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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few observations...

Was School Board Member Briscoe right?

Dear Editor,

Everyone has an opinion! It's evident that Helen Craig has an inside track and is well informed on all the facts regarding the Benge situation. What a shame no one else has been able to obtain any information concerning the incident except the Grand Jury who, by the way, no-billed Major Benge.

Since I have been unable to frequent the local coffee shops and bridge games to hear the alleged rumors, gossip, etc., I will just make a few observations. The letter of reprimand was circulated by petition because a large group of people were concerned that Major Benge was being railroaded by the administration or superintendent. Thus having read

the letter, it was evident to many that the superintendent placed unrealistic requirements upon Major Benge, for whatever reasons I will not speculate, but humiliation sure seems to fit.

The letter I read was the poorest excuse for a constructive reprimand written by a manager of people who is paid to resolve problems not create them. What makes this worse is that the letter insinuates a racial situation and Helen Craig puts that same thought in her letter. What a mess! On top of that, Reggie Briscoe informs the public that it's none of their business to have a voice in this matter. As the vote went against the major, Briscoe proved to be right. Fortunately, three of the members showed courage in trying to minimize the damage done.

Respectfully,
Lewis B. Epps
Eagle Lake

Do I have a deal for you!

Dear Editor:

Regarding Trill's proposal to dump hazardous waste in Colorado County, an idea struck me.

Since dry climate is best for this type of product, and since we can no longer ship our rice to Iraq, why don't we ship them our hazardous waste? Sounds like a fair deal to me.

Sincerely,
Tom Reed
Eagle Lake

We look forward to each paper

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find our check for another term or your great newspaper. My husband looks forward to coming home from work and finding the paper on the dining room table. It is not that he is "homesick" for his home town of Eagle Lake but he knows and feels that by having The Headlight within reach he will be able to feel he is up-to-date with the happenings there. Once again, thank you for this opportunity to renew.

Sincerely,
Raquel and David Morales
Commerce, California

P.S. I also like to read it AFTER he is through with it.

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Morales wheels and deals on prisons, redistricting issues

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales moved to the focal point of controversy last week, now that legislators appear to be home for some duration.

Morales has launched a bevy of pro-consumer lawsuits, and wheeled and dealt on the issues of crowded prisons and redistricting.

His task on redistricting is not an easy one; he must wear many political hats, and keep them on straight. Morales wants the federal courts to throw out the census count because it failed to include thousands of minority Texans. An upgraded count would mean more minority legislative seats, presumably Democrats.

But that failing, Morales wants the present plan to sail through the U.S. Justice Department and stand intact. Basically, the plan creates some new minority seats and it heavily favors his Democrats over Republicans.

major statewide office — state attorney, no less — to be accused of violating the Voting Rights Act.

Actually, Morales was more interested in side-stepping the U.S. Justice Department, the only fair shot Republicans think they have to avoid being redistricted to extinction.

Thus, Morales, they say, is telling Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

Richards was in Hollywood last week when her staff pushed the laurel wreath aside for her. "She has no interest in running for president."

The floated Richards balloon was almost obligatory to satisfy the gender issue in the politics of raising money, but Democrats say Richards' name is not likely to blow off the list of possibilities in the near future.

But other party insiders speculate that two issues Richards put behind her in last year's bloody, muddy election — her past alcoholism and allegations of illegal drug use — are bound to resurface in a national campaign.

Would she want to wade through that again for the sake of a Cumo-Richards ticket?

But Texas Democrats undeniably need a strong figure at the top of their ticket to counter President George Bush, or else face losses of turf all the way down the ballot.

Other Highlights

State District Judge Michael McSpadden raised more than a few eyebrows last week after he told reporters he endorsed castration for those who commit violent felonies.

McSpadden's Houston office received more than 200 phone calls supporting his statement and two against, court officials said.

A former employee of the Texas Department of Human Services was awarded \$13.6 million after a jury decided the agency wrongfully retaliated against him for reporting possible wrongdoing.

George Green, soon to be the rich man, was fired after trying to tell his supervisors the agency was being cheated by contractors.

In last week's special election for the Houston seat of the late state Rep. Larry Evans, a minority businessman and a civil rights activist emerged to vie in an Oct. 15 runoff election.

Jew Don Boney, who has run for city council there, led the field of 11 candidates with over 28 percent; a political newcomer, Gamet Coleman, finished second with 23 percent.

Richards For President?

A fund-raising letter by national Democrats floated Texas Gov. Ann Richards as a possible candidate for president next year, along with U.S.

FROM WASHINGTON AND AUSTIN...

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm reports...
New military construction in Texas

The U.S. Senate recently approved legislation to spend \$183.9 million for military construction projects in Texas.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, who managed the massive bill with U.S. Sen. James Sasser, D-Tenn., called passage of the bill "a milestone for Texas, particularly in a time of base closures and military cutbacks which have not spared our state."

Gramm noted that the legislation "provides important funding for such diverse projects as building an entirely new Brooke Army Medical Center,

including the Army's world renowned burn treatment unit, to restoring the Senate's support for the future construction of a logistics center at the Red River Army Depot."

The Military construction Appropriations Bill passed on a voice vote. The legislation contains \$37 million for the next phase of constructing a replacement BAMC in San Antonio and \$39 million for the Red River Army Depot's proposed supply and distribution mission under the Defense Logistics Agency.

Other Texas military construction projects funded by the bill include these:

• \$31.5 million for a new automated firing range, a maintenance facility and barracks modernization at Fort Hood in Central Texas;

• \$13.9 million for dormitories and a weapons support center at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio;

• \$16.6 million for expansion of a medical training facility, land acquisition for a runway and a flight training facility at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls;

• \$3.5 million to replace the Dallas Naval Air Station's medical and dental care facility;

• \$3.4 million to build an engineering analysis facility at the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp tells us...

Sales tax permit fee abolished, annual permit renewal eliminated

"New businesses that are scheduled to open their doors on or after Oct. 1 and have already paid the \$25 sales tax permit fee will have their money refunded," State Comptroller John Sharp says. "The same applies to existing businesses that have already files to have their sales tax permits renewed on or after Oct. 1."

The refunds coincide with the announcement that the \$25 sales tax filing fee paid to the comptroller's office annually is abolished, Oct. 1.

"Not only is the \$25 fee abolished, but we're also going to issue a sales tax permit to a business for an indefinite period of time. As long as they are making sales and sending their taxes to the state, businesses won't be required to renew those permits every year as they have been," Sharp said.

According to Mickey Moore, president of the Texas Association of Retailers, merchants are delighted to see the permit fee abolished. "They felt all along that it was inappropriate to ask them to pay a fee for the privilege of collecting sales tax for the state," said Moore.

"Since it was first enacted by the legislature in 1987, the \$25 annual sales tax permit fee has generated more mail from angry business people than any issue handled by this agency in the last 20 years," Sharp said.

He continued, "Hundreds upon hundreds of business owners were mad that they had to pay a \$25 fee every year to collect taxes for the state of Texas. It didn't make any sense to me either, but that was the law; a law that needed changing."

"While the fee generated substantial state revenue—estimated at \$12.6 million in 1992 and \$14 million in 1993—it also generated more animosity among Texas business people toward state government than you can place a dollar value on," Sharp said.

Also eliminated is the requirement that sales tax permits be renewed annually. Beginning Oct. 1, the permits will only be cancelled if a taxpayer reports no sales or taxable purchases to the state for a year, or if the business does not file its sales tax returns and remit the taxes it collected to the state.

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 espousing 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.

'RoBo Cop' visits Garwood School

Trooper "RoBo", a five foot robot from the Texas Department of Public Safety came to visit the Garwood Elementary students recently.

Mrs. Johnson and Trooper Garrett came with "RoBo Cop" and helped present the safety program to students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Trooper "RoBo" was very interesting and entertaining. He reviewed safety rules, used safety jingles, played music, talked to students and danced.

When "RoBo" finished the safety program he had stickers and a coloring book from the Texas Department of Public Safety for each student.

Trooper "RoBo" is pictured at right with Garwood fourth grade students.



Garwood School Photo

Ticket price incorrect last week...

Christopher Columbus Ball October 12

A fun-filled evening with enjoyable music, special decorations and a delicious light buffet will kick-off the Quincentennial Celebration for 1992.

The Colorado County Historical Commission will sponsor the costume ball to be held in the Stafford Opera House on Columbus Day, Oct. 12th.

Jurecka's Orchestra will provide music for dancing and exciting door prizes will be given throughout the evening.

Committee members in charge of prizes are Dorothy Leyendecker, Ernest Mae Seasholtz and Frances Seifert. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes reflecting any period in history since Columbus discovered the new world (costumes optional).

Pamela Potter, Ball Chairman and her Vice-Chairman Millicent Crane and Dora Briscoe are finalizing plans. Committees assisting are: Publicity,

Chairman Colleen Willrodt, Joyce Stancik and Karen Beken; Decorations, Chairman Leslie Goldsmith, Paulene Kearney, Parlene Hayek, Jean Ellis, Nona Schmidt, Anne Cain, Dorene Vail and Anna Schindler; Food/Refreshments, Chairman Doris Albright, Sarah Uzzi, Ruby Paschal, Murle Rhodes, Dorothy Lain, and Wilhelmina Smallick; Setup/Clean-up, Chairman Henry Potter, Sam Center, Crockett Leyendecker, Larry Uhligh, Mark Goldsmith, McElroy Smith, Jim Kearney and Bill Stein.

Tickets for the event went on sale Friday, September 20th and will be \$12 each. Tickets can be purchased from Susan Rogers, County Judge's office, Weimar TV Hardware, Gifts of Distinction, First National Bank, Bill Harrison, Eagle Lake, Lee Rhuman in Frelsburg and Elizabeth Schoellmann in Nada.

Proceeds from the ball will benefit the restoration of the Courthouse Fountain.

Insurance answers...

If you're playing highway roulette by driving without liability insurance, you need to know that the stakes have grown considerably higher.

A new law tightening enforcement of Texas' mandatory automobile insurance requirements took effect on Sept. 1, 1991.

You now must prove coverage when you renew your driver's license, buy a car, have it inspected or renew its tags. As in the past, you also must show proof of insurance if you have an accident or are stopped by a police officer.

The Legislature raised the minimum fine for driving without insurance from \$75 to \$175 on first offense and from \$200 to \$350 for repeat offenders.

A second conviction also means automatic impoundment of your car and suspension of your driver's license. You must obtain liability insurance — or other acceptable proof of financial responsibility — before you can get your car or your license back.

Until the new law took effect, each insurance company developed and issued its own proof-of-insurance card — one for each insured vehicle.

Now, these cards will be standardized, using a format approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. One card will be issued for each family member named on your automobile policy.

Persons holding season tickets will not be charged extra for the meal, but they must call in their reservation to the Style Shop (409-732-2917) if they are going to be present.

District 16 President to visit VFW Ladies Auxiliary #8783

Barbara Baldwin, District 16 President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be making her official visit to the VFW Auxiliary #8783 on October 10, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1985, and qualified under her husband Daryl's, a Vietnam Veteran. She served as Ladies Auxiliary President to her Post Home Auxiliary #566 for the year of 1990-91, and has held various offices and chairmanships since joining the Ladies Auxiliary.

Barbara resides in San Leon, Texas with her husband, Daryl, and her son, Travis. Her hobbies are needlepoint, crocheting and playing the guitar. She also enjoys visiting the V.A. Hospital and Nursing Home with her Auxiliary.

Barbara has chosen the Liberty Bell as her Symbol and the Motto "Freedom's Song".

Barbara Baldwin

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DEEDS

Deed: Thomas Eugene Wooten to James A. Russell, 10.40 acres (surface only), John Cassidy Survey, filed 9-16-91.

Deed: William M. Sherrill Jr. and Kathy Sherrill to Maxim Production Co., Inc., 38.08 acres, E.S. Woolly Survey, 9-16-91.

Deed: Leon E. Berger and Lawrence Ulrich Lange, et al, lot 44, blk. #25, Weimar, 9-16-91.

Deed: S. D. O'Brien Testamentary Trust to William Reid Pfleger and Michael Carl Pfleger, und. int. in 242 acres, Walker Wilson Survey, et al, 9-16-91.

Deed: Leona K. Ciomperlik, et al to Douglas and Nora Swyden, 12 acres, W.R. Hunt Lease, 9-16-91.

Deed: Conoco, Inc. to Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S. Inc., und. int. in 664 acres, Winfrey and Daugherty Survey, 9-17-91.

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Deed: Columbus State Bank to Larry

Soyler, 38.774 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 9-17-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Rudy R. and Frances B. Smith, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Section One, 9-17-91.

Deed: Ebel Mary Williamson to Frances Williamson Brod and Barbara Williamson Clark, 2 acres, John Hadden Lease, 9-18-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Ernest Amos, tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Dorthin Pearl Nichols, tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Frank Amos Jr., tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Willie B. Grimes, 2 tracts and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Jerline Binkley, tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Melvin Hemphill, et al, tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Milton Amos, tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Frank Amos to Clarence Davidson, tract and easement, Whiting and Osborne Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Anna Schindler Estate to San Bono, various tracts, W.R. Hunt Lease, et al, 9-20-91.

Deed: Birdie Hiltner to Chambo, Inc., 51.75 acres, John Andrews Lease, 9-18-91.

Deed: Marion Eldridge to Algar Land & Mineral Trust, und. int. in tract in Jas Nelson Survey, et al, in the Lewis Newitt-Gracey Ranch No. 1 Well, same land and survey, 9-18-91.

Deed: Gordon W. Friedrich to Algar Land & Mineral Trust, und. int. in tract in Jas Nelson Survey, et al, in the Lewis Newitt-Gracey Ranch No. 1 Well, same land and survey, 9-18-91.

Deed: B.H.C.H. Mineral Joint Venture to Bruce H.C. Hill, und. int. in 278.91 acres, James Cummins Survey, 9-18-91.

Deed: Robert A. Welch Estate and Robert A. Welch Foundation to the Robert A. Welch Foundation, Inc. in und. int. in 476.48 acres, G.H. & H.R.C. Co. Survey, et al, 9-19-91.

Deed: Norma Sula Heller to Oscar H. Heller Jr., part of lot 44, blk. #43, Weimar, 9-20-91.

Deed: Hilts Fowler to James E. and Winifred Fowler, 4 acres, P.R. Spilane Lease, 9-20-91.

Deed: Mary Dvorak to Wilbert A. Dvorak, 2 tracts, John Andrews Survey, et al, 9-20-91.

Deed: Joe Rabel and Coy Dell Lipperli-Schindler to David W. and Bonnie D. Schele, 160 acres, G.W. Cummins Survey, et al, 9-20-91.

Deed: Carol Ann Emmet Caster and Jerome K. Emmet Sr. to Denver L. and Jeanette Meyer, lots 15 and 16, blk. 6, Gegenwirth and Gregory Addition, Columbus, 9-20-91.

Deed: Mary Vera Terrell to Mike J. Waljura, und. int. in 176.38 acres, Samuel Kennedy Lease and und. int. in oil and gas in tract, same survey, 9-20-91.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Deleores Fore, et al vs. Diversitech Corp.; injuries.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Oscar H. Heller Jr. and Norma Sula Heller; granted 9-19-91.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Jeffrey Landon Perkins, Columbus; possession of cocaine; 25 years in prison.

Terry Cunningham, delivery of cocaine; received 10 years in prison.

Johnny Speas; delivery of cocaine; received 10 years in prison.

Thomas Andrew Potts; burglary; received 10 years in prison.