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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for making 1991 Christmas parade a success

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to all who were involved in making our "Spirit of Christmas" parade a success. The many businesses, clubs,

churches and organizations did an excellent job on the floats and entries. Our Volunteer Firemen and patrolmen provided that extra assurance of safety for our entries in keeping the traffic blocked off while the parade passed busy intersections. Directors and members of the Chamber assisted with crowd control downtown as well as lining up entries and working with Santa. Thanks to Mrs. Lynda Appelt for serving as emcee and also a big thank you to John Brasher, T.J. Smith and Irving Williams for the organization of the entire parade.

In addition, the following people deserve thanks: Mike Marland, Leroy Janda, Houston Concrete Products for the trailer, Darrell Appelt for the P.A. system, Mike Mangum for the float lights, Colorado County Sheriff's Department, Lee & Dora Briscoe and Darlene Hayek for judging, and the employees of the City of Eagle Lake.

Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Vicki Powers, President
Eagle Lake Chamber
of Commerce

A message to those who steal decorations

Far be it from me to call anyone names, but I would like to tell to the ones who steal Christmas decorations out of people's yards during this Christmas season. — When you go home tonight, I hope your mother comes out from under the porch and bites you!!

Gardner A. Seaholm, Eagle Lake

Compliments, with an exception

Dear Editor:

I would like to begin by complimenting the Eagle Lake Middle School students, band, faculty and P.T.O. on the Christmas program Tuesday night, Dec. 10th.

As anyone who attended knows, the program was great, with one major exception. The band director felt compelled to chastise the audience for not standing up for our National Anthem.

Several points need to be made known.

1. Our family is a military family. We have lived on or near military installations for many years. My husband gave 30 years of his life serving our country. We do not need to be told how patriotic we are or are not. If anyone knows patriotic protocol, I think we qualify.

2. The National Anthem does not deserve to be announced as a Christmas medley. I have never attended any function in my life where the National Anthem was played as a medley.

3. Once the National Anthem is being played (anyone who knows proper etiquette) stops, whether you are walking, sitting, driving, etc. You do not move. Many times members of my family or myself stood in place while shopping, stopped while we were driving, generally stopped whatever we were doing. So did anyone else on base that was in earshot of the P.A. system. This occurred twice a day, everyday.

The shame did not lie Tuesday night with those of us who were listening to the concert. It lies with the man who did not feel the National Anthem should not have been included into a medley of Christmas songs.

Very sincerely yours,
Nikki Sosa
wife of Chief Hospital Corpsman
Louis M. Sosa U.S.N. (RET.)

Political contact sport enters top courtrooms

The political contact sport known as Texas redistricting entered the fourth quarter last week in top courtrooms just blocks apart in Austin.

In the Texas Supreme Court and in a federal court — one dominated by elected Democrats; the other, appointed Republicans — judges heard GOP challenges to all Democrat-drawn plans for the next decade's political boundaries.

The Texas Democratic Party has totally dominated the process to date by gerrymandering Republicans to the fewest possible seats in Congress and the Legislature.

It stands on the brink of electoral victory in 1992 that could defeat President George Bush in his adopted home state.

The package of lawsuits, claiming gerrymandering is illegal, represent the equivalent of a Texas GOP "Hail Mary" pass with time ticking away.

Governor Richards Worried
In the long, twisted, redistricting path, Democratic officials have been the keeper of every gate until now... but now they're worried.

Gov. Ann Richards is worried enough to reverse her adamant objection to calling the Legislature back to rewrite the plan. Earlier, she said it was ridiculous to spend \$1 million for a special session.

Now she is ready to call a special session, and quickly, if Democrats lose in court.

Next, the State Board of Insurance lashed her favorite whipping horse, the insurance industry, by claiming companies were charging double rates to motorists who, until now, have dodged state-mandated auto liability coverage.

Meanwhile, in the Texas Supreme Court, nine justices heard lawyers argue whether Attorney General Dan Morales overstepped the Texas Constitution when he drafted a state senate plan adopted by a South Texas district court.

While it is most difficult to predict how any judge will rule, observers say the unknown justice is Jack Highower, the most conservative of the five former Democrat lawmakers elected to the bench.

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Uher, who got all three plans through the house in regular session, is probably the lone voice for fairness in this play for political gain; and members like him, in spite of it.

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State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams Texas Press Association

Nursing Homes Bashed
In the middle of it all, Richards diverted the spotlight to substandard nursing homes, which she vowed to close.

As she angrily demanded reforms, the governor said she intends to "turn the burner up" until the health department takes action against "bad actors" in the nursing home industry.

Her call was prompted by a 60-page report by Austin attorney David Bragg on problems in the state's regulatory system.

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Presenting Carol Bartek with the "Employee of Distinction" award is Jim Buckner, administrator of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Bartek chosen as ELCH 'Employee of Distinction'

Carol Bartek was recently chosen as the twelfth "Employee of Distinction" at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

An employee since August 12, 1989, Mrs. Bartek serves as Director of the Medical Records Department. Her favorite pastime is spending quality time with her husband of 12 years, Gary; six-year-old son, G.W. and four-year-old daughter, Kristen.

Mrs. Bartek received this award for all of her hard work in her department which included helping the hospital receive its recent accreditation with Joint Commission.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Ethel Hope and Johnnie Lee Moore to Hazel Jo Chance, 0.0419 acre, being part of lots 11 and 12, blk. 29, Glidden; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Elizabeth Price to Ewell Washington Jr., und. int. in 13.5 acres, D. Gillette; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Charles Price, Estate to Elizabeth Price, int. in 13.5 acres, Daniel Gillette Survey; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Carl E. and Lysia Davis, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Alicia Hernandez and Steve W. Langston, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Johny and Connie J. McManus, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to James A. and Carmen S. Santa Maria, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Lisa Wheeler and, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties, Inc. to Edward H. and Aseneth Zamora, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Roger Meador to William C. Eiland, und. int. in 55.210 acres, James Nelson Survey; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Lelia Wehner to Herman Wehner, III, und. int. in 19.58 acres, James Cummins Survey; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Lelia Wehner to V.M. Crawford, Jr., und. int. in 17.595 acres, F.A. Zimmermann Survey; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Lelia Wehner to V.M. Crawford Jr., int. in 202.83 acres, Casper Simon Lease; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Cornell and Daniel Heger and Willie Belle and Johnny Matula to George C. and Kay Barry, part of original lot #3, blk. #21, Columbus; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Assoc. of Houston to Lelia Cattle Company, 180.4 acres, John H. Dinsley Lease Survey, et al; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Ronnie Neiman to Janell Neiman, und. int. in 1.310 acres, J.H. Standish Survey; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Cornerstone Land and Mineral Trust to Alga Land and Mineral Trust, und. int. in 59.53 acres, William P. Stanley Survey; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Marilyn J. Matejek, et al to Kathryn L. Rother, lots 13 through 18, blk. L, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Rock Island; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Marilyn J. Matejek, et al to Agnes J. Woytek, lots 1-6, blk. L, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Rock Island; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Paul Joseph Pitonyak, et al to Marilyn J. Matejek, lots 19-24, blk. L, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Rock Island; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Betty C. and Harry J. Kessinger, Estate to Lawrence C. and Laura F. Bugeja, 0.909 acre being lot #85, Lake Sheridan Estates Subd.; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Lillie Kulow to Lee Roy & Geraldine Kulow, und. int. in 110.742 acres, Colorado County; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: William P. Lynch, et al to Russell T. Rader, und. int. in various tracts, P. O'Daugherty Survey, et al; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Paul Ashton to Clyde Ashton, lots #8 and 9, blk. 112, Reginald Taylor Subd., Columbus; filed 12-9-91.

Deed: Marilyn J. Matejek, et al to Paul Joseph Pitonyak, lots 7 through 12, blk. L, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Rock Island; filed 12-9-91.

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COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

George Nike Flores, possession of marijuana (under 2 oz.); filed 12-5-91.

Thomas Anderson Drilling, possession of marijuana (under 2 oz.); filed 12-5-91.

Susan Lynn Hasty, theft; filed 12-5-91.

Charles James Machado, driving while license suspended; filed 12-5-91.

George Perez, assault; filed 12-5-91.

Carolyn Irving, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Robert Semora, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Betty Chester, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Martha Jasecka, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Cynthia Ruiz, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Smoot Muzel, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Michelle Garcia, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Eva M. Vazquez, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

J.W. Ogburn, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Sharon Russell, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Arlene Ferguson, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Donald K. Schmidt, driving while license suspended; filed 12-9-91.

Turners Garrett, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Ricky J. Ruiz, theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Herman Thumann Jr., theft by check; filed 12-9-91.

Charles Douglas Bishop, possession of marijuana; filed 12-11-91.

Raphael Guy Eckert Jr., possession of marijuana; filed 12-11-91.

ARRAIGNMENTS
December 11, 1991

Michael Ray Potts, possession of marijuana; continued to 1-15-92.

Herman L. Byers, driving while intoxicated (DWI); defendant plead guilty; court found guilty; fined \$350 plus cost of court, jail time 30 days, 2 years probation.

Jerry Eddings, DWI; continued to 1-15-92.

Annie Hercheck, DWI. Continued.

Herman Thumann Jr., theft by check (3 counts), DWI, false report to a peace officer; reset for 1-15-92.

OFFICER; reset for 1-15-92.

Oran Lee Hamby, San Antonio; motion to revoke; DWI; reset for 1-15-92.

Anthony Ray Labay, Nada; DWI; continued to 1-15-92.

Ramiro Frank Garcia, Houston; possession of marijuana; continued to 1-15-92.

Arturo Tamez, Eltinger; false report to a peace officer; continued to 1-15-92.

Rodger B. Smith, Duncanville; DWI; continued to 1-15-92.

Samuel Crippen, El Campo; DWI; continued to 1-15-92.

Donald Ray Wright, motion to revoke; theft; 9 days jail credited.

Herman Thumann Jr., Weimar; theft by check; reset for 1-15-92.

Charles Douglas Bishop, possession of marijuana; continued to 1-15-92.

Raphael Guy Eckert Jr., possession of marijuana; continued to 1-15-92.

Gilberto Espinosa, criminal trespass; defendant plead guilty; fined \$100 + court cost, 3 months deferred adjudication.

DISTRICT COURT
CASES FILED

Myrtle E. Fuchs vs. William Louis Stiles and Emily Stiles.

DIVORCES FILED
Lizzie Lee Powell and Herman Powell Sr.; filed 12-6-91.

Shelby S. Simmons and Duane Everett Simmons; filed 12-11-91.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
APPLICATIONS

Otto E. Matzka, 67, and Virginia N. Hills, 60, both of Weimar.

Joseph East Brown, 71, of Comroe, and Eva Lavon Jostlin, 51, of Katy.

Dale Austin Blocher Jr., 51, and Rosemary Marjorie Sullivan, 60, both of Sheridan.

Deadline extended...

\$10,000 Reward

The deadline has been extended to March 15, 1992, for the \$10,000 reward offered by A&K Railroad Materials.

The reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the arson-caused fire at A&K's Yard near Eagle Lake, Texas, on or about September 3,