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To The Editor & You

Laidlaw supporter says get the facts

Dear Editor:

I am writing to address some recent letters I have read in your newspaper. I think it is high time this war of words came to an end and we get back to the facts.

The facts are:

Fact 1. The Laidlaw facility in Altair has an impressive compliance and health and safety record that can stand on its own. This information is a matter of public record and I encourage you to go to the facility and find out for yourself.

Fact 2. LCRA (Lower Colorado River Authority), ACE (Alliance for a Clean Environment) and the local county government are the ones that have waged an unwarranted, misinformed and misleading war against Laidlaw. These organizations have had no problem in the past three years scaring the people of Colorado County with half truths to accomplish their self serving purposes.

Fact 3. The Laidlaw facility is operated on a daily basis in an environmentally safe manner by 10 Colorado County Citizens. It seems to me that when the LCRA speaks of Laidlaw, they would have us believe they are at war with this huge conglomerate that is impossible to deal with, when

in fact the Altair facility is operated by 10 well trained Colorado County citizens.

Fact 4. The facility in Altair has been in operation for the past 20 years without groundwater contamination or environmental problems. If the LCRA, ACE and local county government had problems with this facility then why didn't they do something back when the county was running that site, disposing of waste in old, unlined gravel pits?

Laidlaw spends a lot of money to build an environmentally sound landfill cells, approved by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, to protect our natural resources.

Fact 5. There is a lack of knowledge on the issues. Environmental issues are very complex. I would have thought that LCRA, ACE and local county government, had they been doing their homework, would have known while they opposed the hazardous waste permit, that the facility has been accepting and safely managing Industrial Solid Waste for the past nine years. And yet they have come out publicly and said they had no idea that industrial waste was being accepted.

ACE, according to Mr. Billy Hefner, depends on LCRA's inaccurate information and so does the county government. If they had any knowledge on these issues, they would know that the paper from the receptionist desk at LCRA's power plant in Fayette County is considered Industrial Solid Waste as is any waste that comes from what is defined by TNRCC as an industrial site.

Fact 6. Industrial waste cannot be defined by a list. It all depends on the levels of that particular waste stream's contaminants. They are not toxic. That is just a scare tactic generated to frighten the public.

Fact 7. LCRA claims that "at the request of local communities the LCRA commissioned a study by a consultant to examine the best ways for communities to manage municipal solid waste in the region." I am sure that study was conducted but I am also sure that it was LCRA that approached these local communities with the idea and asked them to sign a resolution. This resolution is public information and the very first sentence states "Whereas the Lower Colorado River Authority has initiated a multi-jurisdictional effort to explore options and alternatives for the management of solid waste from a regional perspective of the environment..."

Fact 8. The people of Colorado County have got to ask, if Laidlaw is as bad as the LCRA, ACE and local county government would have you believe, then why hasn't the TNRCC done something about it? Surely with all the controversy that has been created, if something were truly wrong, some type of action would have been taken by now.

Mrs. Mandell wrote in her letter, "We believe that Colorado County citizens are as familiar with the LCRA will not be fooled." She is correct in that statement. The citizens are not being fooled. They will not forget how they have treated by an organization that has more power than any state organized group should have. LCRA has taken that power, abused it and used our tax dollars to do it with.

People of Colorado County and surrounding counties, please do not believe everything you hear and read. Simply get the facts from a reliable source. Get educated.

Sincerely,
Sandy Struckuss
Another Laidlaw Sympathizer

County has another successful fair

To the Editor:

We thank everyone who helped in some way to make our 10th annual Colorado County Fair a success. Sincere appreciation goes to the Colorado County youth and their parents.

We also thank the teachers, civic organizations, law enforcement officers, extension office, Columbus Chamber of Commerce and all those who volunteered to work or help in

some way.

Our congratulations to our Fair Queen contestants for an outstanding precession ticket sales. The arena events, entertainment, Old Iron exhibits, special event activities and those who participated in some way also helped make this year a success.

We are grateful for the many sponsors, businesses, advertisers, radio and newspapers for their contributions and time. Our thank you goes out to all the buyers and opportunity buyers who supported the Junior Livestock Sale.

We, the board of directors, want to remind you that the Colorado County Fair is a nonprofit organization supporting the youth of the county. Without the support of each and everyone who came through the gates, it would be impossible to accomplish this "vision of the future."

Jerry Henneke, President,
and Directors of the
Colorado County Fair
Association

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

February 5, 1970

The Texas Trail Riders begin their trek to San Antonio led by Trail Boss J. B. Budge Goodwin and President Aubrey Williams of Altair... St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada will help celebrate Rev. Henry O. Rolf's 25th anniversary of his ordination Sunday...

Miss Carol Birdwell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Birdwell, a senior at Eagle Lake High School and Miss Kathleen Rees, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Rees, a senior at Garwood, are their schools' Betty Crocker Homemakers for 1970...

The County Commissioners are to let the USDA begin a food program here at federal expense... Mrs. C.R. Curry is home from Hermann Hospital in Houston... WCJC Pres. Dr. Theodore Nickless has announced a five year construction program for an Ag building and physical training...

Sheriff Mueller reports the county handled 798 prisoners in 1969...Bernice Kallina was elected president of the Nada Christian Mothers... James Zbrank of the Garwood FFA will be in the San Antonio Rodeo calf scramble Feb. 21st...

The Eagles will compete in District 20AA baseball with Columbus, Bellville, Luling, Bastrop and Smithville... Mrs. Cherry Coleman and Mrs. Healy Harris gave a gardening program at Alpha Delta Phi meeting

'Low wealth' districts get construction funds

Low wealth school districts get as much as \$261 million in state aid during the next biennium under a proposal by the Senate Interim Committee on Public School Facilities.

The money would be earmarked for renovation and construction of school facilities to help satisfy a court order by state District Judge F. Scott McCown setting Sept. 1, 1995 as the deadline for the Legislature to adopt a plan to aid poorer school districts.

McCown's order has been appealed to the Texas Supreme Court which has not ruled.

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State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

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Judicial Campaigns Capped

The Texas Supreme Court last week decided 6-3 to set limits on campaign fund raising for judicial candidates, except for those candidates running for state Supreme Court or Court of Criminal Appeals.

Under the Code of Judicial Conduct, the revised time limits for fund raising — 210 days before the filing deadline and 120 days after the general election in which the candidate is running — will take effect Sept. 1, 1995.

Though no new limits were placed on amounts and sources of contributions, Chief Justice Tom Phillips called the time limits "a modest first step" in showing that judges are different from other elected officials.

Three of the nine Supreme Court justices — Democrats Lloyd Doggett, Rose Spector and Bob Gammage — opposed the time limits.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who wrote a campaign reform bill proposed in the 1993 legislative session, lauded the amendment. But he said limits on amounts and sources of

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WCJC theater opens with Simon play

The Green Room Players of Wharton County Junior College opened their newest production Wednesday night. The Neil Simon play *Lost In Yonkers* will be playing at 7:30 p.m. nightly through Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Horton Foote Theater on the Wharton campus. Tickets are \$4 and available at the door.

In this scene, Scott Houston in the role of Arty, Jacob Carroll as Jacob and Joseph Smalleas as Louie get acquainted. The play about two boys staying with relatives in Yonkers won a 1991 Pulitzer Prize for drama. As with most of Simon's play it has a lighter side, too.

WCJC photo by Jean Anderson.

Highlights

campaign contributions are still needed.

Texas joins 24 other states that set similar limits.

Insurance Hearing Begins

Texas insurance companies are asking for an increase in standard rates for auto coverage which have been frozen since 1991, but consumer advocates are requesting a cut.

In a hearing before Austin administrative law judges, the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office asked for a 15.7% increase in "bench premiums" while the state's second largest property insurer, Farmers Insurance Group, recommended a 9.8% increase.

A consumer advocate group, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, however, recommended a 5.7% cut in standard rates.

Rob Schneider, of Consumers Union, said the insurance industry has ignored the commissioner's directive to base new rate proposals on the "most efficient" insurance companies.

The judges are to pass on their recommendations to the state insurance commissioner for final review. Once adopted, the new rates will apply to all insurance companies doing business in the state.

Traun Not Paid; Associate Was State Sen. Carlos Traun, D-Corpus Christi, received no commission for selling Nueces County a health insurance plan; but his business associate, Jose Reyes did, according to a report by the Associated Press.

Traun is the subject in a probe being conducted by Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez, who is investigating whether the senator's insurance business violated official conduct or ethics laws.

Traun never received his half of the sales commission because his company, Humana Health Care Plans, did not have a permanent HMO license, the report said.

Nueces County Judge Robert Barnes said he still wants to know who paid the commission, whether Traun's share is in a special account and if the money will be returned to the county.

Spin Begins on Warbler Wobble

At the urging of Gov. Ann Richards, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt ordered a stop to federal work on a proposal to designate 800,000 acres in 33 Central Texas counties as critical habitat for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler.

The songbird habitat protection proposal became an issue in the

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Shirley Ann Evans, to Gene Alfred and Gary Dean Pfinghaupt, et al, 14,588 acres in the T. Jefferson Survey, Abstract No. 363; filed 8-8-94.

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Deed: Leander Pfinghaupt to Glen and Gary Dean Pfinghaupt, et al, 43,766 acres in the T. Jefferson Survey, Abstract No. 363; 8-8-94.

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Deed: Glenn Pfinghaupt to Gene Alfred, Gary Dean and Leander, et al, 28,766 acres in the T. Jefferson Survey, Abstract No. 363; 8-8-94.

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Deed: Gary Dean Pfinghaupt to Glenn, Gene Alfred and Leander Pfinghaupt, et al, 14,588 acres out of the T. Jefferson Survey, Abstract No. 363; 8-8-94.

Deed: Dario Julian Salguero, et al to Whiskey Barrel Cooker Inc., 13,283 acres out of the James Stuart Survey, Abstract No. 507; et al; 8-8-94.

Deed: Wallace H. Scoggins to Kirk M. and Katherine P. Scoggins, Lot sixty three of the Sheridan Land & Improvement Co., Subdivision of the J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 8-9-94.

Deed: Texsuela to Wilbert O. Denehl, Jr., 758,3573 acres, a part of the I. & G. N. R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 632; et al; 8-9-94.

Deed: Kirby Gross, et ux to Charlie Krueger, 5 acres, out of the Peter Pieper League, Abstract No. 447; 8-10-94.

Deed: Lena Kainer to Margie Kneiblich, 0.5 acre of land out of the D. Gilliland League, Abstract No. 26; 8-11-94.

Deed: Virginia Howe Smith to Virginia Howe Smith, Trustee of the Virginia Hows Smith Revocable Oil and Gas Trust, all interest in oil, gas and other mineral interest.

Deed: Charlene Hoffman to Charlie Wenjura, et ux, 15,594 acres out of the Henry Austin Five League Grant, Abstract No. 4; 8-12-94.

Deed: James Doyle Teach to Robert T. McMillan, et ux, Lot No. 16 in Block No. 22 of the Town of Sheridan; 8-12-94.

Deed: Gateway Lodge L.C. to Ruben Ellis Henneke, 0.880 acre, a part of the R. J. Focken Survey, Abstract No. 202; 8-15-94.

Deed: Gateway Lodge, L.C. to Lorraine Ann Gajewski, 0.880 acre, a part of the R.J. Focken Survey, Abstract No. 202; 8-15-94.

Gift Deed: Ruth Johnston Groty to Sandra Johnston Giddens and James Oakes Johnston, und. int. in two tracts out of the E. Flowers Labor Survey, Abstract No. 23; et al; 8-15-94.

Deed: Ronald L. Glover and Dionne Eveyette Glover to Brenda Ford and Thomas Hargrove, West 100' of Lot No. 12, in Block "B" of the Hawley Addition to the Town of Altair; 8-15-94.

Deed: Lewis B. Epps, et ux to Rodolfo Flores, et ux, tract no. 8 of the Donovan Street Addition to the City of Eagle Lake; 8-16-94.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES

Triangle Development Co. to Auburn Enterprises Inc., 10.0 acres, a part of the South J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 216; filed 8-5-94.

Beverly A. Pedersen, et vir to CICO Oil & Gas Co., 10 acres in the North J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 8-9-94.

Estate of Adam M. Wintermann, et al to United Oil & Minerals Inc., 320.0 acres of the Henry Ilse Survey, Section No. 34, Abstract No. 684; 8-12-94.

Virginia Albert Walker, et al to Whiskey Barrel Cooker Inc., 13,283 acres out of the James Stuart Survey, Abstract No. 507; et al; 8-8-94.

R. Guy Lauterbach to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., 132.0 acres in the J.J. Spence Survey, Abstract No. 806; 8-15-94.

Mary Louise Shuster to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., 132.0 acres in the J.J. Spence Survey, Abstract No. 806; 8-15-94.

Steven Kirk Lauterbach to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., 132.0 acres in the J.J. Spence Survey, Abstract No. 806; 8-15-94.

Judy Lyon Reinertsen to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., 132.0 acres in the J.J. Spence Survey, Abstract No. 806; 8-15-94.

Jim Rutta to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., 132.0 acres in the J.J. Spence Survey, Abstract No. 806; 8-15-94.

I. B. Thomas and Evelyn Thomas to Enron Oil & Gas Co., 943.95 acres out of the G.W.E. Wallace Survey, Abstract No. 603; et al; 8-15-94.

Victor Strum to Enron Oil & Gas Co., 219.62 acres, a part of the Johnson and Stafford Survey, Section 6, Abstract No. 719; 8-15-94.

found the defendant guilty, fined \$400.00 plus court costs.

David Acevedo, Galena Park, DWI, defendant pled nolo contendere. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$500.00 plus court cost, 40 hours community service and jail time of 30 days, and one year probation.

Martin Arnoldo Ledezma, Eagle Lake, fleeing. Defendant pled guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$250.00 plus court costs, seven days in jail, and six months probation.

Samuel Curtis, Jr., Alief, possession of marijuana. Defendant pled guilty, court found the defendant guilty, fined \$250.00 plus court costs, seven days in jail, and six months probation.

Billy Joe Steward, Bastrop, DWI, defendant pled guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$700.00 plus court cost, 60 days in jail, and two years probation.

Antonio Sierra, Columbus, DWI, defendant pled guilty. Court found the defendant guilty. Fined \$500.00, plus court costs, 60 days in jail, court appointed attorney, and two years probation.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

APPLICATIONS

Shelly Joe Prause, 28, and Jennifer Kay Brown, 20, both of Columbus.

Juan Martin Vasquez, 21, and Maridonia Rocha Gutierrez, 23, both of Altair.

DISTRICT COURT

DIVORCES FILED

Nathan L. Goodwin, Jr. and Cynthia Lee Goodwin; filed 9-19-94.

Fani de la Garza and Gonzalo de la Garza; 9-23-94.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Dolores O'Dea and Shannon O'Dea, granted 9-21-94.

Thomas J. Guenther and Tressa A. Guenther; 9-21-94.

Larry Lee Holland and Betty Sue Holland; 9-21-94.

COUNTY COURT

DISPOSITIONS

Ronald Ronnie Ramirez, Columbus, defendant pled guilty. Court found defendant guilty. Fined \$500.00, cost of court, 40 hours of community service and complete Community Corrections DPT DWI School.

Carol Ann Staton, Richmond, charge reduced to reckless conduct. Defendant pled nolo contendere to this offense. Court

Bible Verse of the Week

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up." James 4:10

Submitted by
Neddy Phillips

WATCH THE SKIES THIS FALL.

THERE'S A NEW STAR RISING OVER TEXAS.

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