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To The Editor & You Response to 'ever wonder why'

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to last week's "Ever wonder why?" The letter stated that "a short while back he discovered a new air conditioner behind the police station. The fact is that the air conditioner is on the side of the station."

The fact is that the air conditioner was paid for with a private donation from a good and benevolent citizen and not with tax dollars from the city. It was installed in order to meet state and federal jail and holding facility standards. Fact... it only services the jail/holding facility and not the police department personnel (fact, due to health and safety standards).

The jail rehab program (construction) was expedited in order to facilitate public safety concerns. Fact... 98% of all purchases and donated material used in the reconstruction

came from Eagle Lake merchants. A concerted effort was made by city officials to purchase locally when possible. Fact... some items cannot be purchased here in Eagle Lake because they are specialty items and are not sold here.

Fact... as to "Ever wonder why Eagle Lake is dying?" it is those half-truths, misrepresentations and divisive attitudes that have held Eagle Lake back. We, as citizens for progress, cannot afford to rocket into the future of Eagle Lake, all the while looking into the rear view mirror.

We must work together for the sake of progress, not apart, not divided, but united as citizens for progress and success in order to meet our goals. We, as concerned citizens, need to take an interest in our city. We need to attend City Council and Town Meetings in order to have input and

get the facts. The City of Eagle Lake is not purchasing land. They are, in fact, locating suitable real-property for private and state revitalization projects to be built on. These facilities will bring with them hundreds of jobs, people and millions of dollars into Eagle Lake and its economy.

Fact... there are many good people in this community. Let us unite and work together for the common good of all our citizens. Let us take time out to seek the truth (facts in the matter). Let us not lose ourselves in half-truths, misrepresentations and divisiveness.

Fact... divided we fail, united we can accomplish our goals of revitalization for the City of Eagle Lake and it's citizens.

Signed... Just the Facts
A concerned citizen

Candidate Bush suggests tents for state prisoners

Texas should appeal or even violate the two year old Ruiz federal prison lawsuit that required the state to operate its prisons within the limits of the U.S. Constitution, Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush said last week.

In a speech to the Texas Police Chiefs Association in Austin, Bush suggested that tents be pitched on prison sites to house inmates to relieve overcrowding in county jails that are forced to house state prisoners.

Bush granted that Governor Ann Richards did stop the "revolving door" that let convicts out on parole, but he pointed out that move only saddled county jails with 34,000 state inmates and transferred the burden to county sheriffs.

But Chuck McDonald, spokesman for Richards' reelection campaign, said if the settlement between the state and federal courts were violated, it would bring a federal fine of \$800,000 per day or \$300 million per year.

"No one would take \$300 million in taxpayer money and spend it just to be a tough guy," said McDonald. A month of fines would come to \$25 million—money that would be better spent on building a prison, he continued.

"No right-thinking person wants to get back into that financial nightmare," McDonald said.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has approved the use of tents on a temporary basis to house inmates. But he has warned that if Texas violated the prison settlement, the federal courts would limit how many inmates could be housed in prisons now under construction.

Bush also told police chiefs that he supports the right of Texans to carry concealed handguns. He said he would have approved a bill that Richards vetoed last year that would have allowed Texans to vote on whether they should be allowed to carry handguns.

Harris Defense Bailpark Bill State Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said his sponsoring of a 1991 legislative bill that allowed the construction of The Bailpark in Arlington was appropriate, though his family owned land less than a mile from the stadium site.

John Steiner, executive director of the Texas Ethics Commission, said he found no conflict of interest in Harris' ownership of the land, although state law forbids lawmakers from voting on measures that will directly benefit a specific business transaction of a business entity in which the member has a controlling interest.

Steiner noted that Harris and his family have owned the land for more than 20 years. He said he doesn't believe there was a special intent on Harris' part to pass legislation to help his business interests.

Harris said carrying the bill—which had the backing of Arlington voters and city officials—was a duty performed for his constituents. The senator said he has a 5% interest in his family's 29-acre tract which is zoned for apartments and actually is harmed by the traffic brought by games at the \$189 million ballpark.

Teacher Pay Hike: Meno Education Commissioner Lionel Skip Meno says Texas teachers deserve a 5% pay raise, but teachers' groups said such a raise would not go far enough.

Meno recommended the pay hike

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

as part of a package of proposed education improvements he sent to a select committee studying the Texas public education system.

The proposal calls for a minimum annual pay for beginning teachers of \$17,850 for a 10 month contract, an increase of \$850.

The top minimum salary would be \$31,020 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and at least 12 years experience.

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Richards said the appointment completed reassembly of "the nucleus of our winning team from the last campaign."

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Gladys Stolle, et vir to Anne Stolle Faichinger, and int. in 76.17 acres in the Howard McElroy Survey, Abstract No. 32, filed 2-23-94.

Deed: Eunice Kicker to Janice Kicker Houghton, and int. in the John Andrews League, Abstract No. 3, 2-23-94.

Deed: Filemon Arellano to Victoria Rodriguez, Lot No. 6, Block No. 8, Simmons and Whaley Addition, City of Eagle Lake, 2-24-94.

Deed: Gay R. Botard to Ina Muschalek Botard, Lot No. 14, Block No. 21, Town of Sheridan, 2-24-94.

Deed: Jose S. Resendez, et ux to Willie N. Dancy, et ux, Lot No. 25, Glen Meadows Subdivision, part of Patrick Reels Survey, Abstract No. 475 2-25-94.

Deed: Raymond L. Dungen Jr. and Mary F. Nonier to Theresa Hadath and Druno B. Burris, 2.00 acres of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 2-24-94.

Gift Deed: Gwendolyn Davis Lawson to Walter J. Lawson Jr., 1 acre of the Jas. Earl, B.B. & C. R.R. Co. and T. & N.O. R.R. Co. Survey, 2-28-94.

Deed: Richard L. Gates, et ux to Robert H. Henneke, subdivision Lot No. 16, Block No. 30, Columbus; 2-28-94.

Deed: David Rono, et al to Elizabeth Rono, Lot No. 2, Guadalupe Terrace subdivision in the P. Reets Survey; 3-1-94.

Deed: Garfield J. Broussard, et ux to Clifford J. Broussard, and int. in 34.438 acres of the R. Spilane League, Abstract

No. 41; 3-1-94.

Deed: Gladys Thumam to Adolf Thumam, int. in oil, gas and other minerals in 294.0 acres of the John F. Smith Survey, Abstract No. 303, et al; 3-1-94.

Deed: Clifford E. Croft, et ux to Donald E. Hunter, et ux, 1.50 acres of the L.G.N.R.R. Co. Survey No. 56, Abstract No. 284; 3-3-94.

Deed: George Daniel Artury III to Nona Beth Artury, part of original Lot No. 6, Block No. 44, Columbus; 3-3-94.

Deed: Estate of Beulah Ethel Davis to Hugo Bubela, et ux, 54.42 acres of the 356 acre tract in the Asa McClure Survey; 3-3-94.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES
Owen H. Mehrens, et ux to Esenjay Petroleum Corp., 86.0 acres of the G.W. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 96; 2-25-94.

Eleanor H. Smith, trustee and independent executrix of Dan C. Smith Jr. and Katherine F. Davis to Crew Land Research, 326.0 acres of the A.W. McClain and James McNair Survey, Abstract No. 33; 2-25-94.

Pioneer Concrete to Texas Inc. to Crew Land Research, 109.045 acres in the A.W. McClain and James McNair Survey, Abstract No. 33; 2-25-94.

Sally Ann Mehrens Mitchell to Esenjay Petroleum Corp., 86.0 acres of the G.W. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 96; 2-28-94.

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Local candidates announce... Cook seeks mayor's office

Robby Cook, Eagle Lake City Councilman, has announced his candidacy for the office of city mayor. A native of Eagle Lake, Cook is a fourth generation rice farmer in the area.

He attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a major in business. He and his wife, Mary Kay, have been married 10 years and have two children, Jenna, age seven and Taylor, four. They are members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Cook was elected to the city council in 1992 and also serves as president of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc. He is a past president of the Recreation Center, Knights of Columbus and past vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was recently elected to the Texas Rice Council board of directors. In 1993 he participated as one of six chosen for the Rice Council Leadership Development Program.

Cook expressed his concern with the economic and physical deterioration of the city, saying, "I believe that with progressive leadership focused on positive economic development we can stop this economic 'free fall'."

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He also stated, "Eagle Lake does not need a full time mayor. I believe it is not how much time one spends on the job or necessarily the experience one brings, but more importantly, what one accomplished when there. Eagle Lake has a city manager to handle the day to day operations of the city."

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and assist council in identifying the needs of the city, setting policy goals and adopting rules to help meet these goals."

Cook noted that when he came to the city council in 1992, the city manager's position had been vacant for over two years. The police department had lost the public confidence to an alarming rate and there had not been a road and drainage improvement program from 1984 to 1991.

During his two years on the council, the city has hired a city manager and police chief; kept the newly set road and drainage improvement program in the budget; then revived and expanded the auxiliary police force at minimal expense; and passed a loitering ordinance to help local businesses.

The city jail is also being renovated for use through private donations to help the city's fight against crime.

Cook hopes to continue these programs and initiate others as mayor to better the life of citizens in Eagle Lake.

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High Blood Pressure Medicine Has Two Other Valuable Uses

Recently, medical researchers discovered that the commonly used high blood pressure medicine captopril (Capoten) produces beneficial effects when used in persons with two other chronic health problems.

Congestive heart failure: About four million persons in the United States have congestive heart failure, a condition in which the heart does not pump blood efficiently. In the past, the primary medicines used for congestive heart failure were diuretics and digoxin, a medicine that improves the strength of the beating heart. Several studies conducted in the last 5 to 7 years indicate that captopril is beneficial in lowering the overall death rate of patients with heart failure.

Diabetic nephropathy: A governmental agency panel has recommended approval of captopril to retard kidney function loss seen in many persons with diabetes. The drug relaxes blood vessels located in the kidney, lowering blood pressure and preventing kidney damage. While captopril is the only drug in its therapeutic class currently recommended for this use, similar medicines used for high blood pressure control are thought to have the same effect. Because of these findings, the use of captopril in diabetes is predicted to increase.

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