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I just don't understand the 'system'

An Editorial by Jeannine Fearing... While trying to gather information on the recent Grand Jury session and the indictments returned, I became incensed with the inequities in our 'justice' system. Here we are, along with our police, trying to keep our children, businesses and streets safe and the courts and jails just turn the criminals loose with little or no punishment. The cases which caused my anger involved arson, burglary and what I call attempted murder (even though Police Chief Lupé Villarreal tells me there is no such charge anymore). The teenagers who were indicted for arson and/or burglary in the fire at Gindlers during Feb. had bonds of \$150,000 and \$50,000 and are still in the county jail. Yet, the man charged with burglary of a habitation in connection with the Charles Hodde case on Feb. 27, where Hodde was cut to shreds, is and has been out of jail. Why? Why such a high bond on the Gindlers case and a bond so low in the Hodde case that the man was out of jail in no time? Could it be that the powers that be are more worried about their head-count than keeping dangerous people off our streets? Also, in the three district court cases recently, a repeat burglary/theft offender received 15 years while someone arrested twice within two months for possession of a controlled substance received only a slap on the wrist... seven years probation. Why? I realize the state prison system is overcrowded, but come on folks, this is ridiculous! I feel possession of drugs is just as serious as burglary. I don't want any of these people to be able to come in contact with my children or me and the only way I know to get them off our streets is to put them into the prison system. There has to be something we can do about this mess. We teach our children how bad drugs are, then we let the offenders go. What lesson do the children remember? I feel all the drug programs would do more good if those convicted of possession were punished instead of having a finger wagged at them and being told, "No, no." Basically, that's all the courts are handing down. I have sympathy for our police officers. They work hard for us and what happens when they finally get enough evidence to take a case before the Grand Jury? If they are lucky enough to get an indictment, the courts end out a slap on the wrist or nothing at all. The possession of a controlled substance case from Eagle Lake involved two arrests of the same person for the same thing. Yet, the court decided all that was needed was probation, a fine and \$84.50 court costs. Even if a person has nothing to do with dealing the drugs, by using drugs, they're keeping the dealers in business. I'd like to see the prison system enlarged in this state and tougher penalties and punishments handed down. Where is all that money the lottery is generating going? What's it being spent on? Why not use it to build more prisons and "boot camps"? Another thing I feel is needed is state-wide guidelines for setting a bond. Yes, there are somewhat standard bonds for certain cases, but if the person arrested can't meet that bond, it can be lowered; and I've seen it done several times. Maybe, if enough of us get irate, something will be done. But just get- ting irate won't help. Let your elected state officials know how you feel. Write, phone or fax them. We can't keep going like this for much longer!

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

August 29, 1968 The Rice Theater will close after the last show on Sunday, Sept. 1... Bruce Johnson has been promoted with Strans-Steel Corp. and is transferring to Baton Rouge, La... A county BBQ for J.J. Jake Pickle was planned by Democrats to be in Egypt... 75-day goose hunting season opens Oct. 30 for this year's hunting... Mrs. Simon S. Sinclair passed away Aug. 23 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital after a lengthy illness... Rice CISD trustees hire Rolan Mosie-Dallas Union to handle financial matters on the forthcoming bond issue for a new high school. They also hired Wilson, Morris, Crain and Anderson as architects for the project... Rice public schools open Tuesday. Personnel in charge are Supt. Eddie A. Krivacka, Asst. Supt. Charles Deshazo, business mgr. Roy T. Marshall and Wayne Jones as counselor... Eagle Lake principals are Victor Scott, high school; Willard Ethridge, junior high; and Major Benge, elementary... Army Sp-4 Warren L. Baxter, son of Bernard L. Baxter of Eagle Lake (See 24 & 48, Page 8)

Movie response was great

To the Editor, The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church appreciated the community's response to the movie "The Eye of the Storm" last Sunday evening. Our special thanks to the pastors, those who attended, to our Eagle Lake Headlight and to the many who contributed in so many different ways. In these times when each person has his own life storms to deal with, it is exciting to have all faiths come together to see and hear the gospel that lifts Jesus Christ up as the answer to man's dilemma. We would be pleased for your comments and suggestions of what and how to achieve greater unity and influence in our own little city. Call 234-3288.

Thank you, Dexter Anderson Evangelism Chairman, Eagle Lake United Methodist Church

What happens if it fails? Lawmakers consider school funding options

If voters reject Proposition 1 on the May 1 special election ballot, the Texas Legislature has only until the court imposed June 1 cut-off date to approve another funding system for public education. Prop. 1 would balance funding of public schools by allowing the sharing of local property taxes. Now, the House Public Education Committee, chaired by Rep. Libby Linebarger, D-Manchaca, is working on several school district consolidation bills to introduce should the proposed constitutional amendment fail.

State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams Texas Press Association

AG Probes Jury Bias Attorney General Dan Morales is investigating whether a jury may have been stacked illegally to favor a former Bee County commissioner accused of violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. Assistant Attorney General Dewey Helmscamp said that "unusually large numbers" of potential jurors were excused from service just as the trial of former Commissioner Grady Hogue was set to begin. Hogue is charged with official misconduct for allegedly meeting with other county officials to discuss county business in closed meetings.

Other Highlights "The law prohibiting Texas Lottery ticket sellers and their families from making campaign contributions to the state comptroller and treasurer is unconstitutional, District Judge Fernando Mancias of Edinburg has ruled. "The salaries of higher education administrators at Texas' public colleges and universities averaged \$109,440 according to a Texas Faculty Association study. The top paid chancellor in 1992-93 is the University of Texas System's William Cunningham, at \$234,023. "Texas Department of Health contracting David Smith is advocating a \$1 a pack cigarette tax to pay for statewide immunization of all children and provide basic health care for pregnant women. "Mac Stewart, an independent candidate for the May 1 special election for U.S. Senate, has withdrawn from the race. "I have not been able to liquidate my substantial land holdings in time to buy television commercials," he said. "The Tigua Indians have filed suit against the state seeking to force Gov. Ann Richards to negotiate a gambling compact that would allow the tribe to open Texas' first casino. The suit, filed in federal court in Pecos, alleges the governor violated the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act when she failed to negotiate on the compact.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Jose Carlos Estrada and Andrea Estrada, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; filed 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Ray W. Brooks and Janet J. Kojak, und. int. in lot 5, block 2 in section one, Falls Subdivision; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Charles E. Rhoades and Aven M. Rhoades, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Audrey L. Mitchell, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Ray Billeau and Estelle Billeau, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Maxie R. Porch, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Jesus E. Cantu and Soila M. Cantu, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Lorraine F. Dinwiddie, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Tom Gallier and Joyce M. Gallier, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to David D. Hulse and Audrey R. Hulse, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Lorraine F. Dinwiddie, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Resort Recreational Properties Inc. to Dean McWhorter and Rebecca McWhorter, und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One; 2-22-93. Deed: Tommy Charles Adams and Leslie Sharon Adams to Clarence E. Behrens and Josephine Behrens, 16.298 acres out of the Peter Piper League, Abstract No. 447, 2-22-93. Deed: Leona Tobias to Robert Smidovec and Cecilia Smidovec, 121 acres out of the J. Duty League, Abstract No. 20; 2-22-93. Deed: Leona Tobias to Robert Smidovec and Cecilia Smidovec, 10 acres out of the J. Duty League, Abstract No. 20; 2-22-93. Deed: Robert Smidovec and Cecilia Smidovec to Leona Tobias, 1.80 acres out of the J. Duty League, Abstract No. 20; 2-22-93. Deed: Chris Villarreal to Gabriel Zarate, et al, lot 13 in block 1 of Simmons-Whately Addition of Eagle Lake; 2-24-93. Deed: Estate of Rose Garland to John E. Garland, 2.173 acres out of lot 48 in the Penfield and Peterson Addition of Rock Island; 2-25-93. Deed: Jaime Rodriguez and Tony Rodriguez to Winslow Enterprises Inc., 4.117 acres of Winslow Hills, a subdivision out of B. Wickson Survey, Abstract No. 582, et al; 2-25-93. Deed: Gerardo S. Flores and Lori A. Flores to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., lot 10, block 10 in The Falls Subdivision; 2-25-93. Deed: Gerardo S. Flores and Lori A. Flores to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., lot 10, block 10 in The Falls Subdivision; 2-25-93. Deed: Calvin W. Palmer and Ruby Palmer to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, Club Owner C00367; 2-23-93. Deed: Kenneth Ted Becker and Candie Huffman Becker to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, Club Owner C00498; 2-23-93. Deed: Robert C. Bumpers and Judy G. Bumpers to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, Club Owner C00451; 2-23-93. Deed: Aman U. Khan and Zareen Sultan to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, Club Owner C00556; 2-23-93. Deed: Timothy W. McDonald and Cynthia K. McDonald to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, Club Owner C00481; 2-23-93. Deed: Alvin C. Peel and Jason C. Peel to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, Club Owner C00376; 2-23-93. Deed: Yvonne Murrell to Resort Recreational Properties Inc., und. int. in The Falls Resort and Club, Resort Section One, City of Eagle Lake; 2-23-93. Deed: Clarence Grodhaus and Margaret Grodhaus to S.L. Faulk and Margaret Grodhaus, 1333 acres, part of F. Mayhar Survey, Abstract No. 399, 3-1-93. Deed: Farm Credit Bank of Texas to Estelle G. Perlit, 69.410 acres out of Frederick Grimes Survey, Abstract No. 224, 3-1-93. Deed: Ronnie D. Boyd, et al, to Tulane Gordon III, 33.219 acres out of James Nelson Survey, Abstract No. 434; 3-1-93. Deed: Douglas John Potter to Edith Elizabeth Hester Potter, und. int. in 12.0 acres in an und. 184.345 acres out of Thos. Fitzgerald Survey, Abstract No. 214, et al; 3-1-93. Deed: Edith Elizabeth Hester Potter et al to Douglas John Potter, 12.00 acres out of Benjamin Beason League, Abstract No. 5; 3-1-93. Deed: Douglas John Potter to Dorothy J. Potter, 1.00 acres out of Benjamin Beason League, Abstract No. 5; 3-1-93. Deed: Florence Zajicek to David M. Zajicek and Becky K. Zajicek, 35 acres located in the J. Gillespie Survey, Abstract No. 223, et al; 3-3-93. Deed: David M. Zajicek and Becky K. Zajicek to Bernice Joe Zajicek and Theresa Ann Zajicek, et al, 35 acres located in the J. Gillespie Survey, Abstract No. 223, et al; 3-3-93. OIL & GAS LEASES Lease: Stella Dale Fisher, et al to Tri-C Resources Inc., 10.0 acres out of H.E.A.W.R. R.R. Co. Survey, Section No. 4 (C.L. Baker Survey), Abstract No. 906; filed 3-1-93. MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS Michael Joseph Janak, 30, of Hallettsville, and Molly Jane Strunk, 33, from Oakland. Kevin Terrell Ray, 31, Columbus, and Sandra Renee Lindsay, 29, Chillicothe, Ok. Darrell Ray Pagel, 25, Eagle Lake, and Dana Marie Baros, 32, Pasadena.

Last Call for City Tours Only 11 Days Remaining to take a Rotary Club sponsored Eagle Lake City Tour... they end May 2nd. Enjoy a beautiful sunset over Eagle Lake during Special Sunset Tours Friday, April 23, and Friday, April 30 6:30 p.m. each day Limit 25 persons per day What You Always Wanted To Know About Eagle Lake... and More!

Cooper-Scott is candidate for council The election for Eagle Lake City Council will be held May 1. Candidates will be running for three positions on the council. René Cooper-Scott has released her statement of candidacy which follows: "I am an only child, born in Los Angeles, Cal., 45 years ago. I attended school in Eagle Lake from sixth grade through graduation. I was valedictorian of that graduating class from E.H. Henry High School in 1966. I received a four-year scholarship to Prairie View A&M College where I attended for one and a half years, then transferred to Los Angeles Southwest College for two years. I ended at UCLA. I have been a practicing Registered Nurse since 1972. I returned to Eagle Lake in Feb. 1990. I am currently at Eagle Lake Community Hospital where I specialize in geriatrics. I am married with two children, Michael, 24 and Michelle, 17, who is a high school senior. My husband, René Cooper-Scott

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS Colorado County Youth and Family Services is looking for caring individuals interested in supporting and strengthening families. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE: -Offering nonjudgemental support to families under stress. -Sharing a commitment to promote positive parenting. -Being a positive role model. Training will be provided May 21st & 22nd If you are interested in sharing your talents and energy to promote families in Colorado County, please contact: Theresa M. Weishuhn at 409-732-8721 or 1-800-256-7321 P.O. Box 306, Columbus, Texas 78934

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