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Texas public education's 'ox is in the ditch'

"Our ox is in the ditch," Gov. Ann Richards is fond of saying as she did last week while blasting President George Bush's proposals to improve the national economy.

In Texas, public education's ox is in the ditch.

Texas property taxpayers are paying millions in new reform taxes which the Texas Supreme Court ruled is illegal but must be paid anyway.

More than half of Texas high school seniors have failed the basic skills performance exam.

Japanese leaders accuse us of having a 30 percent illiteracy rate.

Undeniably, Texas education is in a ditch, despite billions of tax dollars jacked up by the Legislature since former Gov. Mark White began the reforms in 1984.

Last week state leaders signaled they are well aware that voters have taxes and education on their minds.

Retreats From Threat
Gov. Richards and other legislative leaders backed down on their threat to let the justices write a new school finance law.

Richards, Senate education chairman Carl Parker and others tried to pressure the High Court into accepting their latest try at straightening out the mess. The court didn't fall for it; it ruled the Legislature's plan to pay for education unconstitutional. Try again.

Last week, Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock echoed the need for Texans to stamp their approval on any legislative plan. It's their only way to get the controversy out of the courts, their aides say.

Richards said it is very likely she will call the Legislature into special session instead of waiting until the next regular session in January, 1993.

Another Committee?
"We're going to take our time, so that when we do it, we try to get it right," Richards said, explaining why

no date has been set.

"I'm saying you've got to come up with a proposal that not only passes the Legislature but will pass the voters of Texas," she said. "And that's not easy."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't label yourself...
we're all Christians

Sunday, after church, my daughter and a friend of hers went door to door passing out a book of Luke and inviting people to church. When she came home she said some people had stated "they are members of another church; thank you anyway."

People are labeling themselves as a certain denomination instead of Christians. God's word doesn't speak of being a certain denomination; it speaks of being Christ-like and giving your life to Christ and being filled with the Holy Spirit. People are the church, not the building. Going to church or being members doesn't make us Christians. We need to be united as a whole body of Christ and filled with

the Holy Spirit.

Being a member of a church isn't going to save anyone. When we die, we are going to stand before our Savior and say we're members of churches and believe we are saved? In Christian homes today, violence is increasing. In libraries in the school system, books on witchcraft are on shelves for our children to read. Parents don't know what their children are doing; drugs and alcohol are used greatly. And we say we are members of churches!

When we are going to give our lives to the Lord and be filled, on fire with the Holy Spirit and be Christians that do the Lord's work and be cleansed with the blood of Jesus?

God gives us the power when filled with His Holy Spirit to conquer all problems and cast out in Jesus name evil spirits. We say, and some even believe, we are living right. The closer a person gets to the Lord, the more he makes it clear you have so much more to do.

I heard a sermon the other day which said Christians' greatest sin today is omission, not commission. I believe that's true. We aren't aware of what we're not doing for the Lord. When a Christian comes to us to spread the Lord's word, why do Christians not welcome another Christian?

Lena Hutchison
Eagle Lake

Bible Verse of the Week

When a man makes peace with his enemies, he makes them his friends. — Proverbs 16:7

Submitted by
Neddy Phillips

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:

- Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
- 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.
- The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.
- Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
- 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.
- The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

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County Clerk lists qualifications for early voting, voting by mail

Qualifications persons wishing to vote absentee by mail must meet are:

1. 65 years of age or older;
2. Confinement in jail.
3. Disability.
4. Expected absence from the county on election day and during clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the early voting period.

An application must be submitted from outside the county if submitted on or after the 20th day before the election (Feb. 19, 1992). Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.

Early Voting voter's application: for early voting, mail ballot for Gen-

eral Primary must be received in the County Clerk's office before close of regular business hours on March 3, 1992.

Persons voting Early Voting by personal appearance may vote at the County Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Feb. 19, 1992, through March 6, 1992.

A person is eligible to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance or by mail if:

1. The person would have been eligible to vote in the county of former residence on election day if still residing in that county;

2. The date of the election is not more than 90 days after the new residence is established; and

3. A voter registration for the person in the county of new residence is not effective on or before election day. A person is not eligible to vote a limited ballot by mail unless in addition to satisfying the eligibility requirements prescribed above, the person is eligible to vote early voting by mail under the standard early voting by mail rules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Hayek, County Clerk, at 732-2155 or 732-6561.

Art Show winners announced from ELPS

The Eagle Lake Primary School had 29 blue ribbon winners out of 60 entries at the Rice Art Show, Feb. 1. The best of show ribbon went to Stacy Gonzalez, a first grade student in Mrs. Moody's class.

Winning first place and selected for finals were Alana Marsalia and

Brandon Jenkins from kindergarten; Ada Ruvakaba and Rachell Valigera for first grade; Heather Shanks and Corissa Mathis in second grade.

Also placing in kindergarten with first place ribbons were: Kevin York, Roger Toriz, Joey Posada, Ryan Henske, James Salinas, Jessica Lopez

and Valerie Romo. Second place ribbons went to: Tarrah Stern, Kimberly Villalobos, Valen Soliz, Shani Pena, Alexander Llanos and Oshanae Black.

First grade blue ribbon winners were: Lupe Martinez, Abbey Cunningham, Felicia Galvan, Trina Sommerlatte, Lauren Ugarte, Andrea Contreras, Amanda Burrow and James Scott. Receiving second place ribbons were: Garrett Flores, Sandra Rodriguez, Darrell Giles and Cassidy Case.

In second grade, first place went to: Jessica Buckner, Cleo Johnson, Yanitza Montoya, Emilio Villalobos, Sonia Vasquez and Jessie Clark.

Second place winners were: Jacqueline Thomas, Imelda Posada, Erica Garcia, Tiffany Stern, Brandy Meitzen, Dustin Meyer and Selena Sykowski.

The third grade winner of first place was Rafael Ruiz. Second place went to: Theresa Castillo, Marc Contreras, David Fisher, Claudia Olmeda, Anthony Gonzalez, Jose Ruiz, Laketh Uley, Juan Castillo and Kristi Clayton. Third place ribbons were awarded to: Adrian Flores, Edwin Holloway, Samantha Bluntson, Anthony Salinas and Cindy Webb.

In the first grade, awards went to Amanda Besch, Amanda Burrow, Ashley Cardenas, Cassidy Case, Felicia Galvan, Darrell Giles, Heidi Hammiller, Rubin Leal, Enemiso Lugo, Candance Maxie, Heather Mills, Patricia Molina, James Phillips, Johnny Sosa, Lauren Ugarte, Rudy Vargas and Jessica Vance.

Second graders with perfect attendance included Charles Anzaldua, Jason Barrow, Jerry Cleveland, Kendra Colson, Tim Fisher, Angel Franco, Erica Garcia, Odyssey Johnson, Lisa Luna, Adrian Middleton, Angel-

Ben Coca and Frank Bacak of the Coca Cola Bottling Co. of El Campo serve cokes to Rubin Leal, Lauren Ugarte, Cassidy Case, James Phillips, Shante Rhodes and Vanessa Villafuerte, six of the 80 students who received free cokes as perfect attendance awards. ELPS Photo



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Lee Albert Love

Lee Albert Love was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love of Yoakum on Friday, Jan. 10, 1992, in Yoakum Community Hospital. Mrs. Love is the former Carol Dossard of Eagle Lake.

The new little boy tipped the scales at eight pounds, three and one-half ounces and measured 19 inches long. Lee Albert is welcomed home by his big brother, James Robert, age 15 months.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Love.

Loren Ashley Schorlemmer

Michael and Sheri Schorlemmer of La Porte announce the birth of a daughter, Loren Ashley, on Sunday, Feb. 9. Loren was born at 7:07 a.m. at St. Johns Hospital, Nassau Bay. She weighed six pounds, nine ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Loren is welcomed home by her brother, Joshua, aged 2 years. Maternal grandparents are Scott and Helen Vaughn of Houston. Paternal grandparents are Louis and Janet Schorlemmer of Eagle Lake.

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Constipation and the Elderly: What to Do

A preoccupation with the number and frequency of bowel movements is a common occurrence in many elderly individuals. Often the concern centers around misconceptions about normal bowel function and the mistaken belief that serious health problems can result if the bowel is not evacuated every day. Some of the more common causes of constipation in the elderly include lack of fiber in the diet, lack of exercise, not enough water or fluid intake, side effects of certain medicines such as the narcotic pain relievers and aluminum-containing antacids, and certain health problems such as diabetes and mental depression.

Nondrug Lifestyle Changes: Prevention of constipation is best accomplished by correcting the causes. For example, if there is little or no fiber in the diet, the older person should try to eat more fiber-rich foods such as potatoes, beans, bran cereals, fresh fruits, and whole grain bread.

Laxative Use in the Elderly: Usually laxatives are not needed. However, if laxative medicines are recommended, stool softeners such as docusate and the bulk-forming laxatives such as psyllium hydrocolloid are considered the safest for the elderly. The stimulants (castor oil and bisacodyl) and the saline-type laxatives (magnesium sulfate) generally have more side effects than the other laxative types.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Wm. T. Youens, et al. to Myrl Rau Youens, et al. int. in two tracts, E. Tumlinson League, et al.; filed 1-27-92.

Deed: Roy Schneider, et al. to Earline W. Schertz, 13,3016 acres, James Cummins Survey; 1-27-92.

Deed: Earline W. Schertz to Roy Schneider, et al. int. in three tracts of land, James Cummins Survey; 1-27-92.

Deed: Roy Schneider, et al. to Hugh H. Schertz, et al. int. in three tracts of land, James Cummins Survey; 1-27-92.

Deed: Roy Schneider, et al. to Jean D. Ellis, 5,000 acres; James Cummins Survey; 1-27-92.

Deed: Roy Schneider, et al. to Allison L. Ellis, 24,904 acres; James Cummins Survey; 1-27-92.

Deed: Farm Credit Bank of Texas (Jo Ann Newbury) to Victor M. Garcia, 17.22 acres; Frederick Grimes Survey; 1-29-92.

Deed: Shirley Wilson Tillman to George Tillman Jr., und. one-half interest in 0.259 acre tract, Patrick Reels Survey, Eagle Lake; 1-29-92.

Deed: James A. Weikel, et al. to David Hachory and Rea M. Hachory, 7.3 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant and R.M. Johnson Survey, Weimar; 1-29-92.

Deed: Steven C. Ely, et al. to Robert E. Connor Jr. and Deanna Marie Eaton, two tracts of land, 148N RR Co. Survey; 1-29-92.

Deed: Mack Wade Dromgoole, et al. (Trustee of the Dena She Dromgoole) to Herbert Heyne Dromgoole, 4 tracts, Thomas J. Robb League and Thomas Cartwright League, Wharton and Colorado Counties; 1-29-92.

Deed: Arthur Cotto Stringer, et al. (Guardian for Shelley Ann Stringer and Suzanne Joy Stringer) to Jerry C. Cook, Trustee, property, tract containing 109.795 acres, John Haden League Survey; 1-29-92.

Deed: D.J. Potter, et al. (Co-Independent Executors of the Estate of Jesse J. Potter) to Jason P. Pavlick, 0.73 acres, B. Beason League; 1-29-92.

Gift Deed: Edwin C. Hartenstein to Marcia Zabransky, et al. und. one-fifth interest (being two-fifths of community one-half interest) in 133.75 acres, John Swarte Survey; 1-30-92.

Deed: Lillian Brown to Chad Kloesel and Shirley Kloesel, 1.04 acres; M. Anders Survey; 1-30-92.

Deed: Flo McCormas Hensel and Norma Scott Smith to Henry A. Bena, 105.5 acres, Timothy McKean Survey; 1-30-92.

Deed: Lawrence J. Krenck, et al. to Brian Korenec, et al. int. in 33.107 acres, J.S.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Carlos Alvarez, 27, Caldwell, and Carol Ann Pavlik, 24, Weimar.

Joe Marvin Sherwood, 33, and Carol Lynne Schneider, 28, both of Houston.

William Robert Sronce IV, 44, and Cynthia Noviska Hill, 39, both of Cat Spring.

DIVORCES FILED
Rhonda Louise Adams and Wesley Charles Adams; filed 1-30-92.

DIVORCES GRANTED
Shelia Joann Juerging and Russell Julius Juerging Jr.; 2-3-92.

Deborah Charlene Moody and Robert Thomas Moody; 2-3-92.

Arturo Davalos Ayala and Martha Hernandez Davalos; 2-3-92.

Brenda Faye Williams and Clarence Williams Jr.; 2-3-92.