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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'They are so well behaved and mannerly'

Dear Editor:
On Tuesday, April 21, 1992, the Gifted and Talented Program students, grades one through 12 from

Rice High School, Eagle Lake Primary School, Sheridan School, Garwood School and Eagle Lake Middle School, visited the Houston Museum

Good Samaritan assists visitors

Dear Editor:
On Easter Monday, April 20, 1992, Mr. Henry Schmidt Jr. performed a good deed that was both ordinary and extraordinary.

We were traveling through Eagle Lake in search of the wonderful, fleeting wildflowers. Part of our excursion included a stop at the covered wooden bridge in the area. It was at that location that my purse fell out of the van while in the process of getting small children in and out of the vehicle. As we were totally unaware of the incident, we drove off.

After several miles, we realized what had happened. We then traversed back to the various stops - all to no avail. The last resort was to go back to the tourist wildflower information center on the main street. My sister-in-law, Dorothy Wilbeck, wanted to leave no stone unturned. The moment

she walked in ahead of me, I could see by her expression they found the purse!

Mr. Schmidt, owner of S&S Wrecker, Welding & Mechanic Service, happened to be walking by the bridge, saw the purse and notified the tourist information center. While this act may seem ordinary, this Good Samaritan's act has become a rarity in today's society. This deed, however simple, says a lot about Schmidt, his family, his background, his heritage.

You, Mr. Schmidt, are the grass roots people who make America great and you are truly a hero in today's world.

Proverbs 15: "Virtue makes a nation great."

May God bless you always,
Ginger L. Williams
Angleton, Texas

Competition is a great thing, but...

Dear Editor:

Competition in business and politics is a great thing. It keeps constant pressure on businessmen and politicians alike to do their very best for the people they serve.

Competition is a great thing, however, only when it is healthy and above board. When it becomes malicious and divisive - whether on the national level or right here at home - it becomes ugly and downright embarrassing and shameful.

This is what is happening today in our business dealings with Japan, in both presidential campaigns, and most painfully for all of us, in the school board election here in Eagle Lake.

Events of division in the past year have caused parents to pull their children out of our schools, people to feel unwelcome in their own church and, for at least one family (a family who would be an asset to any small town), to put its house on the market and seek to move away.

For people who were born here in Eagle Lake as I was, the hurt and pain of watching your hometown physically torn apart before your very eyes

is something that has cut to the quick.

To see people who my wife and I have loved as friends behave with such anger, bitterness and contempt has been the most painful part of it.

The bitterness took an even more ugly and hate-filled turn in the election, which was already shameful for the innocents flying about both candidates, with the burning of campaign yard signs on Easter Sunday, Easter Sunday!

From anger to bitterness and now to hatred with obvious racial overtones, how easy it is for even normal people like ourselves to spin out of control over issues that could have been resolved without bringing the whole town into play if only reason, respect and professionalism had prevailed. Sadly they did not.

I am a friend of Major Benge. I am a friend of Carolyn McGaughey. I am a friend of Sam Center. I am a friend of John Matthews. I am a friend of Eagle Lake.

I hope people will approach this election with their eye on the greater good of this community and its school system, because that is what it is about. If it were simply about personal

friendships, I could not bring myself to vote. Thank goodness it is about issues much larger than that.

I fervently hope that after the events of the past year are settled, we will be able to come together again as a community and forgive those on all sides for the mistakes they made, because all sides made plenty. It will take courage to come together again, but I am confident we can do it.

Someone said to me, "God does not care what happens in Eagle Lake." He was wrong; God cares deeply about what happens in Eagle Lake. In a perfect world, people would not die unjustly, people would not file bankruptcy and children would not misbehave. But since our world is not perfect, these challenges will always be with us. I feel God is more interested than anything else in how we meet these challenges head-on and how we deal with them. It is called character.

Another person complained to me about the lack of discipline in the schools and asked me how many young children learned to behave so badly. After seeing what has happened in the past year, the answer has become very simple: just look at the adults.

Tom Reed
Eagle Lake

Another viewpoint

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written in regard to the letters to the editor included in the April 23 issue of the Headlight.

I, as are many others, am shocked to see what is happening in the Eagle Lake community in more ways than one. One letter stated, "Never in my life have I seen such bitterness and hatred displayed over issues that very few people have full knowledge of or completely understand." This statement leads me to my next point.

I simply cannot fathom how one of the writers of the letters can point the finger at the opponent of John Matthews. You are one of the few people that do not have full knowledge of the situation, and you completely do not understand.

Do you really believe that an adult running for the prestigious position of being a School Board Member would stoop so low as to burn his opponent's signs?

In the letter it was declared you know "the dignity and dedication demanded by this position". A mature man with this dignity and dedication would not commit such an act. People

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Bible verse of the week

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. — Psalms 19:14
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Historic COLUMBUS, TEXAS
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For Information:
Call Columbus Chamber of Commerce
409-732-8385 or 732-5135

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Howard W. Hoegemeyer to Willie Johnson et al, 5.00 acres, being Tract No. 3 out of a 114.7264 acres tract of land out of the Oliver Blood Survey; filed 4-6-92.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Association to Eva Frnk, a tract containing 0.149 acre of land, more or less, being Subdivision Lot No. 11, Block U of the Smith & Jones Addition, Columbus; 4-6-92.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Association to Roosevelt Washington, a tract containing 5.00 acres of land, more or less, a part of the Henry Austin Five League Grant, Columbus; 4-6-92.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Association to B.F.L. Associates, a tract containing 0.88 acre of land, more or less, a part of the W.B. DeWitt 1/2 League Survey; 4-6-92.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Association to Douglas Harvey, Lots No. 15 through 20, inclusive, in Block No. 12, Town of Rock Island; 4-6-92.

Deed: Robert E. Cook Sr. to Randall L.

Epps et al, 0.036 acre, more or less, tract or parcel of land in the R.B. Dobbin Addition, Eagle Lake; 4-6-92.

Deed: Union State Bank to Calvin Klein et al, tract containing 22.234 acres of land, more or less, a part of the John Weigel Survey; 4-6-92.

Deed: Vincent Vallone Jr. to Margaret Cook and Oliver Baker, a part of Lots no. 4 & 5, Block G, Smith & Jones Addition, Columbus; 4-6-92.

Deed: Bank One, Texas, NA, as Trustee for the W.B. Harris 1991 Trust to Ron Rhodes, 2 certain tract of property, 78.3240 acres of land, more or less, a part of the Erasmus Jones Headright Survey, and 12.676 acres of land, more or less, a part of the Erasmus Jones Headright Survey; 4-6-92.

Deed: Maxine M. Cossman to Audrey Schroeder, Lot 11, Block 59 and Lot 1, Block 88, Sheridan; 4-8-92.

Deed: Audrey Schroeder to Gravel Meyer, Lots 5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 9, Rock Island; 4-8-92.

Deed: Ruth A. Behke Ashton to Audrey B. Schroeder, N/2 of Lot 14, Block

58, Sheridan, and N/2 of Lot 4, Block 56, Sheridan; 4-8-92.

Deed: Roy O. Roland to Audrey V. Schroeder, Lot 5, Block 9, Sheridan; 4-8-92.

Deed: Audrey Schroeder to Rosalie Brooker, N/2 of Lot 8, Block 73, Sheridan; 4-8-92.

Deed: Dorothy Massey to Audrey Schroeder, all of the undivided one-half interest in Lots 7 & 8, Block 43, Sheridan; 4-8-92.

Deed: Maud B. Markel to Audrey Schroeder, Lots 7, 8 & 9, Block 27, Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 13, Block 56, Rock Island; 4-8-92.

Deed: Audrey Schroeder to Jim Kutzer et al, Lot 11, Block 59, Sheridan; 4-8-92.

Deed: Grace Campbell Clowe to Melvin F. Campbell Jr. and wife, Tract 1, Lot 3, Block 2, Westmoreland Truck Farm Subdivision; Tract 2, 10.0 acres, more or less, tract or parcel of land in the J.M. Steiner Survey; and Tract 3, all interest in oil, gas and other minerals that may be produced from that 30 acre tract or parcel

of land in the J.M. Steiner Survey; 4-9-92.

Gift Deed: C.C. Trapp et al to C.C. Trapp Jr. et al, first tract: Lots 21, 22, 23 & 24, Block 47, Rock Island; second tract: all interest in the oil, gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons in Block 37, Rock Island; third tract: all interest in oil, gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons in Lots 1 & 2, Block 49, Rock Island; 4-9-92.

Deed: Roy G. Clout to Calvin B. Fields Jr. et al, those certain premises presently occupied by the restaurant known as Catlemens Restaurant on IH 10, east of Columbus, and being that certain tract of land out of the Victor Baca 5.37 acre tract of land in the J. Hadden League; 4-9-92.

Deed: Brent M. Manning to John Ming Warrick, tract containing 21,000 square feet of land, more or less, part of the Preston Gilbert League; 4-9-92.

Deed: William Carl Schmidt to John A. Canik et al, all undivided int. in 15.75 acres out of the 31.5 acre tract, part of the John Andrew League; 4-10-92.

Deed: Robert A. Kakos et al to Patricia R. Kakos et al, all that certain lot, tract or parcel described as 40 acres of land out of

the T.J. Smith Survey; 4-10-92.

ARRAIGNMENTS
Frank Ferreira Jr., Webster, possession of marijuana; reset for 4-29-92.

Frank Ferreira Jr., Webster, driving while intoxicated; defendant plead guilty, court found guilty; fined \$300 plus court cost, 1 year probation with deferred adjudication. Tammy Jo Ogden, Lubbock, theft by check; continued to a later date.

Martin Medina, Sheridan, driving while intoxicated; continued to a later date.

Lewis Contreras, El Paso, possession of marijuana; continued to 5-13-92.

Larry Williams, Columbus, resisting arrest; defendant failed to appear; state moved for capias for arrest, so ordered.

Joe Linnemier Jr., Sheridan, criminal mischief and assault; continued to a later date.

Jerry Lee Hahaw, Hempstead, assault and resisting arrest; continued to 5-13-92.

James Cato, Hallettsville, theft by check; continued to 5-13-92.

Jeff C. Davis, unlawfully carrying a weapon; defendant plead guilty, court found guilty; fined \$18 plus court cost, 3 days jail time, credited for time served.

Miguel Meza, Columbus, driving while intoxicated; defendant failed to appear; state moved for capias for arrest, so ordered.

Hart F. Sims III, La Marque, driving while intoxicated; case dismissed.

Hart F. Sims III, La Marque, possession of marijuana; defendant plead guilty,

court found guilty; fined \$350 plus court cost, 1 year probation with deferred adjudication.

Mark Anthony Graham, Austin, driving while intoxicated; continued to 5-13-92.

Rodney Arthur Miller, Houston, driving while intoxicated; continued to a later date.

Rodney Arthur Miller, Houston, driving while license suspended; continued to a later date.

INDICTMENTS
Abraham Damon Garamillo, driving while intoxicated (felony)

William Scott Jr., attempted aggravated sexual assault

Anita Marie Thompson, theft

James Santos, burglary of a building

Marvin D. Barnes, attempted burglary of a building

Sarramento Pasobondo, aggravated assault

Michael Speed, aggravated robbery

Michael Davis Gonzalez, burglary of a building

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

William Ray Hercheck, 25, and Elizabeth Ann Kahlden, 23; both of Columbus.

Bradley Scott Belem, 28, and Robin Denise Lewis, 28; both of Weimar.

Marvin Ray Jones, 35, Cat Springs, and Gretchen Karol Rogers, 26, Katy.

James Ray Staton, 24, Columbus, and Stephanie L. Phillips, 29, The Woodlands.

McCoy's Building Supply Centers opens 100th store



Pictured are McCoy's Building Supply Center owners and officers, Emmett McCoy and sons Mike McCoy and Brian McCoy.

Old timers still wanted for rodeo reunion

The reunion for the old timers who rodeoed at the C.H. Potter Arena in the 1940s is planned for Saturday, May 16 in Columbus.

Among the calf ropers, bull riders and bronco riders who have been located are Heine Beken, Dick Schultz, Ed Cole, Pistol Holliday, Tex Bronson, Allen and Crainer and Eugene Krenke. Edith Potter and Angie Giddens were barrel racers and Rusty Thomas, Jim Clipson and Johnny Williams furnished stock.

The reunion will be on the site of the old arena beginning around 3 p.m. with a meal at 5 p.m. Old timers' names are still wanted. If you know of anyone or want more information, write Rodeo Reunion, Box 343, Columbus, Texas 78934 or call Kenneth Brune at 409-732-5185 or Henry Potter at 409-732-2288.

In reference to the other letter, it was declared that "it is your right as an American citizen to vote for the candidate of your choice, but no one has the right to violate the principles of society in order to force their opinions on others."

To me, displaying a campaign sign is a form of forcing your opinion on others. Are people supposed to vote for a candidate just because a more prestigious clique of people display their signs, or should people vote for the candidate who will do the best job?

In the letter it was also stated that "everyone has the right to his or her own opinion." Whoever burned the campaign signs may have been expressing his or her own opinion. Just as it is a person's right to display a sign in support of a candidate, it is a right to show the non-support of a candidate.

I believe that the two people who sent in letters to the editor regarding the sign-burnings should take a look around and see that they are turning this act into a bigger issue than it really is. And, they should realize that they, too, are expressing "bitterness and hatred", are being "narrow-minded", and are "lacking in foresight".

Signed,
Concerned Taxpayers
and Bill Payers
(Names withheld by request)

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:

1. Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. 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.
3. The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.

4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.

5. 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.

6. 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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Stock #	Yr	Model	Sale Price
4521	91	Ford Mustang GT	\$13,495
2201	91	Ford Thunderbird V8	13,495
2421	91	Ford Mustang hatchback	10,495
1956	91	Ford Escort LX, demo	8,495
2374	91	Ford Aerostar XLT, extended	15,995
2404	91	Ford F-150 XLT	13,495
2208	91	Ford F-150 XLT	13,495
2146	91	Ford F-150, Customized	15,495
2088	91	Ford F-250, 5.0 V8	12,395
2365	91	Mercury Tracer wagon	10,549

Stock #	Yr	Model	Sale Price
4642	92	Ford F-150 EXT Supercab, loaded	\$17,495
4610	92	Ford F-150 EXT, loaded	17,995
4603	92	Ford Explorer XLT, loaded	18,895
4471	91	Ford Taurus GOLD, loaded	13,595
4507	91	Ford Escort, 2 dr, many extras	9,999
4103	90	Ford Probe GT, white, loaded	13,995

Stock #	Yr	Model	Sale Price
91		Ford Thunderbird, red, loaded, 9K	\$11,995
91		Mercury Cougar, white, 9K	12,995
91		Mercury Sable, white, 15K	11,995

Stock #	Yr	Model	Sale Price
4207	90	Mercury Topaz GS, 2 dr	\$8,995
4375	90	Ford Mustang, 5.0, V8, auto, air	11,995
4120	90	Ford Probe LX, V6, auto, air	12,495
4251	90	Ford Probe GT, auto, air, extras	15,495

Stock #	Yr	Model	Sale Price
90		Pontiac Grand Am, 2 dr, 15K, like new	\$6,995
88		Ford Mustang, 2 dr, 50K, gas saver	4,995
88		Ford F-150 reg. cab, V8, auto, air	5,995
88		Plymouth V6, auto, air, nice	4,995
88		Ford F-150 reg. cab XLT, V8, auto, air, good work truck	3,995
89		Chevy C-1500 Step Side Pickup, auto, new tires	7,495

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Colorado Country Central Appraisal District Budget

The Colorado County CAD will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1993 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 12, 1992, at 1:30 P.M. in the Colorado County Grand Jury Room, 3rd floor.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:</