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Thought you should know...

Letter from Eagle Lake Mayor to County Sheriff

Mr. Bill Esterling, Sheriff
County of Colorado
Columbus, Texas

Dear Sheriff Esterling:

Shortly after 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 1991, I received a call from a woman who had chased two prowlers out of her garage. I decided to call our local patrolman to drive through her subdivision to see if anyone was walking through the area. I dialed the Eagle Lake Police Department (234-2727) and after letting the phone ring several times, I decided that maybe I had misdialed. I redialed the number and counted the number of rings. After 20 rings, I hung up, redialed and let the phone ring another 20 times or more without an answer from the dispatcher.

Since I was not at my home phone, I decided to follow the instructions on the front page of the (Southwestern Bell) Eagle Lake phone book and call the sheriff's office collect. The dispatcher on duty (I can furnish her name) refused my collect call. I asked the operator to call the dispatcher back and explain the call to her. The dispatcher again refused to accept the

call, telling the operator to have me call her on the Eagle Lake line (234-2727). I explained to the operator that the dispatcher would not answer the Eagle Lake line. The dispatcher told me that she had forgotten to turn the ringer on at 5 p.m. I then called the dispatcher back on the 234-2727 line. When she answered, I asked her why she had not answered my three previous phone calls. The dispatcher told me that she did not hear the phone ring.

Sheriff, after six phone calls and approximately 15 to 20 minutes, I was able to make contact with my patrolman.

Had this been a life or death situation, Sheriff, I would hate to think what the consequences might have been. This is not an isolated event. We have received complaints with the fire and police dispatching in the past. This is the main reason, as chairman of the Colorado County 911 Implementation Committee, that I do not want the 911 dispatching supervised by the sheriff's office.

In this time of increasing criminal activities, Sheriff, the citizens of Eagle Lake (also taxpayers and voters

of Colorado County) deserve better law enforcement services.

I hope you have a discussion with all of your dispatchers about our service. Also, if your department does not accept collect calls, I suggest that you remove those instructions from future telephone books.

Yours truly,
Roy D. Van Nort
Mayor of Eagle Lake

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since we're on the topic, I'd like to add my two-cents' worth to Roy's letter.

The Wednesday before the date referred to in the above letter, the fire sirens went off sometime around 10:30 p.m. and numerous emergency sirens quickly followed.

Knowing the dispatcher at the sheriff's office would answer the Eagle Lake line, I dialed 234-2727. After several rings without an answer, I, like Roy, thought I had dialed the wrong number; I hung up and tried again; it was busy. The third try I finally got an answer, but she failed to identify the number reached as the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Even though I cannot furnish the dispatcher's name, I received no help than Roy did with his collect

Sad, but true...

Texas leads all states in lawbreakers on parole, probation

Federal reports indicate that in last year's nationwide, crime boom, Texas led all states in the number of lawbreakers on parole or probation. Criminals set a new record for adults under criminal supervision: 4.3 million, or about two percent of the population.

That translates to one in every 43 adults, one in every 162 females, and

one in every 24 males. Meanwhile, the Texas House of Representatives select rules committee will convene this week to consider reform of House rules.

A growing group of about 30 lawmakers, predominantly first-termers, will probably challenge the current system.

Short Road Money
Texas road officials learned the

state will get only 95¢ back from every dollar in federal gasoline taxes paid by Texans, but that's better than usual.

The revenues, outlined by a joint congressional panel, will amount to \$7.4 billion over six years and could create 360,000 new jobs.

This is good news for Texas; in previous years, Texas has received as little as 57¢ to 85¢ per dollar, and new jobs in any sector are exactly what Texas and other states need right now.

Medicaid Compromise
More good news from Washington: after Texas joined other states in protesting proposed cuts in Medicaid, a compromise allows Texas to receive the \$1 billion in matching funds it would have lost under the changes.

Ann Richards and other governors beseeched Congress not to change the rules, which advocates said would stop states from making wholesale raids on the federal treasury.

Redistricting Lawsuit
Two state senators, Bill Sims of San Angelo and Eddie Lucio of Brownsville, are suing in state district court to stop the compromise redistricting plan, forged without their input, which harms their districts.

Sims, the Senate's agricultural

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

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voice, found his West Texas rural district was blended with several urban precincts from Austin and San Antonio.

This marks the second time Democratic Party State Chairman Bob Slagle has dumped on the West Texas district with his strategy to create new Hispanic seats and avoid new Republican seats.

This time, Slagle, who knows little about agriculture, is sacrificing that sector for the sake of politics.

Redistricting Nationwide
In Texas, Republicans are paying for their mistake in nominating Clayton Williams by fighting tooth and nail for minimal survival, but the GOP fares better nationwide.

The three new Texas seats will likely be Democratic (one black, two Hispanic), but across the nation, according to some experts, Democratic strength in central cities is crumbling to emerging Republican suburban muscle.

The 1982 Voting Rights Act mandates that areas with sizable minority populations must be incorporated as a minority seat.

David Duke in Texas?
Louisiana political phenomenon David Duke said he may enter the March 10 Texas presidential primary and challenge the GOP party machine of President George Bush.

Texas Republican Party chairman Fred Meyer scoffed at Duke's chances of defeating Bush, but others pointed out side effects he could create.

Fear and hatred of Duke, a former KKK activist who campaigns for welfare reform, would surely arouse black voter participation in the Democratic primary.

After pulling 65% of the white vote in the Louisiana gubernatorial election, Duke could be expected to increase white voter participation in the Republican primary.

What is unknown is how Duke's candidacy will play among Texas Hispanics; generally, it's assumed that as minorities would join black voters, but as one observer pointed out, "Texas Hispanics do not like to be taken for granted, and they will have their own candidates."

Another warned that a Duke candidacy might knock some legal skeletons out of some state agencies, particularly in the area of reverse discrimination.

Other Highlights
• The Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp., facing record student loan defaults, paid out a whopping \$244 million in claims last year.

Reinsurance paid for the bulk, but the state still paid \$14.1 million out of reserves.

• Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, in company with Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, toured San Antonio and South Texas last week, seeking Hispanic votes for his presidential bid.

Clinton touted his plan to send any high school graduate to college, and released a list of 70 Hispanic leaders who have endorsed him.

• The sixth grade had 30 honor students: Christy Aldridge, Jonathan Burrow, Tiffany Castro, Shelley Cunningham, Clinton Gertson, Sammi Gertson, Lacy Harris, Timothy Jasek, Stralacia Johnson, Jake Lamkin, Kelli Manthys, Kerri McCaughey, Deanna Meehan, Stacie Mueller, Natalie Niska, Amy Oberhaus, Vanessa Rodgers and Adela Rodriguez. Also,

agreement, pest management, alternate crops, post harvest management, and an update on new developments in the rice biotech program.

2. Familiarize producers with the scope and direction their Econo-Rice program is taking to improve the economic position of rice farmers.

There will be an evening program on Dec. 12. Guest speaker at the banquet will be Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-17th), Chairman of the Agriculture and Budget Committees.

For information contact Joyce Markwood at 409-752-2741 in Beaumont.

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About Town...

• High and Emily Sheridan celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on Nov. 27. Joining them on Thanksgiving to celebrate the happy event were their children and grandchildren, Jack and Janie Greene, Christy, Brian and David from The

Woodlands.

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Add these names to your list of candidates...

Constable Berger announces re-election bid

Lawrence Berger of Garwood, Constable for Precinct 2, announced his plans to run for re-election in the 1992 Democratic Primary. He will be running for the newly created precinct 1 constable position, a combination of the former precincts 1 and 2. He gave the following statement:

"I have been constable of Precinct 2 since 1973 and am TECLCSE accredited, completing more than the 40 hours of schooling required every two years.

"I have been a resident of Colorado County all my life, living in the Columbus and Garwood areas.

"I was a member of the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department for 12

years and have been a member of the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years. I am also a member of the Garwood Lions Club and Rice Area Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8783. I am a Korean War veteran.

"I have been a full time constable of the former precinct 2 for the past 19 years, always willing to serve in whatever capacity I was needed. I served as a Special Deputy for Colorado County for four years prior to my election to the constable's position.

"Based on my past experience in law enforcement, I feel I can represent Precinct 1 well and would like to continue to serve the citizens of Precinct 1."

Irvine announces for 25th District Judge

Patricia K. Irvine, a long-time Seguin resident and practicing attorney, has announced her candidacy for judge of the 25th Judicial District Court on the Democratic ticket. The position has been vacant since the retirement of Judge B.B. Schrab.

Irvine is originally from Ridge. She came to Seguin to attend Texas Lutheran College, where she graduated in 1970 as a Business Education major. From 1971 through 1974, she attended law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. She began a practice in Seguin following graduation and admission to the State Bar of Texas in 1974.

She worked as legal secretary for County Court Judge Joseph B. Dibrell Sr. during college and law school. As an attorney, she worked with Judge Dibrell until his death. She opened her own practice and currently practices with attorney Virginia Dial with offices on Court Street near the Seguin County Courthouse.

In her 17 years of private, legal practice, Irvine has represented clients in the four counties comprising the 25th Judicial District: Guadalupe, Gonzales, Lavaca and Colorado, as well as other surrounding counties. She maintains a general practice and has extensive experience in both civil and criminal areas of the law. She believes that, with her years of experience in the legal profession, she would bring to this leadership, objectivity and fairness.

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J.R. Taylor announces for Congress

J.R. "Zachary" Taylor issued the following statement as he announced his intention to run in the Democratic primary for District 14 congressman.

"Due to lack of funds and time to properly develop my campaign to return 'economic sanity' to federal government as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, I hereby announce my intention to withdraw as a candidate for president.

"However, I do intend to pursue the challenge facing our nation in eliminating the deficit spending that is devastating our economic stability and threatening our nation's future. I wish to announce that I intend to seek the Democratic nomination for United

States Congressman from District 14, Texas.

"Assuming that the current proposed redistricting plan is accepted I will be seeking to represent those citizens in Aransas, Austin (27 percent), Bastrop, Blanco, Brazoria (43 percent), Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Colorado, Fayette, Gonzales, Hays, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Refugio, Travis (9 percent), Victoria, Waller (82 percent), Wharton and 34 percent of Williamson counties.

"As a new voice in the congress for the 14th district, I will dedicate my energy and abilities to do what must be done to return economic sanity to our federal government."

Taylor is a resident of Rockport.

Honor Rolls

Eagle Lake Middle School

The honor roll at Eagle Lake Middle School for the second six weeks was released recently.

There were 14 honor students in the fourth grade: Stephanie Braden, Melissa Buckner, David Dromgoole, Amy Fearing, Tiffany Fields, Bill Ishee, Kimberly Lott, Shawn Lujan, Shaniqua Moody, Denise Morien, Kristi Morton, Cecilia Ruiz, Brandon Shanks, Rose Sosa.

In the fifth grade, 33 students made the list: Rebel Canaris, Brian Cardenas, Ginger Case, Jennifer Christ, Kasey Eubanks, Valerie Galvan, Marvin Garza, Cori Gertson, Matthew Gertson, Ideth Gonzalez, Lori Grigar, Renada Hatten, Misty Jones, Amalie Kucherka, Timothy Lee, Thomas Marsalia, Amanda Meehan and Christie Meyer.

Also, Ronald Peroni, Dena Pustejovsky, Kurt Rodgers, Joe Romo, Dawn Schwemm, Hollie Shindler, Amber Sides, Susana Silva, Leroy Sommerlatte, Amanda Sosa, Barrett Thomas, Lisa Valigura, Ricardo Vargas, Danielle Witte and Tierra Wright.

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Nancy Rodriguez, Jorge Ruiz, Ann Sosa, Charles Stephens, Nicholas Teague, Renesha Thibodeaux, Latoya Timms, Benjamin Turner, Julia Villarreal, Risa Waddell, Tiffany Wilkerson and Britni Wood.

Top students for the seventh grade were: Bridget Baird, Sarah Buckner, Josefine Castillo, Corina Chamberlain, Willie Cleveland, Adriana Cordova, Kyle Pink, Rudy Flores, James Garcia, Kristoffer Gertson, Sunny Gertson, Shara Glaiser, Ivonne Gonzalez, Lance Grigar, Jeff Harris, Alicia Hengst, Wilbert Kucherka and Consuelo Longoria. Also, Sara Mann, Diana Pantoja, Timothy Powers, Justin Rodgers, Robyn Rucka, Gina Sides and George Weller.

There were 15 on the eighth grade roll: Rebecca Burrow, Christian Cordova, Laila Deville, Garet Hagendorf, Nicholas Hengst, Brandon Mathis, Sarah Matthews, Rachel Mathys, Antonia Moreida, Courtney Parker, Billie Salazar, Jill Satsky, Jared Vawter, Kathryn Weller and Michael Wiese.

Garwood School

The following students in the Garwood Elementary and Jr. High School made the honor roll for the second six-week period:

First grade: Melanie Brown, Aimee Bubele, Vanessa Johnson, Lecky Leher, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks, Leslie Woodard.

Second grade: Michelle Brown, Aimee Bubele, Vanessa Johnson, Lecky Leher, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks, Leslie Woodard.

Third grade: Michelle Brown, Aimee Bubele, Vanessa Johnson, Lecky Leher, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks, Leslie Woodard.

Fourth grade: Michelle Brown, Aimee Bubele, Vanessa Johnson, Lecky Leher, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks, Leslie Woodard.

Fifth grade: Michelle Brown, Aimee Bubele, Vanessa Johnson, Lecky Leher, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks, Leslie Woodard.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Deed: Edna Glaiser to Gary Wayne Glaiser and Elizabeth Nelson Glaiser, part of lots #10 and #11, blk. #5 and 3, Highland Park Addition, Eagle Lake; filed 11-18-91.

Deed: Gary Wayne and Elizabeth Nelson Glaiser to William L. Stapleton, part of lot #10 and all of lot #11 and 12, blk. #5 and 3, Highland Park Addition, Eagle Lake; filed 11-18-91.

Deed: Hugh B. and Marya B. Rawl to Lana L. Hadlock, 25.345 acres, Martin Lacy 1/3 League; filed 11-18-91.

Deed: Norman L. Clark Jr. and Louise A. Clark to Tim R. and Sally Koyms-Austin, 22.475 acres and easement, August Henderson Survey; filed 11-18-91.

Deed: John J. and Charlyne Williams to John Richard Williams, und. int. in 200 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Company Survey #7; filed 11-18-91.

Gift deed: Meta Johnston to J.R. Johnston Children's Trust, und. int. in 295.01 acres, Naham Mison Survey; filed 11-18-91.

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Deed: Geraldine Ann Weaver to H.C. Pierce Jr., int. in lot #14B, Mark Subd., James Tumlinson League Survey; filed 11-18-91.

Deed: Chloé Marie Behre to H.C. Pierce Jr., int. in lot #14B, Mark Subd., James Tumlinson League Survey; filed 11-18-91.

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Deed: Richard Hartfield to Olga Foster, int. in 114.659 acres, Henry Krey Survey, et al., Colorado and Austin Counties; filed 11-21-91.

Deed: Edgar Land & Mineral Trust to Cornestone Land & Mineral Trust, und. int. in 4,772.80 acres, James Nelson Survey; filed 11-21-91.

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Deed: Dorothy Lea Franca et al to Warren D. Faulkner Jr. and Lorene Paulkner, 3.30 acres, 1 Tumlinson League; filed 11-18-91.

Deed: Charlyne Spaniel, et al to First National Bank of Eagle Lake, 1 acre, Patrick Reels Survey; filed 11-19-91.

Deed: Daniel and Barbara Kautz to Anthony B. and Jane W. Causey, 21.262 acres, B.F. McMillian Survey; filed 11-19-91.

Deed: David M. Kautz and Gloria Kautz Druze to Anthony B. and Jane W. Causey, und. int. in 21.262 acres, B.F. McMillian Survey, Colorado and Austin Counties; filed 11-19-91.

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Gift deed: W.D. Querner to Theresa P. Querner, und. int. in lot #16 and part of lot #15, blk. #34 and lot #14 and part of lot #15 (South), blk. #34, Sheridan; filed 11-20-91.

Gift deed: Julia Ann Ripkowski, et al to Tim Strunk, Trustee, 325 acres, Charles Larbaretter Survey and und. int. in various tracts, M. Muldoon Survey, et al., Colorado and Lavaca Counties; filed 11-20-91.

Deed: Lillina Brown to Chad and Shirley Kioesl, 15 acres and easement, M. Andrews Survey; filed 11-20-91.

Deed: City of Eagle Lake to Eugene E. Shanks Sr., 0.343 acres, Lake Ave. Addition, Eagle Lake; filed 11-21-91.

Deed: Dorothy D. Terry to Joe and Ursula Green, part of lot #5, blk. #103, Columbus; filed 11-21-91.

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Deed: Edgar Land & Mineral Trust to Cornestone Land & Mineral Trust, und. int. in 4,772.80 acres, James Nelson Survey; filed 11-21-91.

Deed: Dwayne Alan Skow to Harvey and Beverly Skow, 10 acres, Samuel Williams Survey; filed 11-21-91.

Deed: Grace O. Wim to Eddie R. Wim, lot #5 and 6, blk. #70, Columbus; filed 11-21-91.

Deed: Annie L. and Paul Binder to Sufney Jane Lavelle, et al, 3 tracts, A. Kelso League, et al; filed 11-22-91.

Gift deed: Irene Meyer to John Richard Williams, und. int. in 303 acres, S.A. & M.G.R.R. Co. Survey #7; filed 11-22-91.

Deed: The Lynn Foster Trust, et al to John Don Looney, int. in an und. int. in 3 tracts, James Earl Survey, et al; filed 11-22-91.

Deed: Kenneth and Jo Ann Mahalic to Laura Ann Rau, part of original lot #5, blk. #12, Columbus; filed 11-22-91.

Deed: Gordon M. and Diana Whitlister to Charles David Munsch and Shelly Renee Till, 5 acres, Basil G. Ijams 1/3 League Survey; filed 11-22-91.

Deed: Kenneth and Jo Ann Mahalic to