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**To The EDITOR**

**Rollback petition efforts appreciated**

To the Citizens of Colorado County,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the recent tax rollback effort. I appreciate each and every person who expressed your desire for a tax rollback by signing the petitions. Those of you who donated your time by speaking to your neighbors and securing signatures deserve special thanks.

Although more than 1300 voters requested an election to decide on the tax increase issue, our commissioners have denied us that vote. I hope this will be the beginning of increased involvement by the citizens of Colorado County in our government process.

There will be important issues and critical decisions for our county in 1993. I urge you to take an interest and become more informed on the actions of our elected officials. Make certain that you know how your tax money is being spent. The participation by constituents has always been essential to government.

In addition, I challenge the commissioners to be more resourceful and innovative in your management decisions. It was apparent to me that the commissioners were spoon fed by the county judge with respect to this petition. There was another option which the commissioners court could have chosen and I believe that the judge knew that.

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**Speculation over who will be Senator**

Activity in Capitol halls slowed over the Christmas and New Year holidays, but speculation remained at high speed over who Gov. Ann Richards will name as U.S. Senator.

Still lingering in discussions is the possibility that Richards will eventually name herself, by appointing a "caretaker" to serve until she wins the upcoming special election.

According to well-orchestrated leaks from the governor's office, candidates still on her "short list" are Congressmen Mike Andrews of Houston and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger, Secretary of State John Hannah, and Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

Both Andrews and Chapman have the federal experience, obviously; Krueger, who lost '78 and '84 Senate races, has a statewide organization and name ID.

**Caretaker Strategy**

The presence of Hannah and Earle on her list lend credence to those predicting Richards will name a caretaker to hold the seat while she runs as the Democratic Party's anointed candidate.

In 1983, Earle prosecuted Attorney General Jim Mattox, known to be on a collision course with Richards. Mattox was acquitted, then collided with her in the '90 gubernatorial primary, Richards won.

Some believe the governor was relieved when Earle prosecuted House Speaker Gib Lewis, sometimes a obstacle to her legislative program. Lewis pled guilty and will retire this month.

**Republican Racehorse**

The serious Republican candidates include:

- \*State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has teamed with consultant Karl Rove and may announce her candidacy this week.
- \*U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, R-Houston, who hired John Weaver and the Campaign Services Group of Austin for his campaign.
- \*U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, who has the Woodlands firm of David Hill at work on his candidacy.

**Klan to Protest Holiday**

Civil rights groups are mobilizing for a counterdemonstration against Ku Klux Klan's planned rally at the State Capitol this month in opposition to a state holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

The People's Anti-Racist Coalition has established an "anti-Klan hotline" that will provide information on meetings to organize the counterdemonstration.

The Jan. 16 rally in Austin is expected to draw about 60 Klan members who want the King holiday repealed in Texas.

The holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader was observed in 1992 in Texas for the first time. This year the holiday will be observed on Jan. 18.

**Riverboat Gambling Bill**

One of the issues Texas lawmakers will consider when they convene Jan. 12 in regular session is a riverboat gambling bill.

The measure, by Rep. Debra Danberg, D-Houston, would legalize casino-style gambling on boats in the coastal counties.

Sponsors say the riverboat owners will not ask cities for special treatment, like cruise ships often do, and will pay a hefty \$2.50 head tax.

**Other Highlights**

- \*State Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, has filed a revolving-door bill that would prevent former junior college trustees from doing business with their college for one year after leaving service as a board member.
- \*L.G. Gov. Bob Bullock's special assistant for health and human services, DeeAnn Friedholm, is the new state Medicaid director and deputy commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

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**Chamber sends a special thanks**

Happy New Year and a very special thanks to all the participants who remained optimistic and braved the weather to make the 1992 "Spirit of Christmas" Parade a great success.

There are many thank yous, but there are those who went beyond the call of duty to help out with the parade.

A special thanks to: Eagle Concrete Products Inc., Bobby Labay, T.J. Smith, Darrel Appelt, Mike Mangum, Charlie Delgado, Mike Marland,

Kathy and David Clardy, Gaylynn and Gary Mazoch, Eagle Lake Police Department, Eagle Lake Fire Department, City of Eagle Lake;

Also, Colorado County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department Public Safety, KULM, Eagle Lake Headlight, Banner Press, KIKK Radio, First National Bank;

Also, Eagle Lake Recreation Center, Sportsman Motel, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Lake Motors, Todd

Parade Chairpersons  
 John Brasher  
 Lynda Appelt

**Texas prison schools are flunking, says Comptroller Sharp**

Calling for sweeping reforms to the Texas prison system, State Comptroller John Sharp released a comprehensive audit of the Windham School System, conducted by his Texas School Performance Review staff.

The Windham system is the educational branch of the Texas prisons.

"If we can't do any better than this, maybe we should scrap what we're doing and start all over again," Sharp said. His recommendations would produce about \$12.7 million in savings over the next three years, including \$300,000 at the state's four privately operated prisons. His report recommends much of these savings be reinvested in various prison school improvements.

He stated that the need for strong education programs in Texas prisons is underscored by the fact that 68% of all state inmates never completed high school.

Education also affects recidivism, that is how many inmates return to prison after their release. One recent study found the recidivism rate among parolees without a high school diploma was more than 50% higher than the rate among those who finished high school according to Sharp.

"Our report gives prison officials the tools they need to make immediate improvements. If they fail to take the steps now to make reduced recidivism a top priority, we will urge a total overhaul of the system from top to bottom," he stated. "The keys to reducing recidivism are education and job skills. And that is why we need a swift and fundamental restructuring of the entire Windham School System."

During 1990-91 school year, more than 39,500 inmates attended classes offered by the prison system at a cost to Texas taxpayers of \$35 million. A total of 4,347 prisoners, roughly 11% of those who attended classes, earned a high school equivalency degree.

Over 40% of all adults paroled from Texas prisons are back in a cell within three years. The recidivism rate was up 25% last year over the year before. As many as 78% of juveniles released from Texas Youth Commission facilities return to prison within three years.

"Clearly Texas is flunking the test of reducing inmate recidivism and one of the reasons is poor performance by the prison school system. Effective education must become a priority behind prison bars," Sharp said, "We want to work with the prisons to make sure these recommendations are used, not only to save taxpayers money, but to redirect Windham's efforts towards stemming the number of prisoners who return."

Sharp's report recommends that \$10.2 million of the savings found in the study be reinvested in a variety of prison school improvements, bringing the net three year savings to approximately \$2.5 million and enabling Windham to do more with less.

Among the 150 detailed recommendations of the audit and comprehensive study are: base Windham's funding on how well it reduces recidivism, rather than on classroom body counts;

- \*Increase accountability by shifting funding from Texas Education Agency to a specific line item appropriation within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice budget;
- \*Stop wasting classroom space and teacher time on inmates not interested in learning and target educational resources to those most likely to find jobs once they're released.

Sharp explained most Texans are not aware that in addition to funding the public school district where they live and 1,063 others across the state, they also pick up the tab for an entire school district in the prisons. Windham School System was established in 1969 to educate inmates who lack high school diplomas and teach them the academic and vocational skills they need to be productive citizens upon their release.

With a current enrollment of 13,800 inmates in 36 prison units and four privately operated prisons, Windham is as large and costly as public school districts in Denton, (See Sharp on prisons, Page 10)

**Special Delivery.**

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Robert G. Ogden, M.D.

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**Foot Facts**

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist  
 COPING WITH A CAST

Improved materials and treatment methods have resulted in casts that are lighter than ever and recuperation times that are shorter than ever. If you do find yourself facing the prospect of a foot or leg immobilized in a cast, you can maximize its effectiveness by being alert to several warning signs. Call your doctor immediately if you notice any sensations coming through the cast, unusual sensations such as tingling or loss of feeling, toes that become blue or swollen, an immobile big toe, skin irritated by the cast, significant damage to the cast, or a cast that becomes loose. Itching, unfortunately, is part of the healing process. Scratching only promotes more itching and the possibility of infection.

It used to be that a cast was always accompanied by crutches, but that is often not the case these days. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I offer your entire family high quality, professional and sensitive service.

P.S. You can smooth any sharp edges on the outside of a cast with fine-grade sandpaper.

\*Christy Greene, granddaughter of Hugh and Emory Sheridan and great granddaughter of Ross Lange, all of Eagle Lake, has been installed as president of the 1993 Panhellenic Council at the University of North Texas. She is a senior majoring in interior design and holds an office on the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority executive council.

\*Billy Henry, who is stationed at Bermeron, Wash. with the U.S. Navy, will be home on leave this week.

**Prison inmates visit school**

Brian Williams, right, an officer with Texas Department of Corrections introduces three inmates who presented an impressive program on drugs and alcohol to the third grade "Just Say No" group at Eagle Lake Primary School. Lucille Perry arranged for the program at ELPS Photo



**Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

Feb. 15, 1968  
 Mrs. O.L. Mill, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee and Mrs. Alvin Kohleffel have tentatively been selected to attend the Cleanest Town Conference to accept a Distinguished Achievement Award for the city...

Feb. 22, 1968  
 Miss Shirley Balusek was chosen 1968 Garwood FFA Trailride Sweepstakes and Miss Charlotte Kallina was the Garwood FFA Trailride Sweepstakes...

Feb. 24, 1968  
 A gala occasion Sunday afternoon at the Eagle Lake Community Center celebrated the 88th birthday of Mrs. Leo A. Scott, known to many as "Grandma Scott"...

Friday, July 7, 1944  
 Mrs. Loraine Adkins writes from Hattiesburg, Miss., that her husband has just been promoted to Chief Warrant Officer and she wishes to share her pride and pleasure with his many Eagle Lake friends...

Friday, July 14, 1944  
 Cpl. Chester Glaiser has arrived from Camp Carson, Col., and will be on furlough until July 15...

**COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT**

**DEEDS**

Deed: Eileen Carey to Ernest Ivan Barta, 0.4683 acre of land out of the City of Weimar, Block No. 21, Lot No. 5 and a portion of Lot No. 6; filed 11-25-92.

Deed: Mae Bell Sims, et al to Arthur Mathias & Sons, Inc. one (1) acre, being out of the James Ross League, Colorado County; 11-25-92.

Deed: Chester Hayes to Marsell Hayes, the North 1/2 of Lot No. 2, Block No. 61 in Columbus; 11-30-92.

Deed: Fred Cantu to Rene Al-Obaidi, et ux, 0.3757 acre, in Block No. 8 of the City of Eagle Lake; 11-30-92.

Deed: Allen W. Wendel to Bernard Wendel, et ux, 71/2 acres in the James Honeycutt Survey, Abstract No. 335; 12-1-92.

Deed: Margaret Miller Gillespie to Audrey Schroeder, No. 1/2 of Lot #20 in Block 37 in the Town of Sheridan; 12-2-92.

Deed: Meta Johnston to Joseph Rocco Johnston, as Trustee of the J.R. Johnston Children's Trust, 295.01 acres out of the Naham Mison Survey, Abstract No. 402; 12-2-92.

Deed: Meta Johnston to Albert H. Johnston, as Trustee of the J.R. Johnston Children's Trust, 308.56 acres out of the Naham Mison Survey, Abstract A-402; 12-2-92.

Deed: Maurice Laverne Miller to Jeffrey Christian Schroeder, So. 1/2 of Lot No. one (1) in Block No. seventy (70) in the town of Sheridan; 12-2-92.

Deed: Giff: Nona L. Eberidge Schmidt to Jack Leyendecker Eberidge Jr. and William Leece Eberidge, 198.565 acres of the John Gillespie one-third league, Abstract No. 233; 12-3-92.

Deed: Giff: Nona L. Eberidge Schmidt to Kirby Emerson Eberidge and Thomas James Eberidge, 218.1928 acres out of the George Obrecht Survey, Abstract 223; 12-3-92.

Deed: Patricia Ann Stein Carter to Christopher Leroy Stein, William Mark Stein and James Douglas Stein, two (2) tracts, being undivided int. in 84.425 acres in the Gillespie League, Abstract No. 26 and 476.37 acres, out of the D. Gilleland League, Abstract No. 26; 12-3-92.

**OIL AND GAS LEASES**

Everest Mineral Corporation to Baylor University, 352.0 acres out of the James Alexander Survey, Abstract 778 in Colorado County; filed 11-30-92.

Baylor College of Medicine to Everest Mineral Corporation, 352.0 acres out of the James Alexander Survey, Abstract No. 778, Colorado County; 11-30-92.

Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition, Inc., 352.0 acres out of the James Alexander Survey, Abstract No. 778 in Colorado County; 11-30-92.

Robert D. Miller, et al to WCS Oil and Gas Corp., 21.236 acres, being a part of the Jesse Burnham Survey, abstract No. 9; 11-30-92.

Melvin Houston, et ux to WCS Oil and Gas Corp., 4.739 acres, being a part of the Jesse Burnham Survey, Abstract No. A-9; 11-30-92.

George H. Holsh, et ux to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 36.35 acres, being a part of the 101.9 acre tract in the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

Edwina W. Holsh, et ux to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 36.35 acres, being a part of 101.9 acre tract, in the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

Melvin Houston, et ux to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 65.00 acres, part of the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

Mary Annie Philip, et al to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 9.17 acres, a part of the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

Delores Filipo Sanders, et vir to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 22.84 acres, a part of the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

J.F. Dietrich to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 50.00 acres, a part of the Jesse Burnham Survey, Abstract No. 9; 11-30-92.

William J. Heinsohn, Sr. to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 39.62 acres, part of the Jesse Burnham Survey, Abstract No. 9; 11-30-92.

Joe Luis Rodriguez, et ux to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 10.3796 acres, a part of the Jesse Burnham Survey, Abstract No. 9; 11-30-92.

James B. Berger, et ux to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 30.27 acres, a part of the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

Thomas J. Holsh, et ux to WCS Oil & Gas Corp., 11.25 acres, part of the James G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 11-30-92.

**Bible Verse of the week**

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

— 1 John 4:11

Submitted by Neddly Phillips

**Houston Livestock Show, Rodeo plans another incredible star line-up for 1993**

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials recently announced a star line-up featuring a "who's who" of entertainers in country, Tejano and rhythm and blues music.

Each of the 18 rodeo performances features star entertainment, beginning Sunday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. with Reba McEntire.

The week continues with 7:15 p.m. performances: Garth Brooks, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22 and 23; Tanya Tucker and Steve Wariner, Wednesday, Feb. 24; and Clint Black, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 25 and 26.

Saturday, Feb. 27, begins with an entertainment extravaganza at the 11 a.m. matinee — Sinbad, Mase featuring Frankie Beverly, and the Winans. Saturday evening features Rick Van Shelton and Marty Stuart at 7:15.

The second week of entertainment opens with a "Go Tejano" matinee at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, featuring Selena y Los Dinos and David Lee Garza y Los Musicales.

George Strait, always a Houston favorite, returns for two performances, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 28 and March 1, at 7:15 each evening.

The week's action never stops with 7:15 p.m. performances from Hank Williams Jr., Tuesday, March 2; Alan Jackson, Wednesday, March 3; Brooks & Dunn, Thursday, March 4; and Dwight Yoakam, Billy Dean and Suzy Bogguss Friday, March 5.

Billy Rae Cyrus lives things up Saturday, March 6, at the 11 a.m. matinee; and Wynonna makes her solo Houston Rodeo debut Saturday night at 7:15.

The final performance, Sunday, March 7, will bring down the house with Vince Gill and Mary-Chapin Carpenter.

Corporate star sponsors once again play a big part in keeping ticket prices low for the public and more money going to scholarships.

Sponsoring rodeo performances for 1993 are: SNICKERS Brand with The Houston Chronicle, Feb. 21; Miller Lite and Channel 11, Feb. 26; Bud Light and Channel Two, Feb. 28; Chevy First Team, March 3; and Foley's, March 6 matinee.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets including Foley's, Sears, Fiesta and Sound Warehouse locations as well as the Astrodome box office.

The longest river in the United States is the Mississippi-Missouri, which is 3,710 miles long.

**Send Us Your News!**

Have you had recent out of town guests? Did a relative of yours accomplish something notable? Let us know about it!

Simply fill in the form below and mail it to our office at P.O. Box 67, or drop it by our office at 220 E. Main and let everyone know!

Keep your item as short as possible... one or two paragraphs is the rule of thumb.

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