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State Capitol Highlights
 By Lyndell Williams
 and Ed Sterling
 Texas Press Association

To The Editor & You Freedom of the press?

Does this give the press the right to do one sided reporting? I am referring to the article of July 4, 1996, regarding the City Council meeting as reported by Lynda Appelt. The following are my responses to that report.

Fact 1: I was present at the June 25 Council meeting with the expenditures of the June 25th celebration. If my comments appeared in the Eagle Lake Headlight it was because I was without benefit of a microphone and I wanted the Council to hear me.

Fact 2: On the night of the voting, I did not hear Mr. Kell nor Mr. Shavers

enter a vote on the motion. Is silence considered a vote?

Fact 3: (When) I called Lynda Appelt on the telephone and inquired why she felt it necessary to print me in such a negative light in using negative aggressive adjectives of her perception of my presentation to the Council and failing to mention the negative comments made by other council members she stated, "I didn't think you should have been given that much money anyway."

It is those kind of comments by Lynda Appelt that put this project under scrutiny from the beginning.

This was a first and yes some mistakes were made; too much attention has been surrounding this issue, which should not have been an issue at all.

Fact 4: Again I asked Ms. Appelt why she didn't print some of the negative comments made by some of the Council like J.W. Shavers when he stated, "I was offended by Martin Luther King's picture being on the T-shirt." "I don't think it was appropriate," according to Shavers. And Mr. Kell who stated, "I knew from the beginning that the T-shirts were not going to be used for advertisement, but used locally." She stated, "I didn't think you'd want to be mentioned about your logo." I answered what does the logo have to do with it?

Fact 5: I placed the order for the t-shirts well in advance to have them back in a timely manner. I had no control over the printing or delivering of t-shirts. I left that up to the professionals if the t-shirts could not have been delivered timely I would have expected the Sports Shop to advise me of this since I was in constant communication with them.

Fact 6: When I originally made my request to the council I stated, "This is a community project and we hope we can get everyone to come out."

Fact 7: Mr. Shavers did not attend the celebration so how could he give an account of attendees from start to finish of the days activities?

Fact 8: The race card was played from the beginning from the first article placed in the paper following the meetings when the request was placed. That was evident by the comments made by Mr. Kell, Mr. Shavers and Mr. Cooper regarding telephone calls received at their home following the particular publication.

Fact 9: I did not threaten the council with federal organizations like the NAACP or EEOC I simply stated it would be a shame if they were called into investigate charges of racial discrimination.

Fact 10: It saddens me that this article took front page headlines regarding an issue that should not have been an issue. I hope this article receives the same press as Ms. Appelt's.

Ms. Appelt's article painted a picture of me as being a hostile, combative and unruly person. I was hurt and offended by this because that is not my personality. I only want to be treated fairly, when reporting issues concerning me arise; and I strongly feel that this was not done!!!

Sincerely,
 Dave Curry

Circuit Court's 'no race' ruling upheld

Attorney General Dan Morales said last week no college or university in Texas should consider race as a factor in admitting students, granting scholarships or giving financial aid.

Morales issued the statement after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a reverse-discrimination case against the University of Texas (Hopwood v. UT Law School) that had been heard in the spring by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. The court's ruling applies only to Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Commenting on the issue, UT President Robert Berdahl told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "If anybody believes we can sustain the number (of minorities) without taking race into account, I think they are naive. We can't. And I think that's a loss for the university and a loss for the state."

Berdahl predicted the university will lose "an awful lot of the top minority talent from Texas, who will go out of state" where affirmative action practices continue and minority scholarships will be available.

Clinton Authorizes Drought Aid

The President Clinton last week authorized the U.S. Department of Agriculture to sell up to 15 million bushels of grain from reserves in order to make drought disaster assistance payments to farmers in drought-stricken West Texas and parts of the Southwest.

Though Texas had sought the release of the entire 45 million bushels of feed grain in the emergency reserve, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she was satisfied with the authorization.

"Relief is on the way for Texas farmers and ranchers who have been hit hard by the drought. This will provide direct assistance for those most affected by drought conditions," she said.

The drought has cost Texas farmers and ranchers an estimated \$2.4 billion, making it the second worst natural disaster to hit the state this century, the Associated Press reported.

Report: Dissolve School Boards

A new report by the non-profit-



search organization, Education Commission for the States, suggests that states dissolve school boards, requiring new elections and sending tax money directly to schools.

The report, "Bending Without Breaking," says that for education to radically improve, the system governing schools must radically change.

Gov. George W. Bush signed the report's foreword but does not necessarily endorse it. Last week, at an Education Commission for the States conference in San Antonio, Bush told reporters he had not read the report, but said he endorsed only the parts of the report that agree with the changes in Texas, such as the establishment charter schools and less power in central education agencies.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses, who also attended the conference, said that sending tax money directly to the schools could cause as many problems as it cures, the *Dallas Morning News* reported.

Moses said that if schools were granted such autonomy, there are questions about who would sit on the committees controlling the money and who would hold them accountable.

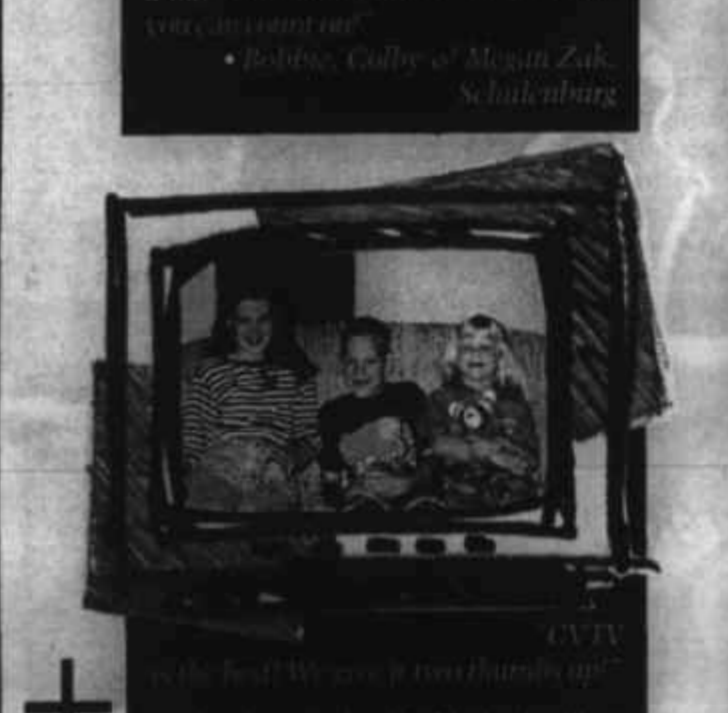
"Are we going to open up 6,300 new bureaucracies?" Moses asked, and suggested that it might cost schools more if they were to individually negotiate contracts for services, such as food service, bus transportation and copy machine repairs.

Rail Merger Plans Draw Fire

Texas officials and others last week urged the Federal Surface Transportation Board to reject a plan merging the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads.

"It's going to hurt Texas. It's (See Highlights, Page 4)

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Editor's Note: According to a reliable source, the reason the t-shirts were delayed was the lack of a purchase order from the City, not any problem with the shirts themselves or the printing.

Enough already! Give those of us who live on the country roads a break! You see, we care about our pets when we drive; we care about our pets and our families.

So whatever the reason is, those of you who choose to dump your trash in our ditches, your old washing machines in our waterways and your unwanted pets (in cardboard boxes) out in the country, just stop!

There are places to dispose of trash and old appliances.

As for the animals, that mostly end up bitten by ants, dehydrated and vulnerable. Be humane and shoot them in the head (at least they wouldn't suffer). Better yet, take the time to take them to the local pound or SPCA in Houston. They will take any animal from anywhere for whatever reason.

Think twice before getting an animal. Just like kids, they need a lot of love, time, affection, food and medical care. If you're not sure you can fulfill these needs, just don't get a pet.

We like to choose our pets and keep our country roads clean.

Could you please respect that?

Thanks,
 Writer remains anonymous for fear of more trash and pets

Fed up!

Dear Editor,

As many others, I'm tired of hearing the sarcastic, whining complaints about graduation. I hadn't planned to write, but the two letters from the graduates a couple of weeks ago have angered me and prompted me to respond.

I think it's sad how some of the former seniors and their parents keep saying that the best and proudest night of their lives was ruined by a few members of the class. Graduation should be and is one of the most important nights in the life of a student. Each of you achieved your goal—you graduated and received your diploma—and no matter what happened at the ceremony, no one can take away the significance of that fact.

Do you feel that your lives were so damaged that you can't go on with your plans to attend college and pursue your dreams? Do you think that plans will always go your way? If you're so damaged by the graduation "drama" I wonder how you'll handle the other problems that life throws your way.

I also would like to speak on Garrett Hagedorn's behalf. Garrett is kind, intelligent and fun-loving. I am shocked at how his 'crime' has been blown out of proportion by his own classmates! Garrett, and those like him, who choose to express emotion on such an exciting night were just being themselves; the reality of finally graduating overwhelmed them. Also, don't you believe you hurt Garrett's parents and family when you continue to insult him—or, are your thoughts only for yourselves?

Garrett, by the way hasn't let graduation or the reaction to his behavior stop him from doing something positive: he's taken the first step toward his goal by attending the University of Texas in Austin this summer. What are the rest of you doing?

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There was a problem with their class soon, and some of them finally decided "Hey, graduation is a celebration of what we have achieved, so let's do it our way!"

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Sincerely,
 Joy Hengst

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 (See Hospital, Page 3)

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Submitted by Leslie Risk

Thank you for support!

Dear friends of the hospital:

This Friday, July 12, the Rice District Community Hospital Employee Trust Fund will hold their 2nd Drive Thru "Brown Bag" Hamburger Lunch.

We also invite you to come in and see our beautiful new Birthing Room. Thanks again for your continuing support of our organization and hospital.

Sincerely,
 Aileen Peck, RN, President
 RDCH Employee Trust Fund

P.S. Watch for information about our first Annual Harvest Ball coming in Sept.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." — II Timothy 1:9

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 Years Ago

October 14, 1971
 A tragic accident snuffed out the life of 13-year old Ronald Dale Schuenemann, a popular member of the Eagle Lake Middle School 8th grade, when the Honda motor bike he was riding collided with a truck three miles east of Eagle Lake on FM 1093 last Wednesday night.

Marine Pvt. Charles D. Rutta Jr., son of Mrs. Charles D. Rutta of Columbus, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego. He attended Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos.

Glenda A. Sunderman of Eagle Lake is among 166 freshman students selected to participate in the Honors Program at Texas A&M University. She is the daughter of Mrs. Irene Sunderman of Eagle Lake and a graduate of Rice High School.

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Stapleton and daughters, Cindy, Sharon & Kathy, left Wednesday last week for Anaco, Venezuela, South America, where Mr. Stapleton is a specialist in the Tools and Equipment Division for Otis Engineers. The Stapletons spent five weeks here with her mother, Mrs. T.W. Scott, before leaving for their new home.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Sanders of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Ann, to Ray Baxinet Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Baxinet Sr. of El Campo. The couple plan a Feb. wedding.

Victor Valdez of Eagle Lake was the winner of a recliner chair in the Western Auto Store grand opening held this past weekend.

Manuel Rodriguez, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Rodriguez of Eagle Lake, is in the Mediterranean area with the Second Marine Division, home-based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Ramos were recently honored with a surprise farewell party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Carter.

Wayne Bowen, 10 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bowen, has missed four weeks of school due to a badly infected foot. He was wading in water when he cut his foot on a piece of glass Saturday, Sept. 11. The foot didn't heal properly and he had to be taken to Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton for surgery.

Mrs. Isam Briscoe Sr. of Sheridan passed away suddenly at 4 p.m. at her home Oct. 8, 1971, due to heart failure.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Tommy Semora on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. She died at her home on Tuesday.

Citizens of the community learned with great sadness of the death of Mrs. R.L. Clipson Sr. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital last Thursday, Oct. 7, after a long illness.

Mrs. Hertha Mayes was officially sworn in as the new Postmaster in Rock Island during a brief ceremony last Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

May 7, 1948
 Mrs. Oscar Miller and children

and Mrs. J. Ben Johnson spent last Sunday in Ellinger with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. & Mrs. C.F. Hrachovy... Walter Lee Kessler, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Kessler, was seriously injured about four o'clock last Sunday afternoon near Victoria while returning to work in Placedo after a weekend visit home.

Mrs. R.H. Reese and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Carlile accompanied Frank and Jerry Carlile Jr., Doris Marie McCreary, Tommie Lou and Barbara Reese, Caril Crim and Joel Ann Middlebrook to Houston last Sunday where they visited the Battle-ship Texas at San Jacinto that morning.

A little daughter arriving seven and a half pounds at Laughlin Hospital on Saturday morning, May 1st for Mr. & Mrs. Glen Kveton. She has been named Marcia Lee... Mrs. O.W. Lovellette of New Orleans is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Beckman.

Mrs. T. P. Doole, Ben Brasher, Ray Crutchfield and Miss Ophelia Johnson attended the district meeting of the Wesleyan Guild at Grace Methodist Church in Austin on Sunday, Mrs. R.T. Westmoreland and Mrs. Harry Larson accompanied them to Austin and visited relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Alley and daughter were joined by Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Koehn and son of Bellville for a weekend visit in San Antonio... Mrs. Chas. McLellan, Mrs. Chas. D. Stephen and Mrs. Frank Duty were in Hallettsville on Thursday afternoon to attend a tea given by Gus J. Strauss, vice of state senator, honoring Mrs. Oilin Culperson, wife of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sunderman accompanied Mr. & Mrs. Paul Powers on an son to Glen Flora Sunday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Mooney complimented their daughter Miss Sue Mooney with a weiner roast near Altair on last Friday evening.

DEEDS
 Deed: Eddie W. Vass et ux to Roxanne R. Vass, und. int. in 52.221 acres out of the J. Duty League, A-20; filed 3-21-96.
 Deed: Franklin Hudoc et ux to Emil W. Hudoc et ux, 18.55 acres out of Lot 17, H. Austin Five League Grant, A-4; 3-21-96.
 Deed: Emil W. Hudoc et ux to Franklin Hudoc et ux, 10.06 acres in the Freeman Pecos League, A-37; 3-21-96.
 Deed: Betty Hudoc Vormand to Emil W. Hudoc et ux, 18.55 acres out of Lot 17, H. Austin Five League Grant, A-4; 3-21-96.
 Deed: Milton Behlen et ux to Paul Rosas Jr. et ux, 1/2 acre tract in Weimar; 3-22-96.
 Deed: Loreta Kloesel to Carol A. Alvarez, 0.5525 acre tract, being part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 35, City of Weimar; 3-22-96.
 Deed: Mercedes Losoya to Eduardo Losoya et ux, Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Joe. H. McCreary's First Addition, City of Eagle Lake; 3-22-96.
 Deed: Shay Schrieber to Elsie Zahn, 75.51 acres, a part of the James Tunlison League, A-46; 3-22-96.
 Deed: Aileen W. Price to Robert and Peggy Price, 20 acres out of the J.B. Fenn Survey, A-215; 3-25-96.
 Deed: Marvin O. Weisner et ux to David Bell III et ux, 2.00 acres out of the Oliver B. Judson Survey, A-86; 3-26-96.
 Deed: Timothy Larson et ux to David Bell III et ux, 8.00 acres out of the Oliver B. Judson Survey, A-86; 3-26-96.
 Deed: Carolyn Morris to Mary Alice Powell, 5.481 acres out of the John Dunlavy Survey, A-165; 3-26-95.
 Deed: Ernest Ray Corcoran et ux to Gerri Yakin, 45,000 acres out of the BSS-F.R. Survey, A-639; 3-26-96.
 Deed: Rupert Contreras et ux to Keronda Shellette Foster et vir, 0.28 acre of land in the City of Eagle Lake, a part of the G.W. White Survey, A-610; 3-26-96.
 Deed: Joyce Johnson to Sandra Guthrie, 0.306 acre, being Lot 17, replat of Block 5, and part of Block 3, Highland Park Addition, City of Eagle Lake; 3-26-96.
 Deed: Sharon R. Jatzlau to Kenneth Jatzlau, 0.480 acres, a part of the M.E. Conley Survey, A-726; 3-27-96.
 Deed: E. Glenn McMillan to Mark Steven Belamsky, Lots 63 and 65, Co-

decrest Subdivision, a part of the John Hall Survey, A-265; 3-26-96.
 Deed: Lynn Dale Weems et ux to Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas, 5.289 acres, Howard McElroy Survey, A-32; 3-21-96.
 Deed: Estate of Feryl Ruth Henry to David Bell III et ux, 29.992 acres in the J. Smith Survey, A-503; 3-28-96.
 Domingo Ramirez, Columbus, criminal trespass; defendant plead guilty. Court cost and credit for time of 16 days served.
 Diane Rambo, Irving, theft by check; defendant plead guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$50 plus court cost and restitution.
 Mylinda Thom, Irving, defendant plead guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$50 plus court cost and restitution.
 Emilio Tovar Garcia, San Antonio, DWLS; defendant plead guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$500, court cost, fine served of 2 days credit.
 Minnie Mosk, Eagle Lake, assault; defendant plead into contemner. Defendant assessed a fine of \$500 and placed on probation in the form of deferred adjudication for a period of 6 months.
 Joseph Paul Middleton, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana; defendant plead guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$500, cost of court, probation in the form of deferred adjudication for a period of 6 months.
 Quincy Paul Mitchell, Houston, unlawfully carrying a weapon; defendant plead guilty. Court found the defendant guilty, fined \$500, cost of court, probation in the form of deferred adjudication for a period of 6 months.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
 Edward Ray Pugh, 42, and Mary A. Vasquez, 34, both of Columbus.

Rice District Community Hospital TRAUMA TEAM reminds everyone to **THINK WATER SAFETY!**

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
HURRAY FOR HIGH-TOPS!

Along with baggy pants and a baseball cap crammed on backward, high-top sneakers are part of the "uniform" for many youth today. What the kids may not know - and probably wouldn't even care about - is that their fashion statement may have a built-in safety benefit. A study of college students wearing either high-top or conventional athletic shoes discovered that the high-top provided as much as 30 percent better ankle support than the low-tops. When the shoes covered the prominent ankle bones on either side of the foot, feet gained protection from buckling inward, the motion most often responsible for ankle sprains. High-tops won't prevent all injuries, but they may keep those growing feet just a little safer.

We offer preventive care, medical intervention, and surgical treatment services. We are committed to providing uncompromising excellence in diagnosis and treatment of your foot or ankle problem. Feet of all ages are our priority, whether they need a change in foot wear, correction of deformities, treatment of fractures and injuries, or management of infection. Call for an appointment at 234-5571, at Rice District Community Hospital. I am here every Tuesday.
 P.S. The safest shoe, low- or hi-top, is one that fits well with good flexibility, stability, and shock absorption.

About Town...

Major Benge called The Headlight office last week to let us know about the birth of his and Sandra's seventh grandchild! (We hope this is folks out there with a tableful of kids. It is a refreshing change!

The Cunningham-Schumacher family reunion is being held in our neck of the woods for a change. This year, the gang will gather at Judy and Charlie Sheridan's place off FM 2434 near Glidden.

A local member of that family, Publisher Jeannine Fearing, will be in attendance all three days, renewing acquaintances with relatives from as far away as Minnesota (hopefully).

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