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To volunteer or for more information call: Austin County at 409-865-5211, Colorado County at 409-732-3662 or Walter County at 713-375-6700. Messages should be left to the attention of Pam Mossbarger.

## Hearing

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themselves and question any witnesses during the hearing.

Also granted party status but posing no questions was A.J. Williams from Eagle Lake. As prescribed by regulations, no others were allowed to ask questions or call witnesses except these parties.

In the audience of nearly 40 persons was County Judge Butch Strunk, County Commissioner Sonny Spänhoff, Colorado County Economic Development Coordinator Duane Smith, Acting City Manager Lucille Perry and Mayor Roy Van Nort.

Witnesses during the all-day hearing included Dick Dunham, president of Dunham Environmental; Bruce Corepeka, engineer with Jones and Neuse, the consulting firm which worked on the permit application; S. Dennis Palafax and Joe Kupper, also with Jones and Neuse; two members of the TACB and Tom McDill, project engineer with TDH who reviewed the application.

The first witness called, Dick Dunham, was on the stand until after the lunch break recapping everything from his education and work history to the handling of the containers of waste, the financial responsibility of his firm and construction of the incinerator units themselves.

Cerepeka, Palafax and Kupper gave reports on how different technical aspects of the permit were arrived

at as well as verifying the site contains no wetlands.

One of the representatives of TACB, Project Engineer Hank Curry, stated under oath that the incinerator would emit "no more pollution than a Blazer idling in a field." Another representative of TACB added the plant would be well below the agency's emission standards and pose no health problems.

Mr. Land's questions concerning the facility dealt mostly with exactly what it would be handling and how it would be disposed of. By the afternoon session, while questioning witnesses, he stated he was impressed with Mr. Dunham and the proposed facility and wished the company well in their endeavors.

Mr. Wayne Lee, representative from the Bureau of Solid Waste Management, Texas Department of Health, after questioning all witnesses, requested that Hearing Examiner Churchill treat this application as an uncontested hearing. Churchill's response was that he would follow the regular schedule and require briefs to be filed before Jan. 21st by the parties involved. He will issue his proposal for decision by Feb. 7th to the Commissioner of Health who will issue the permit.

The last phase of the hearing was a public comment session during which anyone in the audience could speak. Not one citizen had anything to say.

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## Review

raw sewage being discharged from a motel on Interstate 10.

"The Texas House passed a constitutional amendment creating a state lottery.

"The Rice Board of Trustees and officials of the City of Eagle Lake dedicated the new Eagle Lake Primary School and Johnnie D. Hutchins Drive on August 24.

"During the 75th year of Lions Clubs in the United States, the Eagle Lake Lions Club celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 15 with a banquet. The club was organized in 1941 with 17 members. Charter president R.F. Spänhoff, and charter member Joe L. McCreary were honored at the Thursday night event. Also present but no longer an active member was charter secretary Joe D. Luna.

"The certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting has been awarded to the City of Eagle Lake by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

"Prairie Edge Dryer sent five train car loads of rice, in the rough stage, to Mexico recently. The first rice to be shipped was produced by Charles Boettcher of East Bernard and was shipped Aug. 17.

"Eagle Lake police received a report Tuesday, Sept. 3, from two men passing through town at 2 a.m. of a huge fire out FM102. Police officer Jim Staude found large stacks of railroad ties belonging to A&K Railroad Materials located at the old Santa Fe Switchyard on FM102 burning in two places. Firefighters and equipment from Eagle Lake, Rock Island, Garwood and Columbus were involved in fighting the fire which lasted all day.

"Rice Consolidated Independent School District trustees proposed a district tax rate for 1991-92 fiscal year of \$1.180325 per \$100 valuation. The present rate is \$1.01510. The total approved budget is \$6,274,033.

"County commissioners approved the final redistricting plan for precincts in Colorado County.

"The Eagle Lake Community Hospital set a health fair in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance blood drive Sept. 25.

"In a seven hour session, the Rice school board trustees heard additional testimony in the grievance hearing requested by H. Major Bengue, Eagle Lake Primary School principal concerning the memo reprimanding his actions. The final vote to rescind the memo was a tie broken by board president John Matthews whose vote let the memo stand.

"Citizens attended the first town hall meeting put on by Tricil Environmental Response Inc. and parent company Laidlaw Environmental Services Inc. at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. The purpose of the meeting was

to let the public question Tricil representatives about the proposed hazardous waste landfill site.

"Eagle Lake Community Hospital announced the opening of their Geriatric Assessment & Resource Center.

"Mayor Roy Van Nort announced that Eagle Lake will kick off a recycling program on Nov. 23, at the city's new Recycling Center at 734 Main.

"Gerry Proctor, administrator at Heritage House Nursing Home was presented the Administrator of the Year Award for the Gulf Coast Region of ARA Living Centers in ceremonies Nov. 12.

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## Crime Stoppers offering reward for information on church thefts

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000.00 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons involved in the theft of a cordless microphone taken from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church sometime between January 11, 1992 at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. January 12th. Another cordless mike and other items were stolen from the church around November 3, 1991.

If you have any information regarding these cases or any incidents, contact Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the police department at 234-2727.

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## Prairie Edge Players complete casting

The Prairie Edge Players have completed casting for their production of *The Foreigner*. Larry Shue was the author of this amusing comedy. The *Foreigner* was a big hit in the fall of 1985 at Astor Place Theater Off-Broadway, enjoying an enthusiastic four month run. A recipient of an Obie Award and an Outer Critics Circle Award, the play was cited by the American Theater Critics Assoc. as among the best originally produced plays. Among Shue's other works were *Winesaples Square* and *The Bird*. Shue had just sold a screenplay version to Disney Studios, as well as having developed a situation comedy for CBS Television, when his promising career ended. At the age of 39 he was killed in a commuter plane crash. The *Foreigner* was his final play. In this farce, Shue not only created side splitting comedy, but also confronted the social ill of bigotry.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Chamber banquet Monday, time to pay dues

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## Accident victim gets no answer from Commissioners Court

Along with all the renewals and appointments made the first of each year, Colorado County Commissioners were presented with a request to pay for the damage to a vehicle caused by a hole in a road marked as Fourth Street in Sheridan.

The hole was estimated to be 2-1/2 to 3 feet deep and at least 5 feet wide. Ed and Judy Sanky of Eagle Lake and their son Wade, who was driving the car, presented photos of the accident scene as well as estimates of damage ranging from \$2,011.65 to \$2,942.25.

Commissioner Johnny Elstner, in whose precinct the accident occurred, told the Court the road may have been

washed out due to the heavy rain during the end of December. He said that roadway, which has never been gravelled and has no culverts, had never washed out before, but, residents of Sheridan told the Sankys that the spot had been washed out long enough before Wade's accident to have had warnings in place.

County Judge Butch Strunk added that when he was the commissioner for that precinct, many roads were opened up for public use and had never been gravelled; some hadn't even been graded.

The 1985 Thunderbird was paid for by Wade who uses it to drive to and

from Wharton County Junior College. He is now unable to do so since Elstner advised the Sankys not to have the car repaired until the Court made a ruling one way or the other.

According to Wade, after dark on New Year's Day, he was taking his girlfriend home and missed his turn. After yielding to the oncoming traffic, Wade crossed the paved road (Avenue A) assuming he would be on a good road since there was a street marker giving the name of the road and there were no cones or warning of the wash-out. When he realized there was a hole in the road, he attempted to stop but did not have enough time.

Also, according to Wade, a county employee lives approximately 1/2 block from the washout and could have notified the county of the problem. Barricades were erected after Sanky's accident.

Commissioner Jerome Wicks told the Court similar accidents had taken place in his precinct twice before but it had been determined that it was "an act of God that the roads were washed out" and the county was not liable.

DPS Trooper Gary Eden's report, which was filed the next day (Jan. 2nd), stated, "All roadways gravel and dirt surface. 4th Street appeared to have been prepared for thru traffic. The north decline of the intersection had been washed out by water due to previous heavy rains and flooding; as a result, a large crevice existed and was unmarked by any means. At night, the normal driver might not have noticed this."

Strunk advised the Sankys he had requested the presence of County Attorney Stephen Sebesta but Sebesta was unable to attend on such short notice. Strunk said he would have Sebesta contact the Sankys and ex-

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## Food assistance recipients must be recertified with Combined Community Action

Beginning the first of January, all Emergency Food Assistance Program participants must reapply for the program, according to the Combined Community Action staff. Applications are available at the local Community Action Center or at the main office at 400 Gresham St. in Smithville.

Everyone who has been receiving the food assistance must be recertified before the day of commodities distribution in your area. Eagle Lake City Hall will be the location for distribution of commodities on Jan. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12. There will be distribution at Weimar City Hall from 8:30

a.m. to 12 on Jan. 20 and 27. In Columbus the distribution is at 316 Spring St. (Ag. Building) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Persons recertifying themselves need to bring identification and proof of residency, such as drivers license and utility bill or voter registration.

Those who receive AFDC, Food Stamps or SSI must show proof of their participation in the program. Persons recertifying for another participant must have a permission note from the participant stating the

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## Leadership Colorado County starts Jan. 17

Twenty-seven Colorado County leaders will participate in the first Leadership Colorado County program scheduled to begin Jan. 17-18.

The weekend retreat will be held at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. The participants will learn about communication and be involved in the first phase of the Challenge Course.

Eagle Lake participants will be Becky Anderson, Sandy Bandy, Helen Craig, sponsored by the Civic Garden Club; Melvin Gordon, sponsored by E.L. Henry Alumni; Fritz Leopold; Barbara Pidgeon, sponsored by Pilot Club of Eagle Lake; and Roy Van Nort, sponsored by Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce.

These individuals will be attending classes to develop leadership skills

for economic development. They will also be conducting a needs assessment survey and be holding strategic planning conferences.

Columbus participants are Peggy Braden; Dawn Dungen; Paula Frnk and Scott Mattingly, sponsored by Diversich Corp.; Robin Garcia; Joan Lasley; Mary Richter; and Colleen Zimmermann, sponsored by Pilot Club of Columbus.

Weimar participants include Carl Duncan, sponsored by Weimar Lions Club; Melissa Duncan, sponsored by Weimar Encore Lions Club; Judy

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## Area counties eligible for federal disaster relief

Thirteen counties in the 14th Congressional District are eligible for federal disaster relief according to Congressman Greg Laughlin.

"President Bush declared the counties of Fayette and Wharton disaster areas following the rains last month. Counties contiguous to Fayette and Wharton are also eligible for some of the aid," said Laughlin.

Residents eligible for assistance must reside in either Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Gonzales or Jackson counties. In addition, residents living in Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Washington and Williamson counties are eligible for some types of assistance.

Programs designed to assist those in need include temporary housing, grants, Small Business Administration

loan, disaster unemployment assistance and various other forms of aid. Assistance is available for both residential and commercial damage.

Citizens should call 1-800-462-9029 to register. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

Callers should have the following information at hand: Social Security number, address before and after the disaster, insurance policy and insurance agent's name if insured, the description of the damage and directions to the damaged property.

People who are not sure they qualify for assistance may call Cong. Laughlin at his Victoria office, 512-576-1231, or the Round Rock office, 512-244-3765.