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### You have to sign letters

A letter signed "A Concerned Citizen" was received by *The Headlight* last week concerning a problem with young people gathering in a parking lot on Glen Flora Road. Unfortunately, the person who submitted the letter did not sign it or give any information as to who they were, therefore, it cannot be published by this newspaper.

As the policy states, the name on a letter to the editor can be withheld if the writer so requests. But, this office must know who submitted the letter. Otherwise, printing a letter from an unknown source would be like printing the gossip heard on the street without checking for accuracy.

If the citizen who submitted the letter really feels the problem is being ignored by local police, I invite him or her to re-submit the letter with a signature, name and address included at the bottom. If they would like their name withheld, so indicate.

This publication welcomes your letters, as long as the letter conforms to the policy below.

### 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.

## NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing on the 1993-1994 Annual Budget of the City of Eagle Lake on Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 1, 1993

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to re-distribute among other school districts ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The amendment would also allow the legislature to create county education districts in the taxable property of existing school districts in one or more counties combined. County education districts may levy, collect, and distribute ad valorem taxes as authorized by general law. The legislature would be allowed to set the rate of the ad valorem tax to be imposed in a school district or county education district or it may authorize the board of trustees of each school district or county education district to set the rate, provided that the rate of county education district ad valorem taxes may not exceed \$1.00 per \$100 valuation of taxable property, unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district. The amendment also provides that the amount of ad valorem taxes redistributed among school districts by the legislature and effectively redistributed within a county through county education districts may not exceed 2.75 percent of the sum of the state revenue appropriated for public schools and the revenue from local ad valorem taxes levied and collected for public schools. The term "state revenue" does not include revenue from ad valorem taxes, revenue for the provision of free textbooks, or contributions to a retirement system. Finally, the amendment provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under article VII, section 3, of the Texas Constitution.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Section 2 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that, except for state educational mandates imposed in compliance with the Texas Constitution or federal law, or unless enacted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature, a school district may not be required to comply with an obligation requiring expenditure of school district funds unless the obligation is fully funded. The amendment also requires the legislature to provide by law a procedure for determining whether an obligation is fully funded. In the absence of such a procedure, and at the request of a school district's board of trustees, the comptroller of public accounts shall determine whether or not an obligation is fully funded. This amendment applies only to state educational mandates enacted after December 31, 1993.

#### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes an amendment to article VII, section 5(b), of the constitution, which currently authorizes the legislature to provide for using the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts and certain education-related revenue bonds issued by the state. The amendment would repeal the provision authorizing

### Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1968  
 Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Hayden are to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 30th, with a family gathering in their home... Mr. & Mrs. Richard English and family have re-opened the Campbell's Cafe on 90A just west of the city... This area was deluged with five to 11 inches of rain during the past week and damage is expected to crop. Some lowlands were flooded by the river, as well.

E.V. Sheppard passed away Saturday, following a lengthy illness... Scotty Caperton and John Perry announce they are moving their business Coastal Contracting to 123 N. McCarty. It was located at Epps Lumber Co... The final election for or against consolidating the Garwood School District with Eagle Lake School District will include Sheridan and part of Rock Island will be held this Saturday...

Wayne Woytek of Hallettsville outran a game warden but was caught a few miles down the road by Patrolman Joe French of Eagle Lake and Alton Adcock in their new, faster patrol cars... Bert Larmer was recognized for 20 years of service to the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer by President Jack Garrett...

Eagle Lake Girl Scout Troop 63 toured Washington, D.C., and received a U.S. flag flown over the

nation's capitol from Rep. J.J. Pickle. Making the trip were scouts Teresa Spanheld, Glenda Sunderman, Judy Melitzen, Marjane Adkins, Marilyn Sunderman, Kathy Scott, Sandra Hurley, Wanda Wilkerson, Cynthia Spanheld, Pam Derrick, Nancy Baird, Aule Derrick and Kara Austin, along with troop leaders Mrs. W.H. Derrick and Mrs. L.J. Spanheld. Also with the group were Mr. & Mrs. Victor Scott, Mrs. Russell Krienke and Russell Thomas...

Mr. & Mrs. Major Bengé announce the arrival of a daughter Valorie Annette on Monday, June 21. She is welcomed home by three year old sister Becky... Miss Judy Davis and John E. Simmons were married June 1 in Houston. John is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Pryor Simmons of Eagle Lake...

July 4, 1968  
 School consolidation wins by an overwhelming majority. The vote was 467 to 19 in Eagle Lake and 204 to 68 in Garwood...

Two competitors for the Farm Bureau queen title were Misses Marjane Adkins and Elizabeth Burke from Eagle Lake... This year's gala Fourth of July celebration for Eagle Lake includes a golf tournament, model aircraft, games, contests and fireworks display at the

airport... Funeral services for John Henry Hodde, 26, of Eagle Lake were held Monday. He passed away June 29th... Mr. & Mrs. David Zahradnick have received word their son, Capt. Robert Zahradnick, will be coming home from Viet Nam this week... The state sales tax will be increased to 3% effective Oct. 1...

Miss Rebecca Blair Lindsay of Austin became the bride of Stephen Pierce Terrell of Eagle Lake, son of Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Terrell, on June 7th... Harry Brisco was installed as Sheridan Lions Club president last week. Other officers are R.H. Kloppenburg, J.B. Franklin, W.C. Bennett, B.J. Burris, Tommy Holt and S.W. DeShazo...

October 27, 1944  
 News has been received here by relatives that Ernest Ondrick, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Ondrick of Hungerford, had been located and was a prisoner of war in Germany... Friends of the family are sharing the anxiety of Postmaster & Mrs. W.E. McCreé, in the news that their son, Major Walter E. McCreé is ill in a hospital somewhere in China...

Q.L. Mill has rented the building formerly occupied by the City Grill and is this week opening up a Home Appliance Store... First Sgt. Boyd Stapleton wired his family Tuesday from Atlanta, Ga., that he would arrive home Thursday, Oct. 26. Next January he will have been overseas three years and served in Egypt, Libya and Italy...

Mrs. J.B. Wesson had her address changed on the Headlight to Smith-

gavel to Melvin Rees at the recent installation... Union Baptist Church No. 2 and Friendship Baptist Church were merged Sunday in a special ceremony... The wedding of Miss Marilyn Melitzen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Melitzen, and John Ralph Thomas, son of Ralph Thomas of Eagle Lake, took place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic church, June 8th...

Thomas Lares, on bicycle, was riding the bicycle he got for Christmas, Feb. 20, when he was approached by four older boys who forcibly took his bike from him. Feb. 25 the manager of a Columbus store learned of the incident and donated a new bicycle, through the efforts of the Eagle Lake Police Department. Eagle Lake Police Officer Eric Hart with Mrs. Lares and the store manager look on while Lares tries out his new bike...

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Police get bike for boy

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### March 31 is deadline for property tax filing

Texas businesses must render their property with county appraisal districts by March 31, reminds State Comptroller John Sharp. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1. State law requires that anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on Jan. 1 must render with the local appraisal district...

### ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

**Kaylan Grace Cash**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cash of Alford announce the birth of their fourth child, a girl, on March 5, 1993. Kaylan Grace weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by her brothers, Micah, 10, Dustin, seven, and Clark, two years old.

Paternal grandparents are Hal and Grace Carter of Santa Fe, Tx. Maternal grandparents are Wilma and Joe Bryan of Rosenberg and the late James G. Cash.

The mother is the former Sheryl Carter.

### Christine Lucille and Michelle Renee Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie H. Parker Jr. of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their second and third children, twin girls, born March 9, 1993, at 8:01 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The twins were named Christine Lucille and Michelle Renee. Christine Lucille weighed five pounds, 3 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches, while Michelle Renee weighed five pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 19 inches. The twins are welcomed home by Johnny H. III and Natalie Ann.

Maternal grandparents are Betty and Jim Salee of Riverside. Paternal grandparents are Billie and Johnny Parker Sr. of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Gertrude and Nat Toole of Trinity and Susie and J.N. Cook of Sugarland.

The mother is the former Barbara Ann Black.

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ville. She was leaving for Astoria, Oregon, where she will spend some time with Mr. Wesson who is in the service there...

Congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Dromgole upon the arrival of a little daughter, Rita Develand, born Sunday at Laughlin Hospital... Friends of Mrs. Jones Laughlin will be pleased to learn that she and her small son, who have been spending the summer in Cleveland, Ohio, with relatives, will return here for the winter...

November 3, 1944  
 The Eagle Lake Eagles beat the Richmond Tigers 20-0 Friday night. Three touchdowns were made. The first was a pass from Melvin Selph to John Naumann; BB Braden ran 20 yards for the second; and Simon White intercepted a pass and ran 65 yards for the third. Bert Larmer kicked the extra points making two of three...

Chaplain Bruner S. Lee in a letter to the Headlight from Camp Robinson, Ark., states he is attached to the Railway Operation Battalion and expects to be overseas soon. Friends will regret that the little 14 month old babe of Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Obenhaus passed away in the La Grange hospital Wednesday...

Pfc. Virgil Mott returned Sunday to his station at Columbia Air Base, S.C., after a lighthearted visit with friends and relatives... In a letter to his wife, R.R. Wells Jr., writes from France that he has received an advance in rating to first lieutenant... From the Ninth Air Force Service Command Unit in France comes the announcement of the promotion of Sgt. J.R. Denton Jr., of Chesherville, to the grade of staff sergeant... Cpl. Bruce McCarty, his mother, Mrs. Bruce W. McCarty, a large box of souvenirs gathered from Sardinia, Rome and Corsica...

A beautifully impressive home wedding was solemnized Saturday at Columbus when Miss Gladys

## COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

**DEEDS**  
 Deed: C.R. New, et ux, to Deborah Jean Dahman, 11.40 acres out of the P.R. Splane Survey, Abstract No. 41; filed 2-1-93.  
 Gift Deed: C.R. New, et ux, to Carl R. New, 17.68 acres out of the P.R. Splane Survey, Abstract No. 41; 2-1-93.  
 Gift Deed: C.R. New, et ux, to David G. New, 11.36 acres of land out of the P.R. Splane Survey, Abstract No. 41; 2-1-93.  
 Gift Deed: C.R. New, et ux, to Clifton Leon New, 10.62 acres out of the P.R. Splane Survey, Abstract No. 41; 2-1-93.  
 Deed: Laura L. Crim, et al to Philip Dan Canaris, et ux, 0.45 acres in Block No. 12, City of Eagle Lake, P. Reels Survey, Abstract No. 475; 2-1-93.  
 Deed: G. Orson Hess and Elaine Morgan Hess to William R. Moulder and Rebecca G. Moulder, 1.3994 acre, out of the P. Reel's Survey, Abstract No. 475, Eagle Lake, 2-1-93.  
 Deed: George Jusicka, et ux to James L. Ono and William Ready Ono, So. 95° of Lot 12 and So. 95° of the West one-half of Lot 11, Block No. 10 in Weimar, No. 25 of Lot 12 and No. 25 of the West one-half of Lot 11, Block 10 of Weimar; 2-1-92.  
 Deed: Ruby T. Hicks to Leslie C.

Thompson and Ficitia Thompson, 0.5 acre, a part of the James Bowie League; 2-1-93.  
 Deed: Rita Agnes Meier to Norman Clark Peterson and Lisa Carol Peterson, Lot 9 in Block 69, Town of Sheridan; 2-2-93.  
 Deed: George Atman to Walter T. Murtagh and Claudia S. Murtagh, und. int. in 109.7185 acres out of the Joseph Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 42; 2-3-93.  
 Deed: W.A. Harrison, Jr. to Leonora Harrison, und. int. in two(2) tracts of land out of the Joseph Ehinger League, Abstract No. 190; 2-3-93.  
 Deed: Joe Lee McCreary and Bruce McCarty to Dunham Environmental Services, Inc., 27.3318 acres in the James Earl Anderson Survey, Abstract No. 189; 2-3-93.  
 Gift Deed: Roberta Struss Presley and Walter D. Presley to Kathleen Potter an und. 28.0 acre interest in lot 174.89 acres, out of the J. Taminson League, Abstract No. A. 46; 2-3-93.  
 Gift Deed: Roberta Struss Presley and Walter D. Presley to Jennie Lynn Reed an und. 28.0 acre interest in lot 174.89 acres, out of the J. Taminson League, Abstract No. A. 46; 2-3-93.  
 Deed: Stallman Dryer, Inc. to Mitchell R. Smith and Patsy Smith, 1.967 acres, located in S.A. & M.G. R.R. Co. Survey No. 5, Block No. 530; 2-5-93.  
 Deed: Stallman Dryer, Inc. to Neal E. Stallman and Sherry G. Stallman, 0.962 acre, located in S.A. & M.G. R.R. Co. Survey No. 5, Abstract No. 530; 2-5-93.  
 Deed: Neal E. Stallman and Sherry G. Stallman, to Stallman Dryer, Inc., 3.476 acres out of the B.B.B. and C.R.R. Co. Survey No. 1, Abstract No. 125; 2-5-93.  
 Deed: Jeffrey Christian Schroeder to Bruce Tesch and Vick Tesch, lot 3, 4, 5, 6 and Southern 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 11, in the Town of Sheridan; 2-5-93.  
 Deed: Jeffrey Christian Schroeder to Ernest Ivan Barta, Lot 9, 10, 11, 12, 25, 16 and 18 in the Garden Oaks Subdivision, out of the W.B. Dewees, Abstract No. 18; 2-5-93.  
 Deed: Leon Reising and Alton Reising to Glen E. Vornasad and Phedora S. Vornasad, 22.068 acres out of the Reddin Andrews 1/3 League Survey, Abstract No.

52; 2-5-93.  
 Deed: Glenn E. Vornasad and Phedora S. Vornasad to James (Toby) Barlow and Shirley Barlow and Robert Combs and Nora Combs, 22.068 acres out of the Reddin Andrews 1/3 League Survey, Abstract No. 52; 2-5-93.

**OIL AND GAS LEASES**  
 Franklin A. Addicks, et ux to The Trusts, 178.996 acres in the W.S. Fisher Survey No. 197; 2-3-93.

**DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED**  
 The Texas Dept. of Transportation vs. Laura Ann Ray, Mike Arnold, Nick Arnold and Mike Arnold Trucking and Macarolds Co., Inc., Injunction; filed 3-3-93.  
 Rice Consolidated Independent School District vs. Promberg Assoc. and Way Consulting Engineers Inc., Damages; filed 3-8-93.

**COUNTY COURT CASES FILED**  
 Mark Wayne Glasco, Rector, Arkansas, theft; filed 3-9-93.

**COUNTY COURT ARRANGEMENTS**  
 Christian Pontikes, driving while intoxicated (DWI), continued.  
 Gary J. Kearney, DWI, two counts; continued.  
 Robert Boone, interference with police officer; continued.  
 Linda Jean Sewell, assault, resisting arrest; continued.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
 Thomas Anthony Russell, 54, and Vicki Lynn Huffman, 36, both from Houston; filed 3-3-93.

**DIVORCES FILED**  
 Sandra Marie Guhrig Schaffer and John Randall Schaffer; filed 3-4-93.

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### School taxes still center stage, Mattox out of senate race

The Legislature advanced several anti-crime bills last week and debated how much school property taxes will be hiked if voters approve the "Robin Hood" amendment on the May 1 ballot.

Meanwhile, former Attorney General Jim Mattox announced he will not run for the U.S. Senate in the special election to avoid a bloody fight among Texas Democrats.

The mystery issue for the moment is how much the Robin Hood tax plan would cost Texans in new taxes; debate is split along party lines. Gov. Ann Richards and party Democrats are campaigning to convince voters to adopt the plan, but they will wait until after the election to fund it, so no one knows the price tag.

This strategy is driving Republicans bankers because they know that Democrats, with majorities in both

houses, can price it as high as they want.

**State Capitol Highlights**  
 By Lyndell Williams  
 Texas Press Association

**Early Estimates High**  
 Last week, after funding estimates stand, surfacing, State Rep. John Culbertson, R-Houston, charged Robin Hood would raise local school property taxes statewide by \$2.50 per \$100 valuation or \$2,500 for a \$100,000 home. Democrats resented they plan to cap it at \$1.50 or \$1,500.

**Gun Control Bills**  
 Gov. Richards has vowed to veto legislation allowing Texans to carry concealed weapons, but House sponsors worked the bill to the floor and said they'll override her veto. Lt. Gov.

Bob Bullock has said he won't let it get to the senate floor.

The bill includes some safeguards with a lengthy permitting process for citizens to pass a gun safety course and a criminal background check.

House members also approved a bill making it a crime to stalk. Stalking is defined as repeated behavior to harm, harass or torment, but the offender would have to threaten the victim's family or property in order to be charged with a crime. A second offense becomes a third degree felony.

**More Gas Tax to Schools**  
 Rep. Jerry Yost, R-Longview, has filed a proposed constitutional amendment that would devote more of the state gasoline tax to public education. The state constitution requires that 75% of the revenue generated by the 20¢ per gallon gas tax goes to the Texas Department of Transportation. The remaining 25% goes to public education.

Changing the formula to 65% for transportation and 35% for education

**Cabinet's Second Texan**  
 Most Texans don't know they have a second Texan in the Clinton cabinet: Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, former Denver mayor, is a Brownsville native.

Homeowner friend, Dr. William C. Davis, recalls that in 1968, when University of Texas student politics were dominated by frats and Frank Erwin, Pena masterminded a coalition to run Mickey Mouse for student body president. Despite the nonsense, Mickey's campaign finished third, but was courted for a runoff endorsement, which Pena used to negotiate minority issues then simmering on campus. Pena's political career was born.

Davis, now a UT Brownsville professor, uses his connections to lobby for higher education in Texas.

**Other Highlights**  
 -Parents who fall behind on child support payments could lose their driver's license under a measure approved by the Senate. The bill by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, would establish procedures to deny or suspend the driver's license of anyone who is at least 30 days delinquent in paying child support.

-The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department plans to build the George Bush Gallery of the Pacific War next to the department operated Nimitz Museum and Historical Center in Fredericksburg. The target date to complete the \$4 million gallery is Sept. 1995.

-The Senate passed Caller ID legislation, which allows one to see the name and telephone number of the person calling them before they pick up the phone, touted as protection against harassment phone calls.

-Texas banks report 1992 profits of \$1.88 billion, up from \$1.09 billion in 1991, according to federal regulators.

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