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## To The Editor & You "I need to live in my home!"

To whom it may concern:  
Since the first part of this year I have been smoked out and had chemical fumes, ash, silt and grit in my home.  
This started with BBQ-ing on Sunday mornings. I came home around 1 or 2 p.m. to find my home full of smoke from wood burning. Then on weekends, and for the last eight or nine weeks for 24 hours daily.  
The pits are too close. One under the carport (now in their front yard), another about eight or ten feet away and one about eight feet from the other; also a batane pit on the right side of the home. They also burn out of a small house between the house they live in, perhaps using a barrel or his work truck as I have seen smoke coming from it.  
They have been aggravating the six years they have been there in some way or another. I have had to call the police a number of times to try to get things another.  
In 1994 he tried to run me down

with his work truck, but missed when I got on the sidewalk in front of the bank, he sprayed me with diesel exhaust. I can't talk to these people as they don't like being shown up for disturbing and hurting neighbors.  
I talked to Chief Webb and told him how my house was being smoked up. Webb stated that he could have a BBQ pit. What about my home? It could have been stopped in the beginning, but chose not to do so. How much revenge do these people want? They have ruined the inside of my house, my clothing, furniture, bedding, linens, curtains, carpets. These things are all ruined full of ash, grit, residue from chemicals, wood and charcoal silt is swirling in the air heavily at all times, all over me, all over my clothes. The shoes I am wearing are full of silt and grit that won't wash out. It is a miserable way to live, but I am doing the best I can.  
This (Sunday, Sept. 8) is the second time I have been out of town in the day time because the silt and fumes are so heavy I can't stay in these long

periods. A friend of mine was so kind to let me spend some nights at his home to be in some fresh air, surely there's none around my home.  
I have been before City Council, and talked to the Police Chief, the City Manager, the Mayor, the County Health Officer, and left word to talk to the Local Health Officer, and Don Bendy's office. Anyone that I thought could stop this nuisance and neighbors around could live peacefully in our homes.  
What the town officials are saying is not happening?  
I don't doubt myself and never will in this case. They have made implications and called me names (they are not MD's!!) They've run me down and hold these people up in ways they are fooling them, but they know what is going on and have a fixation that it is not!  
The officers primarily have been negative, abrupt, saying unkind and untrue things to me, here lately.  
They are unwilling to make a good investigation or a continuing to find out these people are lighting up again when they leave. They have checked my house out, most of them say, "I don't smell anything". I told them since most of them are saying the same thing they must be programmed.  
I have been treated so poorly by Mayor Mann, Ron Holland and Chief

Webb and his dept. when all I was trying to get help to my home from being ruined, my physical health to be worse, especially respiratory ailments, irritated eyes and lips, swallowing and inhaling ash, residue and grit, irritated below my hips, since Feb. or sooner.  
Grit is completely in all my body systems in my body. I have infected bronchial tubes, was burned on both legs twice by heat waves and debris from heat waves coming across from the pit in their front yard, residue coming through my air conditioner, and around on the porch.  
People have come to my home and stated it is like I say. Have come at different times to feel heat waves in front and back of my home. Though the Mayor was thoroughly insulting. I always felt a minister of the gospel helped widows, children or anyone that they could help, but not so here.  
A phone call he made was way out of line. I've been called names by the other two officers and a couple of his officers.  
What I went before the City Council was to get some ordinances that make for peace in our neighborhoods. Of course, one of them said, "I checked up and no one in his dept. did. Mayor Mann told me standing in (See Letter, Page 6)

## Gov. Bush issues new ethics rules for his staff

Gov. George W. Bush announced new rules on ethics last week to prohibit lobbying by former staff members.  
Bush asked his 184-member staff to sign a promise that if they leave their jobs, they will not lobby the governor's office for at least one year, the Dallas Morning News reported.  
"My administration will uphold the highest ethical standards. We must all continue to conduct ourselves in a manner which makes Texas proud," Bush said in a memo to his staff.  
In July, Diane Allbaugh, the wife of Gov. Bush's executive assistant Joe Allbaugh, resigned as a lobbyist for AT&T and Texas Utilities — corporations that have issues to be considered in the 1997 legislative session. Also that month, it was reported that three former Bush aides, Dan Shelley, Reggie Bashur and Cliff Johnson, worked as lobbyists after leaving the governor's staff.  
The governor said he was troubled by the appearance of a conflict of interest and said he would initiate a policy to deal with such situations. The new policy, however, does not forbid former staffers from lobbying state agencies or the Legislature.  
It has not been unusual for former legislators, aides and governor's staffers to accept lobbying posts after leaving the state payroll.  
A special Senate committee voted 3-0 last week to move charitable bingo regulation from the Texas Lottery Commission to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.  
Committee chairman state Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, said, "Bingo licensees did not feel comfortable with the staff or the attitude of those working to regulate bingo."  
The regulation transfer proposal and other suggested changes in state bingo laws will go before the Legislature in Jan.  
Board Wants More Regulation  
Allan Polonsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, says the Legislature must make the regulation of private prisons in Texas its top criminal justice priority when it convenes in Jan.  
Responding to a recent rash of escapes and disturbances at private prisons, Polonsky said, "There is no question that the state is going to have to have much tighter regulation on private prisons operating here, especially when it comes to bringing in out-of-state inmates."  
Other Capital Highlights  
"Col. James Wilson, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety for five years, has retired.  
Wilson, 55, was among about 3,000 state employees who retired Aug. 31 to take advantage of increased benefits for taking early retirement. Wilson served in the DPS for 33 years.  
"Attorney General Dan Morales said he doesn't expect Texas' \$4 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry to be settled out of court, and he suggested a trial date in May. He advised private trial lawyers who are handling Texas' suit that he should be ready to begin with jury selection in May.

## State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

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**Junior Queens**  
Lora Weishuhn, second from right, was chosen Junior Fair Queen Saturday night during the competition held in the Columbus High School auditorium. Pictured with Weishuhn are, from left, Miss Congeniality Kimberly Perrard, Second Runner-up Kim Stavinocha and First Runner-up Stacy Markward.  
Headlight Photos by Lynda Appelt

## Colorado County Fair royalty chosen

During competition held this past weekend at St. Paul's Lutheran Church fellowship hall in Columbus, the 1996-97 Colorado County Fair Little Miss and Miss were chosen. The Jr. competition was held Saturday morning, Sept. 7, and the Little ones competed that afternoon.  
Entertainment was provided by Katie Schindler and the Mistress of Ceremonies was Lynda Appelt. This year's chairperson was



**Junior Mr. & Miss**  
These young ladies and gentlemen were the top contestants in the Jr. Mr. and Miss pageant held last Saturday morning at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church fellowship hall in Columbus. In the front row, from left, are First Runner-up Brandi Bates, Jr. Miss Keby Maertz, Jr. Mr. Nathan Labay, Third Runner-up Christine Wostarek and Fourth Runner-up Fernanda Locken. In the back are Second Runner-up Codi Guentert, First Runner-up Willie Semora, Second Runner-up Will Klaus and Third Runner-up Shawn Faldyn.  
Headlight Photo by Jeannine Feasing



**Little Mr. & Miss**  
Casey Eckert and Violette Villafrue were chosen to represent Colorado County as the 1996-97 Little Mr. and Miss during competition Saturday afternoon. Pictured with the winners are, in the front row, from left, First Runner-up Shawn Bates, Eckert, Villafrue, First Runner-up Brandi Reginni and Second Runner-up Megan Pavalock. In the back row are Second Runner-up Ross Weishuhn, Third Runner-up Keith Labay, Fourth Runner-up Colby Maertz, Third Runner-up Karly Schindler and Fourth Runner-up Stephanie Sturm.

**Blood**  
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For more information, call Rev. Russ Minter at 234-3437.  
David Keith, the new administrator for Rice District Community Hospital, will be available to meet with the public.  
Patients being treated in over 181 health care facilities throughout The Blood Center's 21-county service region require over 700 units of blood and blood components daily.  
"We're grateful to organizations like this who urge the community to donate and support the regional blood donor program by sponsoring a drive at this critical time," commented Betty Webb, Group Program Consultant for Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.  
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**Go Texan Queens**  
Robin Shavers of Eagle Lake, center, was selected as the new Go Texan Queen this past Sunday, Sept. 8, during a pageant held at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus. Pictured with Shavers are, from left, Second Runner-up Heidi Heinsohn and First Runner-up Amie Malatek.

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