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Haven't heard a word...

Does anyone care?

Last week Tonya started something I believe all of us should continue... voice your opinion.

Also in last week's paper we told you about the loss of the Southwestern Bell collection site in Eagle Lake (Western Auto) which came about amid conflicting information from Bell and Glen Lockier at Western Auto. In addition, no concern was shown or voiced by Bell "officials"

about the loss.

One problem (just one of them) with the phone company is they forget about us all too often. Right now the "office" (as they call it) in Eagle Lake is one which was designed around the time of WWII. Yet they expect us to be content with this antiquated system.

Our county is now in the process of setting up a 911 emergency system. How much of the enormous cost to the taxpayers is due to our being left out of equipment updating all these years?

How many dollars which we have already paid Southwestern Bell will we have to pay again in order to bring our telephone equipment to the point where it will be compatible with 911?

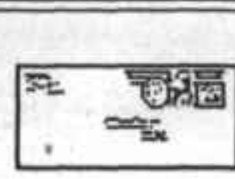
I realize there is a lot on your mind with the war and just getting through every day, but all of you should be upset about all this. We have been treated like a poor relation of Bell for too long. Our phone bills are no lower than anyone's in a larger town, yet the people in Houston have all kinds of "bells and whistles" on their phone system. Why should we be inconven-

enced by losing our payment collection site on top of everything else Bell hasn't done for us?

Even the small towns of Brookshire and Pattison have been able to get call waiting and call forwarding for many years now. Why is it a small phone company like theirs (R. Bend Telephone) can afford to keep them up-to-date, but a large company like Southwestern Bell cannot afford to even give us touch-tone?

In addition to the phone numbers given to you last week, I would like to add the president of the Texas division of Southwestern Bell. I will list all the numbers for you again. PLEASE... call one of these and let them know how you feel!

Audrey Fossier: 1-887-7691, toll free
Carol Borden: 1-887-4726, toll free
Paul F. Roth, President, Texas Division SW Bell: 214-464-4324



Letters to the Editor

N. Lake Mission prays for peace

Dear Editor,

With the conflict that's going on in the world today, the following lessons were studied for the month of January at the North Lake Mission Baptist Church, with Rev. J.H. James, pastor.

1st week — Jan. 2: "The power of prayer." Matt. 6:5-13. "God transmitted a portion of His qualities into us. (Intellect). Our minds 'must first be conditioned (cleaned up) before' we can speak to the 'Holy Spirit'."

2nd week — Jan. 8: "The Active Prayer Life." Dan. 6:10. Daniel prayed "Before" he was put in the Lion's Den. "Always" pray "Before" anything happens. "Pre-fix" your minds. Prayer is the chief means of "Spiritual Growth."

3rd week — Jan. 15: "The Effectual and Fervent Prayer." James 5:16-18. "Effectual means" — getting the result (Ans.) of what is asked for. "Fervent Means" — strong feeling. Conditioned with the "Holy Spirit."

4th week — Jan. 22: "Divine Responses to Prayer" John 16:7. It is expedient "for you" that I go. So the promise may be fulfilled. "The Holy Spirit is a paraklet." Paraklet means helper. "The Holy Spirit is our Leader."

A new Mission Guide Lesson will begin for the week of Feb. 5. Each week they study a new lesson.

Minister, Rev. J.H. James
Teacher, Sis. Inola Johnson

Californian's view of the Gulf Crisis

Dear Editor,

As American lives continue to be lost in the Middle East, it is important that we remember what we are fighting for.

George Washington once said: "My first wish is to see this plague of mankind — war — banished from the earth."

Widely acclaimed author L. Ron Hubbard writes in his bestseller *Dianetics*: "No self-interest can be so great as to demand the slaughter of mankind. He who would demand it, he who would not by every rational means avert it, is insane."

We have now witnessed what Saddam Hussein's insanity has brought forth into the world arena. We can only hope that sanity prevails in Iraq before more American lives are lost.

Sincerely,
Karen Mosher, California

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The immediate families of those troop members who are considered Missing in Action (MIA), Prisoners of War (POW) or Killed in Action (KIA) will be notified in person by military personnel.

You can obtain general information by calling one of these numbers: Air Force, 1-800-253-9276; Army, 1-800-626-1440; Coast Guard, 1-800-367-8734; Marines, 1-800-523-2694 and Navy, 1-800-732-1206.

Immediate family members can obtain more specific information by calling 1-800-253-9276 for the Air Force and 1-800-542-9254 for the Army. Be sure to have your son's or daughter's social security number handy.

If these people are unable to help you, they can direct you to the home unit bases and give you any other numbers you may need.

Mary Canaris brought to our attention the column by Paul Harasim in the Jan. 23rd edition of *The Houston Post* concerning the treatment of our POWs in the Persian Gulf. Harasim told of Ron Bliss, a former POW, who suggested a letter writing campaign to ensure the survival of the POWs. Bliss said correspondence should be sent to: His Excellency Abdul Amir Al-Anbari, Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations, 14 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10021.

Bliss also stated the letters would be a morale booster for the captured servicemen.

Congratulations to Debbie and Kenny Wishart on the upcoming addition to their family expected sometime in July.

Laughlin from Washington

By CONGRESSMAN GREG LAUGHLIN, 14TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

Hussein violates Third Geneva Convention

The events in the Persian Gulf have taken a turn for the worse. As you know, Saddam Hussein has reached an all-time low of using captured American and allied fighter pilots as human shields to protect his combat arsenal and what's left of his communication locations. This action is a violation of the Third Geneva Convention, which consists of 143 articles and several annexes pertaining to the treatment of prisoners of war.

So far, the allied forces condemned Saddam Hussein of violating five of the 143 articles. The first article, Hussein violated is Article 13, which states, in part, prisoners of war "must at all times be treated humanely" and "must at all times be protected, particularly against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults and public curiosity."

Hussein violated #14, which states in part, prisoners of war are "entitled in all circumstances to respect for their persons and their honor." Hussein also violated #17, which states, in part, "Every prisoner of war, when questioned on the subject, is bound to give only his surname, first names and rank, date of birth, and army, regimental, personal or serial number, or failing this, equivalent information... No physical or mental torture, nor any other form of coercion, may be inflicted on prisoners of war to secure from them information of any kind."

I am proud that our country is committed to treating all Iraqi prisoners of war in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention articles.

Update on legislative changes

Although our country is in the midst of a war in the Persian Gulf, I believe we must not lose sight of the domestic concerns Americans have, and that every effort should be taken to keep you informed on legislation changes that affect you.

The 1990 Farm Bill included a provision that gave the Secretary of Agriculture the discretion to allow spouses to be considered a separate "person" for payment limitation purposes. For many years, a husband and wife could only be considered separate "persons" if they could show that each of them brought separate farming operations into their marriage and maintained them as separate operations throughout their marriage.

On Jan. 7th, Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter exercised his discretionary authority to allow spouses to be considered separate "persons" for the 1991-1995 crop years. Before the spouse is able to receive payments,

producers must prove that each spouse is "actively engaged" in the farming and ranching activity. This is the same definition of "actively engaged" that is currently being used for all farm program commodity payments.

Many hours are spent by both husband and wife in managing the daily operations of the farm. I am pleased that both spouses are now recognized as being important to the survival of the farming operation. I believe this decision will help ease the burdens of many families who have had to turn to non-farming activities as alternate sources of income.

I appreciate your interest in agricultural issues. If you have any questions about the new changes in payment limitation eligibility, or any other legislation, please contact me at 202-225-2831 or send your inquiries to Congressman Greg Laughlin, 218 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515.

New tax to equalize school funding?

The top leadership of the Texas Legislature has agreed to offer a new state property tax to voters as a way to equalize public school financing.

Lawmakers dusted off the old state ad valorem tax, repealed by voters last decade, after the Texas Supreme Court declared the reformed system unconstitutional.

The Court said lawmakers must act by April 1 to install a fairer system of funding, or answer for a court-ordered cut-off of state funds to all Texas public schools on that day.

The orders have the top legislative leadership, all Democrats, squirming because it leaves them with no choice other than new taxes.

Senate Education Committee chairman Carl Parker came up with the idea of reviving the old state property tax, and he would like to sweeten it for voters by abolishing local school property taxes.

Gov. Mark White in the primary? Her detractors ask with a smile, what took her so long?

Other highlights

In the special election for the state seat vacated by now-Congressman Chet Edwards, Waco state Rep. Betty Denton and former Waco mayor David Sibley are in a run-off election.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week campaigned for fellow Democrat Denton against Sibley, a Republican.

Lobbyists for part-mutual betting said they will support a proposed state lottery if lottery advocates will support lowering the state on their betting.

An Oklahoma U.S. Senate candidate last year, Virginia Jenner, criticized Ann Richards for trying to "legislate morality" with her plan to set up a state ethics commission.

Setting up one group of politicians on an ethics commission to blacklist another group of politicians is the pot calling the kettle black," she said adding Ann's hero "John Henry Faulk must be spinning in his grave."

Parker warned the court not to get into the business of administering the public school system.

Speaker's trial postponed

Lewis won a legislative continuance on his trial for two misdemeanor indictments on ethics violations, but a series of special legislative sessions to handle the education finance issue plus any of a number of crises could lengthen the wait.

Austin District Attorney Ronnie Earle, himself a former state representative, said he agreed with the continuance ruling, but added he will continue to probe Lewis on issues which could result in Lewis indictments.

Frankly, the House would relish a new speaker's election in the middle of the critical school finance debate, even if a slew of Lewis indictments were thrown at Lewis.

Speaker Lewis countered the prosecution team last week by filing a lawsuit against Earle for violation of civil rights.

What took so long?

Despite her strongest vows to clean up legislative ethics, Gov. Ann Richards emerged in a compromised position last week after she nominated Beaumont lawyer Walter Umphrey to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Comm.

Richards campaigned against government-for-sale and blasted her opponent as an anti-environmentalist, but she now faces the odor of political hypocrisy for several reasons.

Umphrey and his law firm put \$350,000 into her election campaign, \$250,000 coming in the desperate last days before the election.

Fake news clips by mail

Have you recently received an envelope with what looks like a page torn from a newspaper? Stock questions on the back? A sensational story about an anti-aging product on the front?

Baylor Consumer Affairs Officer of the Food & Drug Administration, Sheryl Lannon tells a story of a man in Sparta, New Jersey who got such a clipping recently and wrote to U.S. FDA about it.

Attached to the story he received was a small, stick-on yellow memo sheet with what looked like a handwritten message to him. "Robert," it said, "Try it. This works." The note was signed "R."

The man in New Jersey read about the wonderful product and then may have reflected as FDA advises, "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is." He wrote to the FDA, "I tried to call a couple of the people listed in the article." At that point, "I learned there were no such people at all."

"I almost fell for it," he continued. "Hopefully you can help other people not to lose money."

As a result, FDA has told its Consumer Affairs Officers, representatives in the field who talk with consumer groups, about the scam. So, Consumers, beware. The memo and its attached news story are phoney.

The hand-written notes are computer-generated. They are the latest attempt to sell quick products.

In the case of the New Jersey man, the product for sale was an illegal one (See Fake Clips, Page 13)

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Weimar Lodge No. 423 A.F. and A.M. to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goecker, lot no. 471, plots 3 and 4, Masonic Cemetery, Weimar; filed 1-14-91.

Deed: Betty Ann Taylor to Robert E. Jacobson, 6.2555 acres, Anton Peters Survey; 1-14-91.

Deed: Charles J. and Mary Lou Moritz to Steve and Gloria Garcia, lots 4 through 8, blk. 31, Garwood; 1-16-91.

Deed: James Arthur Miller Jr. to J. Arthur Miller Jr., Living Trust, and, int. in 224.6 acres, John F. Miller Survey; 1-17-91.

Deed: Georgia Grounds Bowin, et al to Jimmie Louis Lyons, 2 tracts, P. Reels Survey, Eagle Lake; 1-17-91.

Gift Deed: L.V. and Johnnie Mae Johnson to Jennie B. Adams, et al, lots 12 and 13, Ben H. Davis Subd. no. 2, Columbus; 1-17-91.

Deed: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp to Gary John Kearney and Patricia Olson, part of original lot 4, A. Whisk no. 12, Columbus; 1-17-91.

Deed: Bobby and Julia A. Whisk to Nolan M. and Dorothy M. Bounds, 15 acres, O. John Lowe Survey; 1-18-91.

Deed: Bruce L. Bost and Thomas C. Brown to Steve A. and Dorothy Svetlik, lot no. 20, blk. 18, Weimar; 1-18-91.

OIL AND GAS LEASES

Beulah Ethel Davis Estate to Resource Reserves Co., 267 acres, Asa McClure Survey; filed 1-14-91.

Nona Beth Zweigal Artus, et al to Cico Oil & Gas Company, 203.835 acres, James Cummins Survey; 1-14-91.

Maurice M. and Francis M. Teltschik to The Long Trusts, 50.7335 acres, Jesse Barnham Survey; 1-16-91.

Tony A. and B. Elaine Lostracco to The Long Trusts, 72 acres, W.W. Thompson, et al; 1-16-91.

Marian Joyce Johnson and Nathaniel Davis and Sallie Johnson to The Long Trusts, 13.77 acres, W.W. Thompson Survey; 1-16-91.

Sylvester and Lillie D. Vacek to The

Long Trusts, 119.69 acres, W.W. Thompson Survey; 1-16-91.

Otto Kenneth and Mary Jane Berger, Edna Berger, and Leo J. and Doris A. Rainosek to The Long Trusts, 84.4132 acres, W.W. Thompson Survey; 1-16-91.

Leo J. and Doris A. Rainosek to The Long Trusts, 64.5993 acres, W.W. Thompson Survey; 1-16-91.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Donald W. Loesch, 44 and Gale Hebert, 44, both of Columbus.

Troy Edward Paschall, 21 and Shannon Deam Fuller, 20, both of Altair.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Divorce filed: Peggy Lynn Webb and Bobby Waymond Webb.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Russell McMillan found guilty of possession of a controlled substance. Sentencing scheduled Feb. 11, 1991.

Johnnie Johnson, forgery by making. Sentenced to 8 years, T.D.C.

Anthony Benford, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 10 years, T.D.C.

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