

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Our children are being burned at the stake'

To Whom It May Concern:
I am deeply saddened by what I see happening in my home community. I hurt for the young people in all of our communities. I fear that a submerged anger of consolidation 24 years ago is surfacing as it does on occasion.

The first signs of festering this time surfaced at a meeting at the high school in February of 1991 when a consolidation of the three, not just two, middle schools' athletics was outlined. Instead of the welfare of ALL children, regardless of community, at heart, a tenacious hold on past memories and the desire to continue status quo was made evident by some. This is, in fact, a legal injustice. Unfortunately, an issue with Major Ben-

ford, and now Coach Sanders' resignation adds fuel to the fire. Our children are the ones being burned at the stake.
Not present when any of the actual occurrences leading to conflicts took place, nor at the closed board sessions for obvious reasons, I have refused to take sides one way or another. I consider Sandra Benge a dear friend; I have had at least a 4-year acquaintance with each of her girls, and each is a pleasure to know. I am indebted to Jack Sanders for the time he has spent helping my child in track beginning with the Schulenburg Summer track program in 1989. My child adores him. She also loves and respects the rest of the coaching staff. She, as do all

our young people, feels the strain between members of our coaching team. (A second period student of mine referred to track practice as being in the midst of a civil war.) What are we doing?
Regardless of these facts, I stand neutral in regard to all events to date; all I have to go on is HEARSAY. Jumping on a bandwagon for any reason would not be in the best interest of hundreds of wonderful children of our school district. Redundantly I add that I am saddened by dear and wise friends who have apparently done so.

Regardless of mistakes that may have been made on both sides, I know of few who are informed of the documented facts, myself included. I believe our board members have done what each believed was right. I applaud them for their courage. I do not relish any of their jobs. I feel concern over hot winds of discord between communities. I feel communication is lousy between all of our communities.
I believe some board candidates are running, not for the best interests of our young people, but because they have an axe to grind over personal differences. I sincerely wish each candidate would visit each campus no less than 1/2 day each so they could personally assess what each campus' strengths are. Regardless of the decision, I wish each candidate would also sit down with Mrs. McGaughey so each one, like many staff members, can see all the good things our district is beginning.

Our superintendent's visionary leadership has opened doors to new instructional methodologies. In our district we are on the verge of great educational gains for our children. I

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Very truly yours,
George Weller, Jr.
Eagle Lake

Until the law is changed...

I am neither for nor against the non-renewal of Coach Sanders' contract for the simple reason that I have no information regarding the matter. The laws do not permit disclosure to the public of the facts surrounding these matters without the consent of all the parties involved.
It is an unfortunate circumstance. Non-insiders have been asked to enter a debate with partial information at best. The only result possible under these conditions is that non-insiders who enter the debate are being used by one side or the other. This is especially deplorable with respect to students who should enjoy a protected status in these matters.

The system under which our schools operate is designed to limit non-educator input and was adopted at the behest of educators. Teachers and administrators are "protected" by rules limiting the grounds for non-renewal and providing for hearing and appeal rights. This system was de-

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Mauro's actions questionable as Clinton campaign manager

Capitol eyes last week focused on Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who was criticized by the news media for using state phones as campaign manager for Democratic presidential frontrunner Bill Clinton.

Speculation was rife on both sides of the political fence.
The Texas Republican Party

called on federal authorities and the Travis County district attorney to investigate allegations by Mauro and his staff in Clinton's behalf.

Meanwhile Texas Democrats worried whether Clinton, who won the Texas primary last month, would keep or dump Mauro.

Mauro apologized, calling it "stupidity" on his part and his office began cooperating with the Travis County probe. But he squelched rumors of being dumped. Mauro hosted a Clinton fundraiser in Austin which raised about \$100,000.

The Texas dollars will pay for Clinton's media ads in this week's New York primary, where a big win could possibly sew up the nomination.

Is Mauro Safe?
If Clinton wins in New York, he will owe Mauro for victories in two big states; without even considering their years-long friendship, Clinton is not likely to reward Mauro by firing him. In fact, look for Mauro to be high on the list of names to play crucial roles in a Clinton administration.

Republicans are still pushing for a federal probe, putting little faith in the Travis County courthouse officials controlled in part by liberal Democrats.

That failing, Republicans will almost certainly target Mauro when he is up for re-election in 1994, but it better be a stronger candidate than the GOP has served up in the past.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Other Highlights
•Texas Lottery director Nora Linares promised the Hispanic Women in Leadership conference she will hire more minority workers than any other state agency, more than 20 percent.

Gov. Ann Richards killed a proposal to close the state school which is the largest employer in Mexico. "I cannot destroy a town," she said.

A grand jury declined to indict Texas Department of Commerce director Bill Taylor on charges of wrongdoing used by Richards to sweep clean the appointments by her predecessor, Bill Clements.

Meanwhile, a second group of former agency employees also hired under Clements, has filed a federal lawsuit against Richards, claiming they were fired because they were Republicans.

State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison ended her agency's practice of cashing personal checks for state lawmakers. Traditionally, the agency warned the lawmakers of insufficient funds, allowing him or her time to cover the checks without a penalty.

Texas' presidential bid would hurt their party's top candidate, Andre Marrow, but would help down ballot Libertarians because Perot's money will get out the vote.

Gov. Richards appointed two judges elected in the March 10 primary to fill temporary seats created by resignations. Susan Larson of El Paso was appointed to the 8th Court of Appeals; Bill Peck of Texarkana was appointed judge of the 202nd District Court in Bowie County.

Electronic Welfare Card
State government is preparing to test an electronic welfare benefits card—like a welfare credit card—this summer, which Comptroller John Sharp thinks will reduce fraud and save \$10 million annually.

Plans are to start a six-months test this summer for services ranging from food stamps to aid for dependent children. Recipients will use a credit card at grocery stores. One good effect may be to stop the use of food stamps as currency for drugs and sex.

National Guard Cuts
Proposed federal cuts to the national reserve force will trim \$43 million annually from the Texas National Guard as the Pentagon seeks to save \$20 billion over the next five years.

Capt. John Stafford, spokesman for the Texas National Guard in Austin, said individual guardsmen will not lose their jobs if they are willing to retrain.

Ellis Now Lobbyist
State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has been hired by the Mexican government to lobby Congress for their interests in the North American Free Trade Agreement. He ran the Washington, D.C. office of the late Congressman Mickey Leland before his own election to the state senate.

The proposed pact would dissolve trade restrictions between the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Robert O. Baker et ux, und. int. in Resort Villa 058; filed 3-9-92.

Gift deed: Herbert Leon Fields and Mae Helen Henderson to Claudia Fields, two tracts of land out of the D. Gilleland League; 3-9-92.

Deed: Johnnie Guyon to The Guyon Family Trust, 83.60 acres of land more or less in block 89 of the Town of Columbus; 3-9-92.

Deed: Harris A. Watson et ux to Patrick Edward Wellborn et ux, 14.79 acres of land out of the John Cassidy Survey; 3-9-92.

Deed: Dennis Hartley et ux to Thomas L. Baker, block 1 of the Smith & Jones Addition, Columbus; 3-11-92.

Deed: Mark A. Hill et al to Clyde D. Smith et ux, 68.26 acres of land more or less in block 89 of the Town of Columbus; 3-9-92.

Deed: Daphne M. Reading to T&J Farms, a Texas partnership, all that certain tract of land being a part of Eagle Lake in the G.W. White Survey; 3-12-92.

Deed: Daphne M. Reading to Eugene E. Shanks Sr., all of that certain 2.2143 acres more or less, tract or parcel of land in City of Eagle Lake in the G.W. White Survey; 3-12-92.

Deed: Robert T. Moody III to Deborah Blume, 5.0 acres of land more or less, Martin D. Ramsey Survey; 3-12-92.

Deed: Elizabeth C. Anderson to Charles Robert Anderson, 3.3514 acres of land, more or less, out of the A. Kelso Survey; 3-12-92.

Deed: James McAllister and John McAllister to McAllister Cattle Company, all that certain lot or parcel of land being a part of original lots 4 and 5 in block 56, Columbus; 3-12-92.

Deed: Willie A. Ferguson Sr., president Bishop of the Independent Methodist

Episcopal Church of Texas Inc., South-east Conference, to Creston Cleveland and Lucille Cleveland, lot 6, block 14, Westmoreland Addition, Eagle Lake; 3-12-91.

OIL & GAS LEASES
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John Lucas et al to Ashwander Oil & Gas Inc., 4.48 acres of land, more or less, L. Mackerley Survey; 3-10-92.

Marilyn J. Harbich to Ashwander Oil & Gas Inc., 138.10 acres of land, more or less, L. Mackerley Survey; 3-10-92.

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Edwin Balusek et ux to Horizon Exploration Company, 36.15 acres of land, more or less, William K. Pauling Survey; 3-11-92.

Alice Hime to Horizon Exploration Company, 70.0 acres of land, more or less, William K. Pauling Survey; 3-11-92.

Nina R. Johnson to Ashwander Oil & Gas Inc., 92.063 acres of land, more or less, L. Mackerley Survey; 3-10-92.

Lena E. Balusek to Horizon Exploration Company, 152.0 acres of land, more or less, William K. Pauling Survey; 3-11-92.

Joel Avila, driving while intoxicated; filed 3-19-92.

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Tammy Jo Ogden, Columbus, theft by check; reset for 4-15-92.

Randy Hamilton, Sealy, driving while license suspended; defendant failed to appear; state moved for capias for arrest, so ordered.

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