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To The Editor & You

No cover up says Esterling, Connor

Dear Editor:

Since the filing deadline for county judge of Colorado County, we have been falsely accused of covering up narcotic usage by political candidates and other influential persons in the City of Columbus and Colorado County. The latest allegation is that Judge Barry White, a candidate for county judge, is one of those persons. We choose not to get involved in any of the political races, but when our integrity is questioned, we feel that the citizens must know the truth.

Judge Barry White has been an important tool of investigation for us while serving as justice of the peace, Precinct #1. On numerous occasions, we have entrusted him with confidential information about suspects using or selling narcotics. He has worked long hours with law enforcement officers; issuing warrants and setting bonds. We have found that Judge White takes a very hard stand on subjects who are charged with the possession or delivery of drugs.

The allegations that Judge Barry White uses, or covers up for persons who use or sell drugs, have been investigated. We have found that the allegations were nothing but rumors and gossip with no validity.

If any citizen of Colorado County has a question about the allegations mentioned in this letter, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Bill Esterling, Colorado County Sheriff
Robert E. Connor Jr., Police Chief, Columbus Police Department

Collector wants old store tokens

To The Editor:

I am a lover of history and I have a somewhat unusual hobby. I collect old tokens used by stores, barber shops, pool halls, bakeries, saloons, forts and other businesses years ago.

The tokens were "good for 5¢, 10¢, 12-1/2¢" or such in trade for merchandise or for a loaf of bread, one drink, one shave, one ride or whatever. They were usually made of metal and while having the general appearance of a coin, they were made in all shapes and sizes.

I am hoping that you might mention my search. I know that this request is relatively unimportant but as our elderly pass away and the younger members of the family inherit their possessions, tokens and other items are considered junk and thrown out. I do get a great deal of enjoyment from my hobby and I do believe that these concrete reminders of our great heritage are worth preserving.

I believe some of these tokens were used in your area and I would be interested in obtaining some of them for my collection.

I would like to hear from anyone having one or more of these tokens or from anyone who might be able to help me. Any help of any kind is greatly appreciated. My address is Travis Roberts, Box 1168, Bellaire, TX 77402.

Thank you kindly in advance,
Travis Roberts

Remember our gallant Texans

To The Editor:

It was March 2, 1836, when Texas' founding fathers gathered at Washington on the Brazos for the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence, marking a pivotal moment in history for anyone who has ever yearned to live free from the minions of tyranny and oppression.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1994, Texans will celebrate the 158th anniversary of this bold and courageous act made by brave patriots who served the Republic of Texas with distinction when the call to arms was sounded at

places of honor like San Jacinto and the Alamo.

The battle of San Jacinto was among the most significant battles in American history because it not only set Texas free, but set into motion a tide of irreversible events that brought the great Southwest into the Union.

Ultimately 11 states, from Texas to California, joined the United States and fulfilled the dream of manifest destiny. In summing up that battle act made by brave patriots who served the Republic of Texas with distinction when the call to arms was sounded at

unerring aim and irresistible energy of the Texas Army could not be without."

I hope your readers will take a moment to remember the gallant men and women who served the Republic of Texas with distinction; remember them for the freedom we enjoy today; remember them for making Texas the greatest of these United States of America.

Yours respectfully,
Phil Gramm
United States Senator

Legislative committees get homework for next session

Criminal justice, welfare and education will dominate the Texas House committees' study assignments before lawmakers convene for regular session in Jan. 1995.

New legislation may be pushed next session on the basis of the studies which were announced last week by House Speaker Pete Laney.

Crime issues are to be studied by four committees:

• Corrections committee tasks will include monitoring construction of prison facilities and making recommendations on the building program's adequacy and effectiveness; and studying the effects of inmate job training.

• County Affairs will study the opportunities and impediments to using inmate labor at jails, along with the chance for counties to work together to build and operate juvenile boot camps.

• Criminal Jurisprudence will review laws and procedures related to

the death penalty and study the problems of parental kidnapping and adoption abuse.

• Judicial Affairs will study the feasibility of alternative punishment programs for juveniles.

Meanwhile the Public Education Committee will examine ways to improve school safety and discipline, along with studying the way Texas selects state paid textbooks.

The Human Services Committee will study the state's welfare system with emphasis on possible programs to remove Texans from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children through training and employment programs.

Other committee assignments include:

• State Affairs will consider revisions to the Open Records Act in light of the number of information files now maintained by computers.

• Ways and Means will study the new franchise tax system to determine how it has shifted the tax burden among different types of businesses.

Education Reform Plans

Gov. Ann Richards and her Republican challenger, George W. Bush, both have public education reform plans they say will give communities more local control.

In a speech in Fort Worth to the Texas School Alliance, Bush said his plan cuts out oversight by the Texas Education Agency and calls for the establishment of "home rule education districts" which would give local communities more say and account-

Perot on Health Care

Dallas billionaire Ross Perot has challenged surgeons to take health care out of the hands of politicians by developing their own plan and using his organization, United We Stand, America, to promote it.

Perot unveiled his proposal before about 400 doctors attending the Dallas meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

"Mobilize and energize every doctor in the United States to support this program and make sure every American understands it," Perot said. "You have the trust of the American people because you've earned it. Congress has no trust."

"All I want to know is where to sign up," said Dr. Harold C. Urschel, a (See Highlights, Page 6)

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City honors Supak with retirement dinner

City officials and employees gathered Thursday evening to honor Public Works Director Harry Supak on his retirement.

Supak has been with the City of Eagle Lake for 33 years. He retired officially on Feb. 1. A barbecue dinner was held Feb. 24 at the Eagle Lake Fire Hall to honor him for his years of service to the city.

Mayor Don Bendy served as master of ceremonies for the dinner. Supak and his wife, Helen, were joined at the head table by the mayor and his wife, Sandy Bendy, City Manager Ron Holland, Councilman Mike Du-

arte and his wife Virginia.

Attending the dinner were three of the Supak's daughters and spouses, Martha and Earl Jones, Carol and Steve Scott, and Shirley Jones, and son, Larry Supak. Shirley's husband, Gary Jones, was unable to attend. The Supaks also have five grandchildren.

Duarte gave the invocation before the meal. Guests enjoyed a barbecue brisket and sausage dinner served up by Ron Janow and Dwayne Austin with Austin's Barbecue and Catering.

Bendy told the audience that Supak had served with six mayors and six city managers. Supak noted there was one more manager Lucille Perry who was acting city manager for two years. He holds licenses for water, wastewater and plumbing.

Bendy then presented Supak with a "big gold watch", a wood mantle clock, on behalf of the City of Eagle Lake. Buster Beisel, new public works director, presented Supak a gift and card from the public works department employees. They gave him a beautiful leather wallet and reminded him they would still be calling for advice.

City Secretary Lucille Perry and assistant Sylvia Rucka were busily

taking pictures throughout the evening. Perry told the Supaks the city office staff planned to make a collage of the evening's photos as a gift to them.

Holland concluded the speeches by expressing his appreciation for the excellent job Supak has done for the city for many years. And for the very good staff he had trained to take over his job. He remarked that he hoped Harry would not change his phone number so they could call him when needed.

Bendy credited City Councilwoman Renée Cooper-Scott with encouraging and providing incentive for the get-together and commented on the need to have more city staff events.

When Supak was invited to speak, he commented, "I'd planned to wear blue jeans tonight, but when the bou-

tonniers arrived at the house, I thought these meant 'something.' " He was dressed in sports coat and slacks for the evening. He wore a white carnation and his wife had on a white corsage given them by the staff.

I won't change my number any time soon," he quipped. He went on to tell listeners that Elma Larmer was city secretary when he started to work for the city in 1960.

He looks forward to enjoying his hobbies of fishing, hunting, playing in a country western band and working with small equipment and lawnmower repair. His repair business is already keeping him busy, he noted.

Over 50 people were present to salute Supak, including other city council members Robby Cook, Vic and Cherry Corman, Joe and Bunnie Frazier, Police Chief Buck Hall, County Commissioner Sonny Spaniel, with members of the public works and other city staff.

In photo above, Eagle Lake Mayor Don Bendy, right, presents Harry Supak with a "big gold watch", a wood mantle clock, on behalf of the City of Eagle Lake. Supak's wife, Helen, sits in front.

At right, "Buster" Beisel, new public works director for Eagle Lake, presents his former boss, Harry Supak, with a gift and card from the public works department employees. They gave him a beautiful leather wallet as they reminded him they would still be calling for advice.

Headlight Photos by Susie Jackson

Robert Saunders again on state Council

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney announced Friday, Feb. 18, the reappointment of Rep. Robert Saunders, D-La Grange, to the Texas Legislative Council. Saunders also represents Colorado County.

The 17-member council oversees the legislature's support service operations such as bill drafting and legislative data processing.

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DEEDS

Deed: Telefont Ruiz to Alvaro R. Gasca, Lot No. 16 and the eastern 1/2 of Lot No. 17, Block 17, City of Eagle Lake; filed 1-13-94.

Gift Deed: Walter L. Scott, et ux to Loria Scott, et al, 153.1 acres, all of S.M.P. Corder Survey, Abstract No. 759; 1-13-94.

Deed: Coastal Banc Savings Association to Edwin H. Malinowski Jr. and Sheryl A. Malinowski, Lots No. 3, 4, 10, 12, and 16 of Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section II, City of Columbus, in the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 1-13-94.

Gift Deed: John Hasted Jr. to Julie Kay Ben and Pauline Katherine Davis, und. int. in the Benjamin Parker Survey, Abstract No. 450, et al; 1-13-94.

Gift Deed: Roberta Struss Presley, et vir to Jennie Lynn Reed, und. 6.445 acre int. in and to 174.89 acres of the J. Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 46; 1-13-94.

Gift Deed: Arthur L. Miller Jr. et ux to John Arthur Miller, et al, 616.50 acres of the Richard Dowdy League, Abstract No. 163; 1-13-94.

Deed: Timothy S. Casey to Claude D. Williams Sr., 12.06 acres of the John Cassidy Survey, Abstract No. 138; 1-13-94.

Deed: Michael Q. Adams to John B. Brock, 10 acres, Tract No. 54 of Waco Mfg. Co., J.L. Townsend Survey No. 10, Abstract No. 750; 1-13-94.

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