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To The Editor & You

Man's best friend gets help

I was greatly pleased to see 41 dogs removed from a neglectful environment.

The fact that the event was covered by the major television stations and the Houston Chronicle is proof that caring citizens will not continue to tolerate animal abuse. The Houston SPCA is to be applauded for the rescue.

NO DOG SHOULD HAVE TO LIVE ON A SIX-INCH CHAIN WITH NO WATER, FOOD OR MEDICAL CARE.

The dogs are currently living in a shelter, which is the best home they've had. If you do not want to see the dogs returned to the horribly abusive envi-

ronment that they left, please call Chief Investigator Dave Garcia at the Houston SPCA; the number is 713-869-7722. The hearing for the fate of these animals is scheduled for Nov. 22, so calls must be made immediately.

Two positive things came out of this heartbreaking situation. First, 41 dogs will hopefully receive a chance to find loving, adoptive homes. Second, now we all know who to call when we see any animal being neglected or abused.

There is NEVER a reason to ignore an animal that is being abused. Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1972
Bill Carpenter of Universal Motors Co. in Eagle Lake presented the keys to a new 1972 Ford pickup to Richard Seifert, President of the Rice High School Future Farmers of America Chapter. L.J. Rosprinn, one of the advisors, was also on hand for the occasion...

Mrs. Earl Rodgers, R.N. will conduct a Red Cross Child Care course on Feb. 7 for Jr. High girls in grades 7 and 8. Mrs. Ray Thomas, leader of the Girl Scout Troop, will also participate in the course...

Three persons were killed and a four-year-old boy seriously injured in

a tragic two-car accident on Hwy. 71, 3.8 miles north of Columbus at 4:30 p.m. Monday of this week. A 1976 Plymouth, driven by John Allen Rutta, 17, apparently went out of control on the rain-slick pavement and skidded across the pavement and struck a 1968 Rambler driven by Mrs. Linda Walter Phillips of Austin. Killed instantly in the crash were Mrs. Phillips, 25; and Miss Linda Rutta, 16, sister of John Allen Rutta. John Allen was rushed to Columbus Hospital by ambulance but died in route. Phillips' four-year-old son, James Gray Phillips, received serious injuries. He is expected to recover...

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Obenhaus announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judy, to Joe E. Chumchal, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe R. Chumchal of East Bernard. The couple plan a March 25 wedding at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Friends in the community learned with great sadness of the death of Cleo P. Reese in the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton at 11:30 p.m. last Tuesday, Jan. 25. He had been ill for the past eight months...

Nolan Gilmore, 64, father of Mrs. Everett Anderson, passed away early Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, in a Temple hospital following a lengthy illness...

Friends here will be interested to learn that George M. Cason Jr., a League City lawyer, has announced that (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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The 80 Years Of
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Governor continues looking for cut in property taxes



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

School Property taxes are expected to total about \$20 billion during the 1998-99 budget period.

Gov. George W. Bush isn't jumping at suggestions to cut school property taxes by replacing them with a new mix of business and sales taxes, but he is working on the problem.

Last week, Bush said he thinks there's a way to reduce those taxes by \$1 billion over the next two years. He proposed using state budgetary savings and economic growth to yield a billion dollars in property tax relief.

"By holding the line on spending and insisting on leaner and more efficient government, we can raise the state's share of funding our schools while lowering taxes for Texans," Bush said.

"I view this as a down payment toward what I hope will be even more substantial property tax relief during the next legislative session."

But the cash balance "doesn't really count," said Ross Ramsey, a spokesman for state Comptroller John Sharp. He said Sharp will propose at least \$1 billion in savings when he issues his performance audit of state agencies later this year.

Moving On and Getting Rich
For many Texas legislators, it was well worth burning their candles at both ends during their years as public servants. Especially for those who are now lobbyists.

Texas Ethics Commission records show that 67 former lawmakers are registered as lobbyists, and some make more than a million dollars serving special interests.

Those lawmakers-turned-lobbyists reported earnings totaling between \$10 million and \$22 million, according to a study released by Tom Smith, director of the Texas office of the government watchdog group, Public Citizen.

"These former legislators are using the inside knowledge and contacts they developed while serving the public's interest..." Smith told the Associated Press, adding that the re-

ported earnings are about 15% of what has been reported by registered lobbyists, from Jan. 1 through Nov. 4.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Cullen Trusts et al to Stephen Hodges, 0.2888 acres tract of land, William Sager Survey, A-511; filed 8-23-96.

Deed: Wanda Jo Barlow et al to Bruce L. Bod et al, 0.123 acres, part of Original Lot 1, Block 4, Smith and Jones Addition, City of Columbus; 8-26-96.

Deed: Lois E. Arnold to Gregory L. Gregg, 0.861 acres tract, Robert Maxwell Survey, A-404; 8-26-96.

Deed: Milton A. Gorman et al to Allen F. Barta et al, Lot 1, Block 24, Town of Weimar; 8-26-96.

Gift Deed: James H. Hoffman et al to Kenneth Robert Wynn and Sharon Lynn Hoffman Wynn, 15.93 acres, G. Strawmiller League, A-40; 8-26-96.

Deed: Clear Water Properties Ltd. to Michael E. Kilgus, Tract 10, Simms Lakes, Colorado County; 8-26-96.

Deed: Cecilia Schertz et al to Darrell Gorton et al, 0.211 acres, Lot 15, and 0.212 acres, Lot 16 of a subdivision in the Patrick Reels Survey, A-475; 8-26-96.

Deed: Katherine Einkart to Billy B. Maes et al, 2.000 acres, Marmaduke Bates Survey, A-105; 8-27-96.

Deed: Boyd Rees et al to James E. Rees, 3.329 acres, Samuel Kennedy League, A-30; 8-27-96.

Deed: Jo Ann Vant to Lewis F. Bauman et al, 14.303 acres, William Austin Survey, A-61; 8-27-96.

Deed: Lee Roy Tyler et al to Isaac Innes and Sarah Simon, 1.994 acres, Howard McElroy Survey, A-32; 8-28-96.

Deed: James K. Baird and Jackie B. Giltbreath to David Carl Shuring et al, 0.089 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, A-25; 8-28-96.

Gift Deed: Dan O. Clinton Jr. to Mary Kay Jackson et al, in the surface estate of tract out of the G. Strawmiller Survey; 8-29-96.

Deed: Dr. Thomas Slaps to The Bowles Family Royalty Limited Partnership, property in Colorado County; 8-29-96.

Gift Deed: Lashley Matthews to Colorado County Habitat for Humanity Inc., 9.517 acre, Patrick Reels Survey, A-475, City of Eagle Lake; 8-29-96.

Deed: Susan R. Grochke to James B. Thomas, 15.248 acres, John Hadden League, A-28 and the R. Alley Survey, A-1; 8-30-96.

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Deed: Albert R. Boer and Leona Boerio William Walker et al, 13 acres, F. Pettus League; 8-30-96.

Deed: Mike Arnold Trucking & Material Co. Inc. to Bantrop Sand & Gravel L.P., land in Fayette and Colorado Counties; 9-3-96.

Deed: Bobby Charles Senora to Faye Viola Senora, 6.2613 acres and 5.8399 acres, Joseph Grant Survey, A-235; 9-3-96.

Deed: Bobby Charles Senora to Faye Viola Senora, 0.180 acre, Block 44, City of Eagle Lake; 9-3-96.

Deed: Geraldine Boggs Grisham et al to Field Information Services Inc., 3 acres, John McCroskey Survey; 9-3-96.

Deed: Victoria Rivers Ltd. and as Co-trustee for Abel Rivers Jr. and Pedro Rivers to Maria Rodriguez, Lot 1-4, Block 6, Putney-Ross State Street Addition, Town of Eagle Lake; 9-4-96.

Deed: B.E. Deussen to Edward McDonald Allen, 20.000 acres, Inc. Danbury Survey, A-165; 9-4-96.

Deed: Booker T. Dabney to Robert Pratt, Lots 7 and 8, Block 40, Town of Garwood; 9-10-96.

Deed: Joseph S. Martin et al to John R. Estep et al, 11.000 acres, R.R. Boerig Survey, A-78; 9-5-96.

Gift Deed: A.V. Kubisa et al to Robert James Kubisa et al, 40.077 acres, William T. Townsend Survey, A-552; 9-5-96.

Deed: Deed of Margaret Cullen Marshall to Omer Patten LTD, mineral rights in 80 acres, C. Hadden Survey, A-344; 9-6-96.

Deed: David Carl Shuring et al to James K. Baird and Jackie B. Giltbreath, 0.0996 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, A-25; 9-28-96.

Deed: James K. Baird to David Kaiser et al, 2 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey, A-25; 9-28-96.

Deed: Dennis Huebner et al to Gerald Wade Wheatley et al, 0.4783 acres, Lot 8, James Turner Subdivision, part of James Cummins League, A-12; 8-28-96.

Deed: Alton A. Novand et al to Daniel W. Kautz et al, 1.1434 acres, W.B. Deussen Survey, A-18; 8-28-96.

OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES
Patrick John Bonville et al to Alyssa Energy Corporation, 3.865 acres, Outlot 41, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Town of Rock Island; filed 8-26-96.

Ruth B. Waddell to Alyssa Energy Corp., A-18; 8-26-96.

1.666 acres, Lots 1-12, Block G, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Town of Rock Island; filed 8-26-96.

Mary Waddell Baker to Alyssa Energy Corp., 0.834 acres, Lots 1-12, Block G, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Town of Rock Island; filed 8-26-96.

Carl A. Millnitz to Alyssa Energy Corp., 3.09 acres, Outlot 41, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Town of Rock Island; filed 8-26-96.

Irrig. H. Weismann to Alyssa Energy Corp., 10.000 acres, Block E & F, Penfield and Peterson Addition, Town of Rock Island; filed 8-26-96.

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