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To The Editor & You Seeking German Americans

Dear Editor:

Please assist me in a very important project. I am trying to locate German Americans interned in the U.S. during World War II. I have exhausted every other method of finding them, and am now appealing to your generosity and commitment to history.

This story is an important, untold, part of our wartime experience; most Americans have no idea that Germans were interned during the war. But, the recent attention given to Japanese American internment makes this story exceedingly topical and important.

I am seeking people to interview for an oral history of the German American experience during World War II.

a person or his/her relatives (if deceased) who might not see this request, please write or phone me at the address or number below.

Briefly summarize your experience, and indicate whether you are willing to be interviewed. I will include extended excerpts from selected history.

If any of you are a German national or German American (U.S. citizen) living in the U.S. during the war and were detained, relocated, excluded, or interned, or if you are free to give me the name and address of such

respondents in my book.

'Respect for life means all life'

To The Editor:

With great sadness that I read of the senseless killing of Chico, the Belmar family dog. I know his family misses him terribly.

I do not understand why the man in question is not being punished. Animal cruelty laws extend to all counties, yet Eagle Lake seems to consider itself exempt.

It was just a bout one year ago that a similar incident occurred in Eagle Lake. The dog wasn't killed but he

was left with a shattered leg. The gunhappy neighbor in that case not only wasn't charged with animal cruelty; he didn't even have to pay the vet bills! Disrespect for life is becoming more and more common. Incidents such as the unnecessary killing of Chico enforce that belief.

Respect of life means respect for all life.

A Concerned Citizen
(Name withheld by request)

'Probability of passenger rail service is not high'

Note: The following is a letter recently received by Tom Reed in response to his inquiry concerning possible passenger rail service by Metro from Eagle Lake to Houston. Reed's inquiry was on behalf of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation.

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for your Sept. letter and your interest in the possibility of passenger rail service between Houston

and Eagle Lake. I hope that this is the beginning of a long-term relationship leading to successful development of a transportation project that will benefit both of our constituencies.

My assistant, Loyd Smith, recently had the opportunity to discuss our situation with you over the telephone. This letter will serve to update that information and to invite representatives of Eagle Lake and Colorado County to stay in touch with Metro in the months ahead.

As you know, last Dec. Metro purchased one of the two Southern Pacific railroad rights-of-way extending from Eagle Lake into Houston. The purchased corridor follows FM 1093 and Westpark Drive. We call it the "Westpark" corridor; the railroad

calls it the "Bellair Branch".

Our primary purpose in completing the purchase was to acquire right-of-way for a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane from the central part of Houston to western Harris County. This project, which will extend to about Hwy. 6, has been approved for funding by the Federal Transit Administration. Due to Federal land acquisition regulations and South Pacific's desire to sell the whole line, we have also purchased the remaining segment of the corridor between Hwy. 6 and Eagle Lake.

Although we have taken title to the land, Southern Pacific will continue to operate trains on the Westpark/FM 1093 track segment until a series of upgrade projects can be completed along the parallel tracks following U.S. 90A. We expect these relocation activities to take at least a year to complete.

At our meeting in Aug., the Metro Board instructed the staff to evaluate an alternate project proposed by the West Houston Association and other local civic groups. That proposal envisioned a combination HOV lane/toll road to the Hwy. 6 area. Neither of these options (HOV only or HOV/toll road) would include a near-term use of the Westpark railroad tracks for Metro passenger rail service.

Staff is scheduled to report the results of their analysis at our Board meeting in late Nov.

Regardless of the near-term use of the Houston end of the Westpark corridor, Metro will continue to have an interest in working with groups such as yours over the long term. Now that we own the entire corridor, we would certainly like to see it remain in use as a transportation link to its entire length. We have every intention of preserving the corridor for any number of possible transportation uses, including passenger rail service as you have suggested.

I must tell you frankly, however, that the immediate probability of Metro making an investment toward implementing passenger rail service to Eagle Lake is not high.

First, Metro does not gain full control of Westpark line until its freight traffic has been fully relocated to the U.S. 90A corridor and the line has been formally abandoned by Southern Pacific. A firm target date for this to occur has not been set.

Second, there is the issue of service (i.e. taxing) area boundary, which extends only to the Harris County line. Our Board's past actions suggest a reluctance to make capital (See Metro, Page 6)

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

approval.

Two others were voted down. One would have authorized a \$50 million bond program to fund business startup loans to minorities and women. The other was a \$75 million bond program to provide financial help in processing, marketing or exporting Texas agricultural products.

Although the two loan programs were rejected, voters passed another business related proposal, Proposition 2 will give property tax relief to businesses that buy pollution control equipment.

In other election news: •Houston voters narrowly defeated a zoning ordinance that would have zones every square inch of the city's 586 square miles.

•With only token opposition, Houston Mayor Bob Lanier coasted to a second two-year term.

Second Subpoena Eyed
People who testified before a grand jury investigating U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's actions as state treasurer will be subpoenaed again for a new grand jury, Travis County prosecutor Steve McCleary said last week.

Hutchison, 50, was indicted Sept. 27 on official misconduct charges relating to the alleged use of state time and resources to conduct personal and political business.

The indictments were dismissed after officials discovered that a grand juror was ineligible to serve on the panel.

McCleary said no decision has been made whether to subpoena Hutchison. She appeared under subpoena before the first grand jury.

Limited School Vouchers
Breaking from her previous outright opposition, Gov. Richards said she is willing to consider a pilot school voucher system in the next session of the Legislature.

The governor told the Texas Association of Taxpayers last week she would support a measure giving students in poorly performing public schools their choice of attending an

other school.

"We're going to try a voucher system particularly aimed at those schools that we need to upgrade," Richards said.

Richards' likely Republican foe in the 1994 gubernatorial election, George W. Bush, favors a proposal by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, giving vouchers so that students may attend the public or private school of their choice.

Bush Resigns Oil Position
George W. Bush resigned his duties at Harken Energy Corp. last week, presumably to focus on a 1994 race against Gov. Richards.

In a statement, Harken said Bush had resigned from the board of directors and as a consultant "in order to devote his time to other matters."

Bush, part-owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and eldest son of the former president, has filed campaign papers with the Texas Ethics Commission and is expected to formally announce his candidacy for governor this week.

Group for Tougher Gun Laws
Travis County lawmakers and officials kicked off an assault on gun violence last week, saying their aim is to "keep the streets safe by keeping dangerous weapons out of the wrong hands."

The officials have formed Texas Against Gun Violence, a nonprofit statewide organization to promote stricter state and federal gun laws.

State Rep. Sherry Greenberg, D-Austin, said she plans to sponsor legislation next session which would ban automatic weapons, require waiting periods and background checks for firearms purchases.

Other Highlights

•Responding to complaints by the insurance industry, a state district judge has overturned a new state rule that would have strictly prohibited discrimination in the sale of insurance.

•Former Harris County prosecutor Frances M. "Poppy" Northcutt announced her candidacy for the Texas Court of Appeals. Northcutt, a Democrat, is running for Place 2 against two term incumbent Chuck Miller.

•Former Attorney General Jim Mattox received the endorsement of the United Auto Workers shortly after announcing his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1969

Roy Chisum has been named the new Eagle Lake police chief. He comes from Pecos, Texas where he is a deputy sheriff for Reeves County. Chisum will begin duties here April 15.

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Soto are the parents of twin daughters, Delores Marie and Debra Marie, born at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

William Krenek of Garwood will be preaching at a youth-led revival at First Baptist Church Friday and Saturday. R.T. Jackel, Eagle Lake police and fire dispatcher passed away Saturday in a Houston hospital.

The Firemen's Auxiliary elected new officers for the year. Elected president is Grace Wick; vice president, Barbara Harborth; secretary, Florence Henske; treasurer, Ruth Sherer; Julie Mae Muzny, reporter; Charlene Prazak, historian; Mary Semora, parliamentarian; and Betty Parma, chaplain.

Services were held Mar. 6 for Steve Labay Sr. who died suddenly last week. Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Wiese are the owners of a son adopted Mar. 14. Mr. & Mrs. Willie Emmel of Eagle Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to William F. Braden of Bernardo.

July 27, 1945

On Monday, July 16th, Fred Kallina, son of F.J. Kallina of Garwood, received his doctor of medicine degree at the graduation exercises of Baylor Medical School in Houston. David Sunderman, M.D., son of Mr. & Mrs. Gend Sunderman, arrived home Saturday after nine months on duty with the Navy in the Pacific theater of war.

Max Conner Burger, 3-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Burger, came in Thursday morning from a Pacific coast base. First Lt. G.P. Harry, son of Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Harry of

(See 24 & 48, Page 3)

Austin Bicentennial celebrated in 'Old 300'

The 200th birthday of Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas" was celebrated this past week with festivities all over the state, especially in the southeast part. A two day event was held this past weekend in San Felipe in Austin County, Austin's original settlement.

Eagle Lake was represented in this celebration by the Chamber of Commerce float and by Leslie Center who participated in the Miss Austin Colony Pageant.

Colorado County is also located in S.F. Austin's "Old 300" area and county schools have commemorated the 200th birthday of this famous Texan.

The Colorado County Historical Commission encouraged the memorials by giving each county a mounted poster of Austin. Weimar Junior High, St. Michael's, Garwood Elementary, St. Mary's, Sheridan Elementary, Eagle Lake Primary, Columbus Elementary and St. Anthony schools all participated and received the posters.

The Winterman Library in Eagle Lake, Nesbitt Library in Columbus, Weimar and Garwood Public Libraries also were presented with the commemorative posters.

Joe Tom Davis, professor of history at Wharton County Junior College and author of a series of books on Texas history, was to be guest speaker at several area high schools. He was also to give a presentation on Stephen Austin for the Delta Kappa Gamma honorary education society's chapter meeting. The chapter includes members from Colorado, Fayette and Bastrop counties.



A celebration of Stephen F. Austin's 200th birthday was held this past weekend in San Felipe, Eagle Lake was represented in this celebration by Leslie Center who participated in the Miss Austin Colony Pageant and Miss Eagle Lake Kristi Gertson on the Chamber of Commerce float (pictured below).

Photos Courtesy of Jay Anderson



We're in a battle for the family

A disturbing thing is happening in this nation today. Americans are unwittingly and insidiously being immunized against reactions to pornography materials; a little dose here in the local video store, a little dose there on the newsstand or the convenience store. Add another dose from cable TV and yet another from ads for dial-a-porn and nude dancing, and the sum total spells out desensitization on a massive scale.

Pornography Awareness Week was observed nationally Oct. 31 through Nov. 7. WRAP (White Ribbons Against Pornography) was sponsored by many chapters of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

We've all begun to pay the price for the violence that is passed off as entertainment in this country. The people who run the movie studios and TV networks are always saying that

Guest Editorial By Liliana Johse

they're not responsible for the growth in the violence in our society. But they're wrong, and they know it.

If you show people something over and over, they're going to absorb it. If a child has a working brain and he or she sees violence day after day, hour after hour, that child is going to pick up on it.

Violence becomes accepted when you've seen it enough from a safe distance of a movie screen or a TV set. Violence becomes an option.

The entertainment executives are actively harming the quality of life in our country by sending the worst kind of inhuman behavior into millions of homes and they're doing it because it's an easy way to make money. They are just selling it. That's all they are interested in.

A senior federal health official said that violence in America's

schools has reached epidemic proportions and fighting it will require public health resources as well as education and the criminal justice system.

We hear news stories about children killing children. There are generations of children who have grown up seeing ever increasing violence delivered into their homes on television programs. Shooting and beatings and murders are right in their homes and they see it day after day, night after night. After awhile it seems exciting and even logical. If you get angry enough, you grab your gun and shoot. Before all of this, you never saw children bringing guns to school. You do now!

In many public schools today, young people are taught all the cold details about sex without any moral backing. It's ironic that while puritan literature is made available by teachers, God's Word and the mention of God have been banned. We give children poison but withhold the antidote for it.

Women and children are the main victims of pornography. What can we do to clean up the moral environment in our nation and make it safer for ourselves and our children?

First let's work to rid our homes of porn in literature, TV programs and videos. Let's crusade for tighter laws in our states and communities. We can protest pornography materials and teaching in our schools. We can protest against pornography that is promoted by our government with our tax money.

Men, women and children have a right to be safe from sexual attack and sexual pollution. But today, we have to fight for that right.

Editor's Note: Liliana Johse is a member of the Wharton Chapter of Catholic Daughters of America. She writes a weekly social column for the Wharton Journal Spectator and is employed with South Texas Medical Clinics, P.A.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patients

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital listed the following admissions and discharges for the week ending Nov. 8.

ADMISSIONS
Eagle Lake: Lorease Priemeyer, Jewell Bellah, Noelia Torres; Columbus: Bessie Peters, Lovie Gindri; El Campo: Josh Ann Gonzalez; East Bernard: Bernard Marik; New Umm: Renee Noska & Baby Boy.

DISMISSALS
Eagle Lake: Margaret Wiese, Darrel Gerkey, Willard Stuart, Elizabeth Ward; Wallis: Leoray Richter, Annie Richter; El Campo: Alton Adcock, Senida Enriquez & Baby Boy; Chappell Hill: Albin Krolczyk; Rock Island: Deborah Harris & Baby Boy; Hangerford: Emily Haynes; Alleyton: Dana Jackson & Baby Girl; Wharton: Emmy Luera & Baby Girl.

I love criticism just so long as it's unqualified praise.

— Noel Coward

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Tommy O. Middleton to Mexico Energy Corp., inc. in 335.00 acres of the H.M. Johnson and B.F. Stafford Survey, Abstract No. 717, filed 9-27-93.

Deed: R.H. Kusey to Hill Bank & Trust Co., 19.00 acres out of the Henry Austin Survey, Abstract No. 4, 9-27-93.

Deed: Joseph E. Hranicky Jr., et ux to George Andel, et ux, part of Lot 4 in Block No. 33, city of Weimar, 9-27-93.

Deed: Joyce Terrell to Joseph E. Hranicky Jr. and Shawna N. Hranicky, 4.54 acres out of the M.H. Phelps Survey, Abstract No. 454, 9-27-93.

Deed: Estate of Mary Miksch to David Miksch and Margie Miksch, part of Lot 4 and 5 in Block No. 55, city of Weimar, 9-27-93.

Deed: Jeanne Marie Phillips to William Louis Phillips, 11,763 acres out of the Peter Piper Legacy, Abstract No. 447, 9-27-93.

Deed: Carlo Angelo, Inc. to Dynamic Production Inc., int. in 448.7 acres in the Lewis R. Chaney Survey, Abstract No. A-137, 9-27-93.

Deed: Ernest W. Thuman, et ux to Joel Ray Graham, et ux, Lot No. 6, Block No. 113, Kusey Addition, city of Weimar, 9-28-93.

Deed: Juanita Dallmeyer to Joyce Dallmeyer Klokiz and Nelson Dallmeyer, 2 tracts in Lot 9, Block No. 1, Irwin Addition, town of Columbus, and 0.07 acre, part of the E. Tumlinson Survey, Abstract No. 44, 9-29-93.

Deed: Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas to Wayne E. Schroeder and Sandra L. Schroeder, 25.00 acres in the Ludwig Lindstrand Survey, 9-29-93.

Deed: James Vornsdad and Betty Vornsdad to Lillie Vornsdad, 0.194 acre tract in the Henry Austin Five League Grant, Abstract No. 4, 9-29-93.

Deed: Estate of Dr. Mendel Meyer Nussbaum to Elaine Edelman Stein, int. in 160 acres out of the Lee Dillion Survey, Abstract No. 901, 9-29-93.

Deed: Estate of Dr. Meynard M. Nussbaum to Dr. Mina Rosenbald Edelman, int. in 160 acres out of the Lee Dillion Survey, Abstract No. 901, 9-29-93.

Deed: Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas to C. Gaylen Ackley, 10.00 acres in the John Dunlavy Survey, 9-29-93.

Deed: Carol A. Stapper Gietl, et al to Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas, 8.00 acres out of the S. Williams Survey, 9-30-93.

Deed: Alta Marie Barten to Dean Hendrickson, et ux, 3 tracts part of the J. Cummins Survey, Abstract No. 12, 1-1-93.

Deed: Chem-Hy Services, Inc. to Sam L. Barr, 19,703 acres part of the John Swarte Survey, Abstract No. 504, 10-1-93.

Deed: Chem-Hy Services, Inc. to Sam L. Barr, 76,282 acres part of the John Swarte Survey, Abstract No. 504, 10-1-93.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Assoc. to

Robert E. Connor Jr. and Deanne Connor, 140.00 acres part of the I & G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 59, Abstract No. 302, 10-1-93.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES
C.G. Glasscock Jr. and Bonnie Glasscock to Brannon Oil & Gas Inc., 2 tracts out of the Collier Survey, Abstract No. 218, et al; filed 9-27-93.

Estate of William Arthur Hefner Jr. to Enron Oil & Gas Company, 158.58 acres out of the Samuel Kennelly League, Abstract No. 30, 9-27-93.

Edwin Eggemeyer, et ux to Lenoir M. Josey, Inc., 2 tracts (162.04 acres) in the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Survey, Abstract No. 530, 9-29-93.

Clarence G. Eggemeyer, et ux to Lenoir M. Josey, Inc., 74.80 acres in the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Survey, Abstract No. 530, 9-29-93.

John Herbert Matthews and Sue Matthews Weller to Bridge Oil Company, L.P., 40 acres, the Matthews E-1, E-2 and E-3, 9-29-93.

George Paul Chew to Windjam Resources, Inc., 158 acres out of the C.C. Dyer League, Abstract No. 21; 10-1-93.

Regina Eisenhower Davis to Windjam Resource, Inc., 158 acres out of the C.C. Dyer League, Abstract No. 21; 10-1-93.

Eva Eisenhower Garst to Windjam Resource, Inc., 158 acres out of the C.C. Dyer League, Abstract No. 21; 10-1-93.

Tonie Williams, et ux to Enron Oil &

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Michael Keint Hearn, Eagle Lake, resisting arrest; filed 11-1-93.

Artenio Lopez Garza, Houston, driving while intoxicated (DWI); 11-1-93.

Michael Earl Anderson, Sealy, DWI; 11-1-93.

Kyme Adams Zapalac, address unknown, criminal trespass; 11-3-93.

Tony Mazloum, Houston, theft by check; 11-3-93.

Jason Pavlick, Columbus, criminal trespass; 11-3-93.

Alfred James Jackson, Alleyton, theft; 11-4-93.

DIVORCES FILED
James Michael Wick and Jacquelyn Elizabeth Wick; filed 10-27-93.

Ruben Nafegar and Lydia Nafegar; 10-28-93.

Richard W. Payne and LaDonna Lee Payne; 10-28-93.

Nonsense is good only because common sense is so limited.

— George Santayana

Christmas Homes Tour A Small Town Christmas

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502 North McCarty Avenue
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201 North McCarty Avenue
6. Michael & Sherri Gould
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