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Letters to Editor

Vote FOR the bond issue March 10

To the Voters in the Rice School District:

I want to urge you to vote FOR the bond issue being presented March 10. Having been a teacher in this town for more than twenty-five years, I think I can speak with confidence on the need for this new building program.

I taught in the present Eagle Lake Elementary School building when it was a junior high school more than fifteen years ago. While the main building was well-kept and ample, the gym-activity building and other classrooms were even then not adequate. To my former students, it is your

children who are now the chief concern of the school system. I have faith that the school officials have thoroughly studied every aspect of this proposal and have come up with the best possible solution to our needs. Please vote FOR the bond issue March 10.

Helen F. Craig

Concerning the School Bond Election

To the Editor:

I have a problem with two of the items. First, the athletic facility: In the 1970-1971 school year there were about 640 students at Rice High. Today about 380 students attend Rice High. Now I am being told there are not enough facilities in the Athletic Department, nor were there ever enough. The fact is we made it work in 1970-1971 with 40% more students than today. I am also hearing that in the future the student population at Rice High will be close to 600. I say it worked once for 640 students, it will work again for 600 students.

Second, the Primary School: I agree that something has to be

done about the present school. However, I am in total disagreement with the proposed new site. I have read the reasons why various sites were chosen. There are a few more items that should have been checked into before this site was picked.

First is access. No matter where an access road is built into this property, it is going to be a problem. It will be hard to get to and hard to exit. No better than the present location and probably worse.

Second is the close location to the hospital. This is being used as a plus or selling feature for this location. I think it is a negative feature. Has anyone stopped to think about the heavy traffic that will be around the hospital? How are ambulances going to get to or from the emergency room? I would hate to think of someone dying in the ambulance enroute to the hospital because the ambulance is stuck in rush hour school traffic. I would think this would be a major concern of all Ambulance Corps. members as well as hospital personnel.

Third is a safety concern. If the bus turn on and off 90A to Austin Rd., the gravel trucks as well as all the other vehicles will be traveling at least 50 mph. If the buses turn down Ridgelea, there is a large curve on 90A to try to look around. Either one is a very dangerous location for buses to pull on and off a busy Highway 90A several times a day. The fact is more accidents happen at intersections than any other place. Add to this the fact that this is a four lane highway and chances are doubled. Remember that this is about the same location where our last fatal accident occurred. Let me throw in a few what ifs.

1) What if it is extremely foggy?
2) What if the gravel and trucking economy turns around and we have 1500 plus gravel trucks traveling this highway again?
3) What if a fatal bus accident occurs at this location? Is the school district prepared for a 5 or 10 million dollar lawsuit?
I have been asked why not enter from main street? Are we the taxpay-

ers going to have to pay to widen part of Main Street, Austin Road and Hubbard Ferry Road? If we are, then how can this land be a bargain?

You may think I am being overly cautious. However, I feel that all these are very real possibilities. We have been very lucky with our bus service. It is the safest form of ground transportation there is. But, to go ahead with this would almost be like tempting fate. The safety of our children is my #1 concern. My point is that if this location had been eliminated as one of possible sites, all of these concerns would not exist. I have been told by many people and I will have to agree with them. This is a poor location for a primary school. Where is the best location for a primary school? Seems to me a survey or questionnaire should have been conducted to find out where the taxpayers want the school.

I feel that the best location for the Primary School would be at the Middle School. I have had many people tell me the same thing. I have read only 800 students can be at one campus. How does Houston, Dallas, Katy, Sugar Land and many others get around this? Would this not be two campuses? I have read there is not enough room for the Primary School at this location. I feel that not all possibilities have been explored in this regard. What would be wrong with closing off part of Center Street and using this land also? Has anyone checked with the Little League? There are many other ideas, too many to list here that I feel have not been checked into.

Has a cost savings study been done to see what operating costs could be realized by having both campuses together? Such as: Busing expenses, meal preparation, sharing of audio video equipment, etc. Remember, these would be savings that would be realized every year from now on.

The point I want to make is: It is our children, it is our school, it is our money that will pay for this school. Therefore, we should be able to decide where we want to build our school.

Chuck Stephens

Letters to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

1. Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates exposing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

Total losses

Eagle Lake firemen responded to two trailer house fires, one on Saturday night in a mobile home park located on Sempres Street, and the other Tuesday afternoon in Peroni's Mobile Home Park on Schley Street. The cause of the Saturday night fire is unknown at this time and an investigation is underway. Owned by Johnny Garza, the trailer house was unoccupied and presently under renovation. The trailer house damaged by fire Tuesday was owned by Mr. Peroni and occupied by Kelly Middleton. The fire started in the bedroom and it is suspected the possible cause was where the air conditioning unit was plugged into the wall.



Riceland center receives review

The Board of Directors of Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority (RRMHA) announced the results of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) review of RRMHA Centers. The report stated, "Your center has gotten off to an excellent start. The concern for quality of care and diligent work by your center staff was very evident during the review."

RRMHA executive director Bascom Hodges noted, "Being a fairly new facility we are exceptionally pleased to receive such recognition from the state audit. We felt like we've been doing a good job and growing at a steady pace, but they (the state) have re-confirmed that for us through their positive feedback in the report."

Riceland opened their doors 17 months ago and serve Colorado, Matagorda, Wharton and Fort Bend coun-

ties through community service centers in each county as well as a residential unit located in Wharton. The review by the state is a quality

Sen. Caperton endorses Jim Turner

Senator Kent Caperton of Bryan publicly endorsed Jim Turner of Crockett for election to the Texas Senate at a news conference in Bryan. The veteran senator, who is not seeking re-election to the post said "I know Jim Turner is the right choice to serve in the Texas Senate. He holds our values and understands the needs of this district. When Turner tells you he will do something you can count on him to keep his word. On critical issues, like public education and higher education, Jim has the knowledge, background and experience to get the

job done for our district. I've worked with him and I know his leadership ability."

Joining Senator Caperton in the endorsement of Turner for the Texas Senate were State Representative Alton Hightower of Huntsville, State Representative Mike McKinney of Centerville, State Representative Tom Uher of Bay City, State Representative L.B. Kubiak of Rockdale, State Representative Robert Saunders of La Grange and State Representative Billy Clemons of Pollock.

"We endorse Jim Turner for the Texas Senate."

Senator Kent Caperton

Rep. Robert Saunders
Rep. Tom Uher
Rep. Allen Hightower
Rep. L.B. Kubiak
Rep. Mike McKinney
Rep. Billy Clemons

Our 5th Senatorial District Legislators now Jim Turner. As Senator Caperton said,

"Jim Turner is honest, he is reasonable, and he knows this district, its people and its values.... we need Jim Turner working for us in Austin."

JIM TURNER
Democrat for Texas Senate

801. Adv. 3d. by the Jim Turner Campaign, P.O. Box 788 Crockett, TX 75835

Foster arrested for aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Purtis Foster, 30, of Eagle Lake, was arrested by the Eagle Lake Police Department and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to the report, Eagle Lake police received a call at 1:13:32 p.m. Sunday, February 25 of shots being fired near the Jazz Room, corner of State and Fairview. When officers arrived, they were informed three subjects got into a fight in the Jazz Room and were pushed out by management. Once outside the three subjects obtained guns from their vehicles and started shooting at each other.

Delwin Major, 17, of Wharton, was shot twice in the left leg and once in the right thigh. He was taken to the Wharton hospital by a private citizen. Major informed the Wharton Police Department of the incident and said the subject who shot him went by the name of "Duck".

Wharton police informed Eagle Lake police of the incident. Local officials knew "Duck" was Purtis Foster. He was located and arrested by Eagle Lake police, taken to the Colorado County Jail with bond set by Judge Barry White at \$100,000.

Other subjects involved in the shooting were Rodney Haynes and Michael Haynes, both of Wharton, and warrants have been issued on the same charges as Foster. Eagle Lake police stated they had closed the Jazz Room down Saturday night because of several fights reported. Chief Lupe Villarreal said the business was closed for the night to keep anyone from getting hurt.

Delmice Janow of Eagle Lake reported a disturbance at Austin's BBQ Hut at 507 E. Main on February 22. She advised Tyrone Jackson was cursing and yelling at her customers and she would file charges.

That same evening, Connie Lange

reported Tyrone Jackson came into her yard and was cursing and began beating a pole in her yard. He then ran off across a field.

On February 25, Annie Spates reported a disturbance at her house located at 506 "D" Street. She advised her sister, Gladys Palmer and Richard Davidson had a fight in her home.

Palmer told police Davidson came home cursing at her and later hit her in the face. She picked up a glass beer pitcher and hit him on the head, requiring two stitches. Palmer filed assault charges.

Davidson said he came in and she had started cursing at him and hit him with the pitcher. On February 23, Mrs. Freda Abell of Garwood advised a kid had thrown a rock at her vehicle, making a dent and scratches.

Mrs. Abell told police a friend and her had seen two boys fighting, one 14 years old and one 10, and they were the same ones.

Information was referred to the juvenile officer. On February 26, Osmar Dorta, 28,

DeLord endorsed by Texas firefighters

The Texas State Association of Fire Fighters announced its support of Democratic candidate Ron DeLord in his race to fill the District 5 seat in the Texas Senate.

Fire fighters from various parts of the state made the announcement at a news conference in Bryan on February 20. The group has more than 8,000 members in 76 cities statewide.

Mike Hines, the association's executive director, said DeLord shares the concerns of fire fighters and police throughout Texas.

DeLord, a long-time resident of Georgetown, is president of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations

of Eagle Lake, was arrested for public intoxication in the 1200 block of Schley after he was involved in a minor accident.

According to the report, Butch Herman advised police someone had ran their car into a ditch in front of his home.

When police arrived, Dorta was stumbling around and refused treatment by the ambulance corps. John Fuentes, 25, of Eagle Lake, was arrested on February 25 for public intoxication in the 1200 block of Razer Street.

Officials were advised that Fuentes was reportedly chasing Miguel DeSantiago. When Eagle Lake officers located Fuentes, he became violent, began reaching into his pocket as if to pull out a knife and at the same time was uttering he was going to cut the officer.

Fuentes was handcuffed, transported to Colorado County Jail. During the transfer to Columbus, Fuentes verbally threatened the officer. A knife was found in Fuentes' pants pocket.

"As a former police officer, Ron understands how important it is for state government to protect its public servants," Hines said. "Fire fighters in this Senate district and across the state are taking an active role in this race because it's critical that we keep strong leaders in the senate. Ron DeLord will provide the kind of leadership that voters in this region have come to expect in their state senator."

Chevrolet donates truck to Rice auto mechanics department

The Auto Mechanics program at Rice High School has received a 1989 Chevrolet half ton pickup from Chevrolet further students' automotive

mechanical careers. So far, nearly 7,000 brand new Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks damaged by accidents, floods or other

mishaps on their way to dealer show-rooms have been donated to schools for in-classroom instructional purposes.

Arthur J. Brock, Chevrolet's Sales Manager-Service, said that in the past 17 years most of the 50 states have received these free vehicles for their vocational/education programs.

"We started this program in 1972 because we found schools could use these cars and trucks that would normally be placed into the scrap crusher," he said. "In addition to these damaged vehicles, engineering test and pilot line vehicles not suitable for sale are included in the program."

The Chevrolet program also includes donations of passenger car and truck engines, transmissions, tools and various major automotive components used for testing or design devel-

opment. According to Brock, any non-profit educational institution may qualify for the donation of a vehicle component.

The institution must sign a legal affidavit acknowledging that they fully understand that the vehicle may not be driven on any road — public or private. Donation tags are fastened to the vehicles, and Chevrolet advises appropriate agencies that the vehicle has been removed from service and should never again be licensed or titled.

Chevrolet's 22 Branch offices coordinate donations whenever an accident causes major damage to shipped units. Branch service staffs

maintain current list requests for such vehicles. When a vehicle is available, the Branch obtains a donation approval and the school is then asked to pick up the vehicle.

In addition to Lake Motors arranging the delivery of the pickup to Rice High School, Albert and David Delgado of A and L Body Shop, donated a sizeable share of time and cost to tow the vehicle from Houston to Rice High School. "It was a team effort: Chevrolet, Albert and David Delgado, and Lake Motors, to get this vehicle to Rice High School, where it can be put to good use in the education of our young people," said Tom Reed, president of Lake Motors.



Tom Reed, second from left, is pictured handing the keys of a 1989 Chevrolet pickup to Daniel Kasper, left, auto mechanics instructor at Rice. Also present for the donation were Therese Odom, of Chevrolet, and Rice Superintendent Harold King. Auto mechanics students pictured on the truck, from left, are Richard Spates, David Navarro, Steve Kutach, Michael Cobia and Anthony Scott (on the front of the pickup).

Colorado County Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

CASES FILED

Felipe Ramos Oviedo, driving while license suspended; filed 2-21-90.

DISPOSITIONS

Jesse Ray Hernandez, driving while intoxicated. Order appointing Public Defender to represent defendant.

Jere Dale Whorton, from Houston, driving while intoxicated, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, on a plea bargain recommendation by county attorney, fined \$350 plus cost of court, 30 days probation for two years and public defender fees.

Sandra Jean Hiltcher, from Columbus, driving while intoxicated, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined \$500 plus cost of court, 30 days jail probation for two years and public defender fees.

Mario G. Gonzales, from Houston, driving while intoxicated, continued on motion of defendant's attorney.

Martin Martinez, from Eagle Lake, driving while intoxicated, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined \$500 plus cost of court, 30 days jail probation for two years plus public defender fees.

Larry Schlottman, from Spring, cruelty to animals, continued on motion of defendant.

Arvin Maurice Miller, from Schulenburg, driving while intoxicated, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined \$540 plus cost of court, 30 days in jail probation for two years plus public defender fees.

Robert Eugene Brom, from Columbus, driving while intoxicated, continued on motion of defendant.

Kevin Sellers, from New Braunfels, driving while intoxicated, continued on motion of defendant.

Jeffrey Donald Johnson, from Austin, driving while intoxicated, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined \$550 plus cost of court, 30 days jail probation for two years.

Felipe Ramos Oviedo, driving while license suspended, defendant plead guilty,

court found defendant guilty, fined \$150 plus cost of court, 30 days jail and six months probation.

DIVORCES FILED

Gary Glen Harcrow and Cindy Faye Harcrow; filed 2-16-90.

James David Taggart and Andrea Nisbet Taggart; filed 2-22-90.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Mary Lee Stancik and Edward Joe Stancik; granted 2-27-90.

Debra J. Smith and William R. Smith; granted 2-27-90.

DISTRICT COURT

CASES FILED

Colorado County Oil Co. Inc. vs. W.C. Daley Trucking Inc., Lenny Daley, Larry C. Daley and Ronny Daley, suit on account; filed 2-26-90.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed: Lou Anne Kellman and Lou Ann Hancock Suggs to Bruce Suggs, and int. in various tracts of blocks-Corral and Lavaca Counties; filed 2-12-90.

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Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Assoc. to Thomas C. and Nancy H. Strickland, lots No. 5 and 6 in blk. 124-Kusey Subdivision, Unit 11, Weimar; filed 2-12-90.

Deed: Myra Creighton to Drucilla Graves Davis Knutson, 4.9767 acres-Nicholas Kelly Survey; filed 2-12-90.

Deed: David A. George, et al to W.E. and Ruby Wilburn, tract in W.B. Dewees League, Glidden; filed 2-12-90.

Deed: Michael J. and Maribel Anders to Victor V. Dvorak Jr. and Gail Dvorak, 2,1458 acres-padre Acres Subdivision-Peter Piper League; filed 2-12-90.

Deed: Herbert Allen Partridge to Ileana Baker Owens, int. in part of lot 9, blk. 20-Weimar; filed 2-14-90.

Deed: Samuel L. Jones, Estate to Ileana Baker Owens, int. in part of lot 9, blk. 20-Weimar; filed 2-14-90.

Gift Deed: Mary H. Zbranek to Alfred J. Zbranek and Jerome F. Zbranek, lots 13, 14, 15, blk. 40-Garwood; filed 2-15-90.

Newsbriefs

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Prayer breakfast set each Friday

In preparation for revival, First Baptist Church is sponsoring a prayer breakfast each Friday morning at 7 a.m. at Sportsman's Restaurant. The "dutch-treat" breakfast is open to all who wish to attend. A special prayer time will be held for the church's upcoming revival on March 11-16.

Weekend revival in Rock Island

Bethel Assembly of God Church in Rock Island invites everyone for a weekend revival, March 2, 3 and 4 with Rev. Johnnie Kishiah of Six-Mile, Texas. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. Rev. Kishiah is a song writer and minister along with his family of singers. Everyone is welcome!

Wildflower t-shirts now on sale

The Civic Garden Club has called a meeting for Monday, March 5 at 1 p.m. at Sandy Thomson's house to work on arrangements for the Wildflower Celebration. The club has colorful wildflower t-shirts on sale to the public. Call Sandy Thomson now (because of limited quantity) at 234-5179.

Little League registration March 3-10

Little League Registration will be held March 3-10 at Johnny's Sport Shop. Teams are being organized for boys and girls ages 6-15 years old. Participants can register between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Monday - Friday and 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Tryouts will be held March 17th. Participants must be registered before March 17th.

Pink Ladies annual meeting Tuesday

Tuesday, March 6, the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary will meet for the annual business meeting and salad luncheon in the fellowship room of The United Methodist Church at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Peggy Braden, Colorado County Extension Agent-Home Economics will talk at 1:30 p.m. to the group on "A Cry for Help - Youth at Risk." Anyone wishing to hear this program is invited to attend at 1:30 p.m.

The Pink Ladies, active and associate, will bring a salad for the 12:30 luncheon.

Eagle Lake Lions Club
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