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anniversary on Jan. 29.

FEBRUARY

Liz Waddell, owner of Gifts of Distinction for 20 years, announced its closing at the end of business hours on March 31.

Michael Ray Reynolds of Rock Island was found guilty of aggravated assault on a public servant following a jury trial.

Miss Texas USA Carissa Blair stopped by Tyler Studio located at on Main Street in Eagle Lake.

The Prairie Edge Juniors cast and crew were getting ready for the production "Wizard of Oz" to debut on

Friday, Feb. 5, and Sunday, Feb. 7.

Word was received that slain Eagle Lake Police Officer Tobin Thomas would be honored at a memorial service in Washington, D.C., in May.

A ribbon cutting was held on Feb. 11 at the Eagle Lake Supermarket as the store "kicked off" its grand opening.

The Go Texan Scholarship winner was Eric Wayne Pesak of Weimar. Sherry Thomas was awarded the West Houston Medical Facility's 1998 Frist Humanitarian Award.

Brandon Shanks took grand champion honors at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

MARCH

Robert Hemphill Jr. took a part-time position at the College of Education (Teacher Education) at the University of Texas at El Paso.

After 85 continuous years in business in South Central Texas, Gindlers Department Stores announced they would be going out of business.

Mitch's Safe and Lock held a ribbon cutting on March 4. Owners of the company are Mitchell "Mitch" and his wife, Shirley.

Amber Mahalit, Brandy Meitzen, Misty Morales and Lana Engstrom took part in the U.I.L. twirling competition at Taylor High School in Katy, winning a division I for their ensemble. This entitled them to compete at the state level in May.

Submitted by Amy Erwin, Colorado County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences

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tion. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes of loitering—waiting, waiting, waiting, for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it," we cry. "When I'm 18. When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz. When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after."

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy

of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly out distances us.

"Relish the Moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regret over yesterday, and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more

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ABOUT TOWN...

•Marine Lance Cpl. Damon D. McClain, son of Felice M. Dismuke of Eagle Lake, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Air Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan. The 1996 graduate of Rice High School joined the Marine Corps in Aug. 1996.

•Jodi La'Rae Carson graduated Saturday, Dec. 18, from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She is the daughter of Tommie Lynn Holden and the late Jody Heard and granddaughter of Jean Thornton of Eagle Lake and the late Dan Thornton.

Jodi has signed a teaching contract with Gonzales High School and will be teaching world history, athletics and coaching.

In attendance for the graduation along with Jodi's mom and grandmother were Bob Thornton of East Bernard, Nikki and Alex Wamecke of Needville and Jodi's husband, Steve, and their two children, Tanner and Baeleigh.

•If you watched the Tampa Bay-Green Bay football game on television Sunday, Dec. 26, you got to see a local product play during the broadcast. Kevin Dogins, #61 for Tampa Bay, played on the offensive line for the Buccaneers in their win over the Packers.

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Four young men from Rice High School took top honors at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Jr. Commercial Steer Competition. They were Kurt Rodgers, Brandon Shanks, Brett Boenisch and Jacob Little.

Billie and Jane Mitchell were chosen to have the "Yard of the Month" for March by the Eagle Lake Garden Club.

The VFW celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Ernest Ramirez was named the "Red Rose Scholar" at the University of Texas Downtown.

Lady Raider Powerlifters Shelley Boenisch, Lori Grigar, Sarah Gould and Jacqueline Thomas qualified for state.

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Also, Katherine DeGeorge, Weimar FCE; Monica Stock, Weimar FCE; Mary Luhrs, Weimar FCE; Joyce Dittich, outgoing activity director, Schulenburg Regency (SR); Laura Vestal, activity director, SR; Leona Jones, activity director, SR; Hulda Kainer, SR; Anna Kainer, SR; Edna Krizak, SR; Mollie Morris, SR; Lillie Bily, SR; Mary Kokes, SR; Martha Mendel, SR; Sophie Willrich, SR; Julie Herzik, SR; Mary Ann Henneke, individual; Annie Henneke, individual; Elizabeth Schoellman, individual; Dolores Bartek, individual; and Margurite Barton, individual.

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'The Station'

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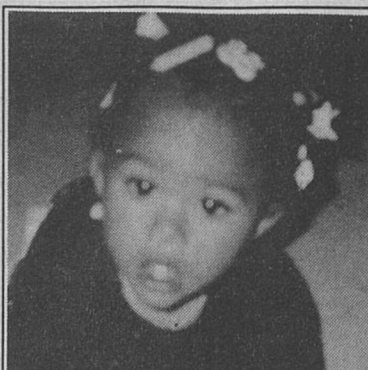
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Dec. 27

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By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
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A good example is the patient who never goes to the dentist until it hurts. Usually the only options are to extract the tooth or save it with a root canal and crown which can cost as much as \$700 to save one tooth. If the decay could have been detected and filled before it hurt, a filling would have cost around \$40. So don't wait until it hurts to see your dentist!

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