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To The Editor & You

Remember, thank our nurses

To the Editor:
Have you ever noticed that now-
days everybody has their own special
day or week? I mean if it's not Boy's
Day it's Doctors Week and if it's not
that then Third Baseman's Week or
Left Handed Roofers Week. Everyone
has their time to be noticed, as they
should!

This week is a real special one
though because it's National Nurses
Week and if ever there was a group of
people who deserve thanks and ap-
preciation, it's nurses, especially the
ones we have at our hospital here in
Eagle Lake.

In my many years of training and
practice, I've never been associated
with a finer, more dedicated group of
professionals than we have here.
Nursing has become a highly techni-
cal field where one is expected to do
more than just give medicine and
change linens. A nurse today has to be
able to use and understand highly
technical equipment and be keenly
aware of her patient's ongoing condi-
tion. Quite often it is the nurse who is
first aware of the subtle changes
which could lead to a deterioration in
the sick person and she must react
immediately to help preserve the
patient's wellbeing.

In our hospital, virtually every
nurse has obtained one or more Ad-
vanced Level Training Certifications
including Newborn Advanced Life
Support, Pediatric Life Support,
Trauma Nursing Care, Advanced
Cardiac Life Support and Advanced
Maternal Nursing, just to name a few.

We have nurses who help in sur-
gery and others who make home visits
to our sickest patients. It's also not
unusual for one of our nurses to assist
with the birth of a baby and then, an
hour later, administer state of the art
therapy to stop a heart attack.

All this is done in a compassion-
ate, caring manner which belies the
stress that goes with the long, uncer-
tain hours of dealing with people
who's very life may be on the line.

So, if you get a chance, thank a
nurse for all she does and for simply
caring.

And remember, they're not just
good people, they may someday save
your life.

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Texas school district funding again hits constitutional block

State money taken away from wealthy school districts could be used to help poorer districts build class rooms according to Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

At a meeting last week, Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said \$63.4 million from the Available School Fund could be retargeted from Texas' wealthiest districts to poorer districts.

But the state constitution would have to be amended for the fund to be redistributed, requiring two-thirds approval by the state Legislature and voter approval on the state ballot.

Ratliff said the idea is an option being considered by the committee which is under a court order to find a way to finance the building of schools by Sept. 1, 1995.

Earnings from the state school trust fund and motor fuel taxes go into the \$1.2 billion Available School Fund which is distributed to school

districts by the formula of \$335 per student. Monies allocated from the fund are used for school construction and to pay for textbooks.

State District Judge Scott McCown, who oversees the ongoing battle over school funding, has said that money from the Available School Fund has a "disqualifying" effect on the use of state funds.

Drug Questions Irrelevant
Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush said last week questions about whether he had ever used illegal drugs are irrelevant. Bush,

who was campaigning on criminal justice issues in Lubbock, said his past personal life makes no difference in his campaign to unseat Gov. Ann Richards.

"What I did as a kid? I don't think it's relevant nor do I think what Ann Richards did as a kid," Bush said. "I think what matters is my view on prisons, welfare reform and education."

At a stop at the Lubbock County jail to promote his plan to build prison tent camps to help ease jail crowding, Bush fielded questions about drug use after a report in *The Houston Chronicle* in which he declined to say whether he had ever used illegal drugs.

"Maybe I did, maybe I didn't. What's the relevance?" Bush told the newspaper in an interview published early last week. "Did I behave irresponsibly as a kid at times? You bet."

Bush has acknowledged that he drank too much. But he said he did not have an alcohol problem and quit drinking in the mid-1980s.

He said what matters in the gubernatorial race is how the candidates behave as adults.

"I'm not going to make it an issue with Richards," Bush told the newspaper. "She did not answer the question last time and I understand."

Richards, a recovering alcoholic, refused to say in the 1990 governor's race whether she had ever used illegal drugs.

Presidential Insights
Meanwhile, spokeswoman for the gubernatorial candidates tossed out insults about presidents, past and present.

Responding to reports that President Clinton would appear at a Washington event, she said:

"He's a recovering alcoholic, refused to say in the 1990 governor's race whether she had ever used illegal drugs."

Tricil manager says no permit is pending

The manager of the Colorado County Landfill set the record straight Monday, May 9, making a statement concerning several issues involving the landfill.

"Contrary to an incorrect report in last week's *Colorado County Citizen*, we do not have a permit pending for a hazardous waste permit and we don't intend to apply for one," said Facility Manager Mark Galliard.

"We withdrew our earlier request for a hazardous waste permit in 1993. Our existing permit from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) allows us to accept both municipal waste and industrial nonhazardous waste."

Galliard pointed out that no dirt from the Alamodome in San Antonio had yet been scheduled for the local landfill. He also noted that the dirt from the Alamodome was not classified as hazardous, that it only had small amounts of asphalt in it.

"If the county judges and commissioners are worried about the risk of a little asphalt, why are they laying down so much of it on our roads?" Galliard said.

He cited an earlier report that incorrectly stated methane had been found in the ground water monitoring wells at the landfill. "We have probes for methane. They're completely separate from the water monitoring wells."

He also noted that methane does not come from industrial waste; it comes from the decomposition of things like vegetable scraps in household garbage.

"If you want to stop methane," he said, "you need to ban things like potato peelings and apple cores from the landfill. All municipal landfills have to deal with methane and with TNRCC oversight. And we have it under control at Altair."

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DEEDS
Deed: H.J. Schneider, et ux to Ty Prouse, et al, int. in 11,599 acres of the L. Beason Survey; filed 3-9-94.
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Deed: Estate of E.M. Beecher to Terry Duane Penner, tract in Weimar, part of

Henry Austin Five League Grant, Abstract No. 4, 3-9-94.
Gift Deed: Lawrence J. Boehmich to David Boehmich, et al, und. int. in four tracts in Garwood, et al; 3-10-94.
Deed: Dorothy Kneek, et al to Alvin J. Kneek Jr., et al, 49,000 acres of the Martin Lacy Survey, et al; 3-10-94.
Deed: Henry E. Valchar, to Johnnie J.

Valchar, tract in the J.H. Dabney League; 3-10-94.
Deed: Algar Land & Mineral Trust and Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust to Aquarius Land & Mineral, und. int. in all oil, gas and other minerals of 969.00 acres, Vital Flores League, Abstract No. 196; 3-10-94.
Deed: Algar Land & Mineral Trust

and Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust to Aquarius Land & Mineral, und. int. in all 159.00 acres of the Samuel Kennelly Survey, Abstract No. 30 and H.M. Johnson & B.S. Stafford Survey No. 6, Abstract No. 719; 3-10-94.
Deed: Jane E. Kink and Florence Smith Fuller to Algar Land & Mineral Trust, und. int. Tract 1 & Tract 2 (866 acres) of the Samuel Kennelly Survey, Abstract No. 30, et al; 3-10-94.
Deed: Algar Land & Mineral Trust and Cornerstone Land & Mineral Trust to Aquarius Land & Mineral, three tracts of the Samuel Kennelly Survey, Abstract No. 30, et al; 3-10-94.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES
Otto Kenneth Berger and Mary Jane Berger to S.M.A. Production Company, 84,413.2 acres on the Wm. W. Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 43; 3-11-94.

CIVIL CASES FILED
Colorado County Appraisal District vs. all listed below; filed 4-29-94:
Alfred Torres and Nelia Torres;
Monica Thompson;
Emmer Jean Tillman;
Rufus Tillman;
Will Freeman Tyler;
Leslie and Susan Willerson;
William and Anne Cain;
Helen Williams;
R.H. Kusey II;
J.H. Holden;
Ricky J. Holden;
Elizabeth Ann Hodde;
Jessie Davis and Irene Smith
Calvin and Sherry Hill;
Eva Hernandez;
Ray Garcia;
Ricky and Leatrice Hehold;
Jackie and Howard Evans;
Annetrice Fraser;
J.R. Hornet;
Lyle V. Hopper;
Peggy J. Byrn;
Full Circle Body & Paint;
Carlos and Sylvia Gonzales;
Jacqueline C. Edwards;
Lape Cordova;
Marie Cooper;
Vivian Chapman;
Dexter Anderson, dba Anderson Prop;
Merardo Berna;
J.T. Black;
Peggy J. Bluntson;
Sadie M. Bluntson;
Joe Martinez;
Mike Rono;
Dolores Ladolph to Elsie E. Zahn, und. int. in Lots No. 1 and 2, Range No. 1 and part of subdivisional Lot No. 15, Block No. 40, southeast end of Range No. 1 and City of Columbus; 3-11-94.
Gift Deed: D.C. Fehrenkamp, et ux to David Charles Fehrenkamp, und. int. in 106,914 acres of the Peter Piper Survey, Abstract No. 447; 3-11-94.
Deed: Don M. Estep, et ux to Billy

Cooks create lovely, colorful yard

The home of Billy and Denise Cook on Clark Street caught the eye of Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club members this month. Their home at 404 Clark St. was chosen for the May Yard of the Month.

All the effort of planning and creating flowerbeds and planting the pretty floral display was certainly

worth the love for the Cooks. The blooming Impatiens, begonias and hibiscus delight the viewer with their bright colors and abundance of flowers.



Civic Garden Club member Maxine Griffith, right, presents Denise and Billy Cook with the sign showing their home has been selected as the May Yard of the Month.

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

Sheridan News

I hope everyone is keeping the calendar open for 4th of July weekend. That's when the Sheridan Community Reunion, sponsored by the Sheridan Lions Club will be held. Actually it will be Saturday, July 2. Registration letters were sent some time ago and they should be returned as soon as possible.

Local residents did not receive registration forms in the mail, but the forms can be picked up from the Oak n Acorn, Sheridan Lumber Company, and Sheridan Food Market.

You do not have to be a graduate of Sheridan School to attend this reunion. It is open to everyone who has ever lived in the community, their friends and families. You don't even have to purchase a meal ticket. But if you plan to eat at the reunion you need to purchase your tickets in advance.

On Sunday, July 3, there will be breakfast at the Community Center. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for this, also. There will be more information on the reunion in future publications.

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