



Music Critic to Appear At Nesbitt Library

On Saturday, April 22, Michael Corcoran, music critic for the *Austin American-Statesman* and author of the recent book, *All Over the Map: True Heroes of Texas Music*, will appear at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus.

Corcoran will make a presentation on Texas music, and sell and sign copies of his book. A barbeque lunch will be served at 11:30.

Tickets may be purchased at the library, or reserved by telephoning the library. They are ten dollars for Friends of the Library and fifteen dollars for others.

Corcoran attended his first concert, a performance by the Jackson 5, in 1971, when he was a teenager. Four years later, he began reviewing concerts for a bi-weekly newsheet, *Sunbums*, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has been a music critic ever since.

In his early years, he freelanced for

publications including *Rolling Stone*, *Spin*, *Creem*, and *USA Today*. In 1992, he was hired by the *Dallas Morning News* as that newspaper's first country music critic.

In the mid 1980s, he had lived in Austin, where he wrote a column about the local music scene, "Don't You Start Me Talking," for the *Austin Chronicle*. Corcoran pulled no punches, attacking many of Austin's revered musicians. In 1985, the year after he started writing for the *Chronicle*, its readers voted him "The Worst Thing to Happen to Austin Music." But in his years in Austin, he developed a true affinity for and an abiding interest in Texas music.

He returned to Austin in 1995, as music critic for the *Austin American-Statesman*. The next year, he was named Writer of the Year for the Cox Newspaper chain. In each of the past three years, Da Capo's "Best Music

Writing" books have reprinted his pieces.

Corcoran writes about many of Texas' most famous musicians, including Willie Nelson, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Doug Sahm, Floyd Tillman, Waylon Jennings, Selena, and Ernest Tubbs. But he is also interested in obscure figures like the rockers Bobby Fuller and Ronnie Dawson, the Norteño singer Lydia Mendoza, the songwriters Cindy Walker and Townes Van Zandt, the blind gospel singer and piano player Arizona Dranes, and the pop singer of the 1940s and 1950s, Ella Mae Morse.

In recent years especially, he has

turned his attention to historical investigation of Texas music. For instance, he became interested in Washington Phillips, a small-town black gospel singer who made eighteen recordings in the late 1920s playing a string-instrument that produced an ethereal twang unlike anything else. Scholars and musicians had debated what the instrument was, and had concluded that Phillips had died in an insane asylum in 1938. Corcoran found people who remembered that

Phillips had built the instrument himself "from the insides of a piano" and discovered that he had actually died in his home county in 1954.

Hundl, Mahalite To Wed

Theresa Hundl of Wharton is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Lindsay Kay, to Neal Wade Mahalite, son of Donald and Annie Mae Mahalite of Eagle Lake.

Lindsay is also the daughter of the late Lawrence Hundl.

She is a 2003 graduate of Boling High School and 2005 graduate of Wharton County Jr. College.

Lindsay is employed by the Boling Independent School District.

Neal is a 1997 graduate of Rice Consolidated Independent School District and is attending Wharton County Jr. College.

He is a self-employed farmer/rancher.

The couple will exchange vows May 13, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard.

ORCA Set To Recognize National Fair Housing Month

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) this month joins other agencies and organizations throughout the state in recognizing the 1968 passage of landmark fair housing legislation by observing

"National Fair Housing Month." A proclamation by Governor Rick Perry calls on Texans to remain committed to advancing fair housing opportunities for all citizens and officially proclaimed April "Fair Housing Month" in Texas.

"Whether living in our largest cities or in our most rural counties, all Texans are entitled to fair housing opportunities," the proclamation states.

"ORCA is dedicated to the administration of its programs that provide for infrastructure such as water and sewer lines that support housing developments in rural areas," noted ORCA Executive Director Charles S. (Charlie) Stone. "We are equally committed to supporting fair housing activities throughout our state."

The Fair Housing Act, established by Congress in 1968, prohibits discrimination in the financing, rent, or sale of any dwelling based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the bill into law on April 11, 1968, paving the way for the month of April to be recognized as National Fair Housing Month.

Amendments to the Act in 1988 extended protection against housing discrimination based on disability or familial status. The following year, the Texas Legislature solidified its commitment to fair housing with the Texas Fair Housing Act of 1989, which offered protection for apartment renters and homeowners.

ORCA's infrastructure and other development programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@state.tx.us. Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us.

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and community development

programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support healthcare delivery in rural Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds.

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held Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Rock Island Community Center cafeteria. Maintenance of the cemetery and plans for the annual Homecoming will be discussed. Anyone interested in the cemetery is welcome to attend.

Eagle Lake C of C schedules workdays

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce has scheduled April 22 and 29 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.); and April 23 and 30 (1 to 5 p.m.) as work days. Volunteers are needed to help complete the Chamber of Commerce Office. Your Chamber Office will soon have a permanent place to call home. Please help them realize this dream. For more information call John Gertson at 234-2200.

Applicator training starts April 24

There will be a Private Applicator Training and Testing Monday, April 24 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person that will cover book, lunch and refreshments for the day. The training will take about four hours then the test to follow. The class is open to the first 25 who pre-register.

Garwood holding kindergarten registration

Garwood School is registering students for the 2006-07 kindergarten class April 24-28. To register, go to the school office and fill out registration forms. Return forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by the Texas Education Agency. If you don't have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2006 and live in the Garwood School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2006. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Please call the office at 979-758-3385 if you have any questions.

Labay reunion is April 29

A reunion of the descendants of Josef and Mariana Baros Labaj (Labay) family will be held Saturday, April 29 at the Nada Community Center (formerly KJT Hall) in Nada. Registration starts at 1 p.m. A short meeting will be held at 2 followed by musical entertainment and visiting. There will also be volleyball games and horseshoes. A catered meal will be served at 5:30. Registration forms are being mailed out. If you do not get one please contact Sandy Wishert at P.O. Box 31, Nada, TX 77460 or call 758-3311 or fax 979-543-6696. All registration forms and meal reservations should be sent as soon as possible. All family members should notify their relatives to attend this special occasion.

Eagle Lake KC's to hold crawfish boil

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will hold its 3rd Annual Crawfish Boil and Drawing Saturday, April 29 at the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion on S. Austin Road. All you can eat crawfish tickets are \$20 and the drawing tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased from any KC member. Serving is from 4 to 8 p.m. Crawfish tickets must be purchased by April 24. Proceeds to benefit local charities.

Sheridan holding kindergarten registration

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School is registering students for the 2006-2007 Kindergarten class. To register, go to the school office and fill out registration forms. Return the forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency. If you don't have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2006 and live in the Sheridan School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2006. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The Kindergarten teacher will assign a date for you and your child to visit her classroom, she will notify you by mail. Call the office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Bond election committee seeking donations

The Rice CISD Bond Election is May 13, 2006. If you wish to donate funds for advertising please mail to: Clark Powers, Attn: Bond Election Committee, 825 W. Main, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

Lissie UMC offering video based study

All are invited to come and explore Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask, a video based study by Adam Hamilton, April 23-May 28. A six-week look at some of the differences between Christianity and other dominate religions in the world. The course to be held at 7 p.m. at the Lissie UMC Fellowship Hall will cover the following: Week 1: Questions People Ask; Week 2 - Hinduism; Week 3 - Buddhism; Week 4 - Islam; Week 5 - Judaism; Week 6 - Christianity.

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