be inundated, LCRA explained.

Only a small portion of land would be needed for construction of the dam and other facilities, LCRA said.

A channel dam has been in place near Bay City since the 1960s and helps retain water for agricultural irrigation in that area.

Besides providing an additional water source to help meet future water needs throughout the lower Colorado River basin, the channel dams can also retain water that would otherwise flow in Matagorda Bay, which would reduce the amount of water released from the Highland Lakes, LCRA said.

Channel dams can save some water which the river basin receives during rainy periods for use during dry periods.

The three channel dams are different than what LCRA proposed in the past, such as the Shaw's Bend project. That project called for a 70-foot high dam that would have created a permanent reservoir inundating several thousand acres of land.

The channel dams, by contract, would be no higher than 15' and create lakes that would be contained almost entirely within the river channel.

LCRA said it is working to develop the channel dams in a way to minimize any adverse environmental impact.

The site-selection process avoided locations that contained habitats of endangered species, would not provide a proper foundation for the dams, or would flood easily, LCRA said.

The sites are spaced to retain some portion of "native" river between the lakes to allow for a more diverse environment, LCRA said.

"While other environmental impacts need to be assessed, LCRA will work with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to minimize those impacts and protect the environmental resources of the project sites," LCRA said in its fact sheet.

When dams are complete, the lakes and river will be usable for swimming, fishing, boating and other activities.

LCRA will also work with TPWD to provide boat ramps and other recreational facilities as part of the development of the channel dams and lakes.

The lakes will not be maintained at a constant level, but will fluctuate depending on the amount of flows entering the lakes and the amount of water that must be released downstream.

Riverfront property may be affected by the channel dams.

At some locations, LCRA may need to obtain easements that will allow a portion of the land to be covered by water.

Otherwise, access to riverfront property would not be restricted.

Council

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railroad tracks is secured.
"We should turn dirt in about a year," City Manager Ron Holland said.

•Heard a report on action taken on a drainage problem on Hubbards Ferry Road; and

•Learned the airport re-opening has been delayed due to 24 days of rain during the 90-day project.

In other business, Council:
•Postponed action on a request by the Prairie Chicken Festival Committee to use City facilities and close City streets. Council has no control over Main and McCarty; both are state highways and controlled by the Texas Department of Transportation;
•Authorized bids for the 1997 street improvements project after Craig Kankel presented the engineer's report on the design and specifications for the bond issue street improvements;

•Approved a street light for the intersection of Chapman and Airline Streets;



Newly-appointed Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper and Councilman Mike Duarte, at left, were given their oaths of office recently by City Secretary Lucille Perry.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

Grand Jury issues 15 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury issued 15 indictments Monday, Dec. 1:

- Alcario Barrios Jr., unlawful possession of firearm by felon;
- Felix Gerardo Salinas, delivery of a controlled substance;
- Gary Wayne Ebarra, delivery of a controlled substance;
- Brenda Kay Newton, aggravated assault;
- Richard Hernandez, aggravated assault;

- Simon Herrera, aggravated assault;
- John Luke Vasquez, aggravated assault;
- Kelvin Earl Evans, burglary of a building;
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- Fred M. Aleman II, burglary of a building;

- Leslie Wayne Maeker, possession of a controlled substance;
 - Jeb Stuart Pape, possession of a controlled substance; and,
 - Anthony Joseph Chautin, possession of a controlled substance.
- One indictment remained sealed as of press time.

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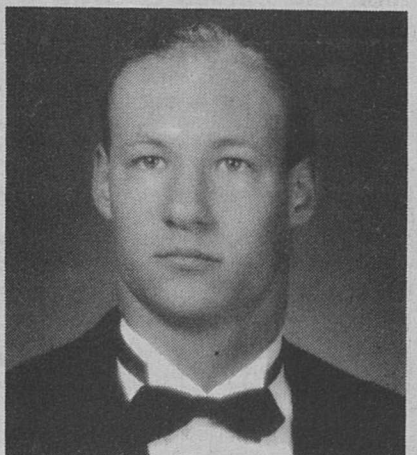
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Kotrla attending class at UT-Austin

On Aug. 27, Vance Kotrla began classes at the Univ. of Texas-Austin's College of Communications, majoring in radio, television and films.

He is the son of Johnnie and Beverly Kotrla of Katy and the grandson of Dorothy Kotrla of Weimar and the late Randy Kotrla and Howard and Clara Lobpries of Garwood.



Vance is a 1997 high honors graduate of Katy's Taylor High School, ranked 14th of 520, with a GPA of 4.5.

During high school, he lettered in football, 1995 & 1996; was team captain, 1996; and was part of the district 19-5A co-championship team.

He lettered in track in 1997, throwing discus and shot put. He was a member of the National Honor Society all four years.

Vance was chosen "Who's Who" 1994-97 and received awards for football's highest GPA in 1996 and the

athletic program's highest in 1997.

Based on his PSAT score as a junior, Vance achieved National Merit Finalist status and received a U.T.-sponsored National Merit Scholarship as well as a Shell Oil Co. and Taylor Athletic Booster Club scholarships.

While in junior high, he was chosen for the Duke Univ. Talent Identification Program by taking the SAT in seventh grade and scoring in the 99th percentile of his age group. He attended three summer programs on the Duke campus in Raleigh, N.C.

Kubesch

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news column for his paper. He was nice to me, sent me stamps, paper and envelopes as "pay" for my long-hand writing. We didn't have a typewriter. I wrote for years after I was married."

She remembers July 5, 1973, as the sad day her dear husband Fred died. "It was a wet year; it rained the day of the funeral, but the rain let up when we went to the cemetery."

Frieda's hobbies are her garden, quilting, sending cards to people, exercising in bed and walking every day. She enjoys going to Mass and being a

faithful member of all her clubs.

She is a member of Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters, Nada KJZT, Council of Catholic Women, National Catholic Women's Union, and a 10-year charter member of the Nada-Garwood F.C.E. Club.

Her secret for long life is, "I never eat between meals, always have my meals on time, and I nap every day. It takes a lot of will power to resist food when we're quilting. I just leave the room while they're eating, because I know my meal is coming soon."

Police

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ence to loud music.

Officer Crume was dispatched to Cemetery Street at 11:18 p.m. in reference to loud music, but was unable to locate any music.

At 10:50 a.m. Nov. 27, Lt. Johnson was advised of a welfare concern on Beard Street. He stood by and assisted a county deputy until the subject was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

At 6:47 p.m., Officer Bill Lattimore was flagged down by a subject in about a traffic accident in New Town. A county deputy asked Officer Lattimore to assist in gathering information, which he did.

At 6:50 p.m., Officer Lattimore was flagged down by a subject about a civil problem. No action was taken.

While on patrol at 9:30 p.m., Officer Lattimore observed criminal mischief at Eagle Lake Middle School. After investigation, a report was filed.

On Nov. 28 at 12:19 a.m., Officer Carl Risk received a call of a disturbance on Gonzales Street. Subjects signed a non-prosecution form and no charges were filed.

At 8:57 a.m., Lt. Johnson received a call of loud music on A Street, but was unable to locate the music.

At 9:40 a.m., Johnson was advised of 9-1-1 hangup calls received by the Sheriff's Office. Upon meeting with a resident on Waverly, it was learned a child had been playing with the phone.

At 9:08 p.m., Officer Lattimore met with a subject who had found some property, which led to a report being taken on the burglary of a vehicle. The case is under investigation.

On Nov. 29 at 2:34 a.m., Officer

Risk received a call of suspicious subjects on the railroad tracks near State St. The subjects were located, identified and advised to leave the area.

At 2:42 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Guadalupe Street in reference to a dog attack. The victim was taken to the hospital and the dog was picked up by animal control.

At 11:05 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to Waverly about loud music. The music was located; the subject was asked to turn it down, which he did.

On Nov. 30 at 12:36 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to State Street in reference to a disturbance. It was learned that no offense had occurred and no action was taken.

At 1:36 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Sempres Street in reference to a stabbing. Upon his arrival, he found there had been no stabbing, but two subjects were issued citations for disorderly conduct.

On Dec. 1, at 1:06 p.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to 500 E. Main Street in reference to an intoxicated subject. Upon Ochoa's arrival, Ed Popp of Nada was arrested for public intoxication. He was processed at the police department, then transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 5:04 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to the bank parking area on Commerce Street in reference to a vehicle window being broken. Knox investigated and a report was filed.

Sgt. Knox was advised at 5:40 p.m. of a gas drive-off at 600 E. Main. A report was taken, but an attempt to find the suspect was unsuccessful.

TRULY PROPERTIES

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HOUSES...

GUADALUPE AVENUE: 3BR, 1BA, dining room, frame w/siding and 1BR, 1BA trailer.

PEYTON LANE: 3BR, 2BA, formal living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, sunroom, brick.

W. CENTER: 3BR, 2BA, living room/dining room combo, office; recently renovated.

CEMETERY STREET: 3BR, 1BA, dining room; Perma stone.

PECAN VALLEY: 2BR, 1BA, frame; with 10 acres.

N. AIRLINE: 4BR, 3BA, den w/fireplace, formal dining room, 1-1/2 story brick w/wood siding, large corner lot (2 ac.) WHL sprinkler system.

LAUGHLIN ROAD: 3BR, 3BA, formal living room & dining room, den, office, brick; with 2.5 acres.

DOBBS: 3BR, 1BA, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, frame; recently renovated. FHA loan available.

E. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, den, formal dining room, frame.

N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, frame w/siding; large lot w/shed and small bldgs.

S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/fireplace, formal dining room; brick; 0.76 acres.

N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, frame.

COMMERCIAL...

W. MAIN: Quanset barn warehouse with office space totalling approx. 5,500 sq. ft.

4.4 ACRES: corner of FM 3013 & Hwy. 90-A.

2.7 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90-A & Glen Flora Road.

E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage.

Hwy. 90A & GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage.

W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CA/CH; brick.

W. PRAIRIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre.

GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 Acres with shop and mobile home.

Alamo Trailer Park: Including 2 rent houses and 2 mobile homes.

E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot frontage; some improvements.

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6.8 ACRES: Choice commercial property, 1,100 Ft. FM 3013 North frontage.

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LOTS...

N. LAKE: 84' x 135' with fence.

WAVERLY: Corner lot.

DONOVAN ST.: 75'x188'

BALUSEK DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance. Make an offer!

LAND...

FM 3013 & Wharton County Line: three tracts, total of 48 acres; wooded with tank & gravel pit.

120 ACRES: CR 48-1/2 near the A&M Experiment Station.

137 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90A & County Road 14.

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