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To The Editor & You

A letter from the City of Eagle Lake

Monday, June 16
Dear Citizens,

I'm yourcity; I am Eagle Lake and I need your help!

Yes, I have heard so many of you, my citizens, express an interest in helping me.

I hear a lot of talk coming from the coffee shops, social functions and civic meetings, from government entity meetings, over the phone, etc., about economy and how you would like to help keep me alive.

The day of reckoning has arrived for you to make good on the talk.

There will be a public hearing at 7 pm. Friday, June 20, at my City Council Chamber and I need you there.

There is a private vendor who is strongly interested in building a 1,000 bed prison right here in my limits.

They are an outstanding group known as MTC and come highly recommended by the state legislature's criminal justice committees and Wayne Scott, who heads the Texas Prison System. I spoke with Scott and he told me there is none better.

MTC has made it clear to me that they operate on a good neighbor pol-

icy and they have made it clear they don't want to be where they're not wanted... they told me straight forward... NO LOCAL SUPPORT - NO PRISON!

So, you see why I need my citizens of all ages, races and economic levels to be at my meeting Friday night.

I have tough competition from two other towns and I don't like coming in second!

So, come see me Friday night and we'll all be a winner together!

Respectfully with
love to you all,
Your City

The last chapter is closed

By Carol Cardenas

As the final chapter closed on the life of Mrs. Gladys Lockett it was nice to see all the familiar faces of the people with which she had spent most her life.

I am speaking of all the teachers in the district, with which she spent over 20 years, that had come to know and love her for who she was and what she stood for.

When I first got to the services that Saturday afternoon, I thought, "Wow, what if none of the teachers that she used to work with show up?" I would have been upset.

But lo and behold, one by one they did come and pay their respects. It was great to hear them speak about what kind of person Mrs. Gladys was and to

see the tears flowing down their faces.

I knew that they truly cared for her.

A reverend at the funeral put this into words better than I am, "I only hope that you told Mrs. Lockett how you felt while she could hear it and appreciate it, knowing that all her hard work wasn't in vain."

I know there are some students and just plain folks like me who are better people for having known her. I know my little brother Mark is.

She told him one day as he came into her home without knocking, that he first needed to learn how to knock before entering someone's home, and, if he said "please and thank you" more often, people would be more prone to do things for him.

He learned those lessons quickly, with her help.

I realized all the time I spent around Mrs. Gladys (about 20 years give or take a few), I too learned a lot.

Her oldest son and daughter, along with my brother David and myself, were all playmates. She taught us how to be kind and courteous to others. Now, whether or not what she taught us stayed, was just that, "up to us". Her Christian values always showed through, even in the end.

I know God has provided her with a room in the mansion which He built for those who do His will.

May God truly bless her family that was left behind.

They can be proud and overjoyed to know that their wife, mother and sister, did leave an impact on future generations.

With admiration and love,
Carol Cardenas

Bible Verse of the Week

"Pray for one another."

—James 5:16

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Comptroller Sharp files for Bullock's job

Texas Comptroller John Sharp became the first candidate to officially declare for the office of the lieutenant governor, hoping to succeed fellow Democrat Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Bullock, 67, announced a week earlier he would not seek re-election in 1998.

Sharp, a former state representative, state senator and railroad commissioner, and one of the state's leading Democrats, made his announcement for the state's second-highest elective office in the Senate chamber.

Addressing a crowd of friends and employees, Sharp said, "This will be a campaign to sell ideas for meeting the challenges that face Texas today and in the decades to come."

Sharp pitched "Lone Star Scholars," a proposal he said will be a cornerstone of his campaign. The proposal offers free college tuition, books and fees to Texas students who maintain at least a B average. But Sharp did not say how much legislative support there is for such a program.

As comptroller, Sharp's Texas Performance Review has drawn national attention. The performance-auditing program seeks to streamline state government and improve services while saving taxpayers' money. Sharp said the audits have saved \$8.5 billion.

Two Republicans, state Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry and Houston businessman David Dewhurst, are expected to seek their party's nomination in March. Perry is a former Texas A&M University classmate of Sharp's.

Meanwhile, Republican Railroad Commissioners Carole Rylander and Barry Williamson and Houston attorney Paul Hobby, a Democrat, announced they are candidates for comptroller. Hobby is the son of former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Mauro Plans Book Tour

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro spent about \$50,000 out of his campaign fund account to pay for 10,000 copies of his book, "Beaches, Bureaucrats and Big Oil".

Mauro will be taking his 244-page memoir with him as he visits 85 Texas cities over the next three months to gauge his chances of running a successful race against incumbent Gov. George W. Bush.

"I expect to draw some conclusions from those trips and make a decision about what I want to do with

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

my future," he was quoted by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Mauro's book, which retails for \$8.95, criticizes the governor about the state's coastal management plan and questions Bush's effectiveness on his attempt to deliver property tax reform in the just-ended legislative session.

Morales to Seek Third Term

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said last week he would seek a third term next year to finish several issues he is working on.

Morales, a Democrat, told reporters he wants to resolve his lawsuit against the tobacco industry before he leaves office.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet, a Democrat, and state Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken are eyeing the race.

Pauken said if he makes the race he will resign as GOP chairman. He said it will be late summer before he makes a decision.

Morales, a Harvard Law School graduate, served as a state representative from San Antonio before he was elected attorney general in 1990.

Execution Record Set

Death row inmate Earl Behringer, 33, was given a lethal injection last week, making him the 21st person to be executed in Texas this year.

The execution makes 1997 a record-setting year. The previous high was in 1935, when 20 executions were carried out.

More executions are scheduled for this year. The increase has been attributed to inmates exhausting their appeals and new laws limiting appeals.

Texas leads the nation in capital punishment and accounts for more than one-third of all executions in the United States since 1976, when the Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume.

Some Sided With Tobacco

Seventeen Texas House members, including one Democrat, consistently voted for measures favoring the tobacco industry during the 1997 legislative session, the Associated Press reported.

The votes were cited in a report by Texans for Public Justice, an anti-tobacco advocacy group. The report also cited 38 House members who consistently voted against tobacco interests.

Tobacco-related record votes included amendments to reduce proposed restrictions on the location of tobacco products in retail stores, two measures to reduce financing for enforcement of anti-youth smoking efforts and one to allow tobacco companies to maintain the secrecy of ingredients that would reveal trade secrets.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, who said he got money from the tobacco industry, introduced the trade secret amendment.

Chisum called his efforts pro-business, not pro-tobacco, and said, "I think (Texans for Public Justice) misinterpreted the votes. I couldn't see it as partisan."

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 9, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons currently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

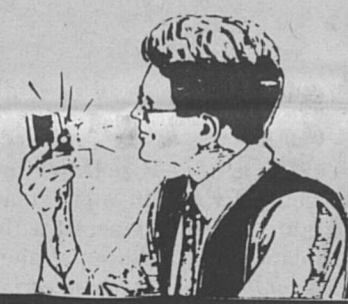
"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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Pipeline Markers and Line Locations:

Line markers are used to show approximate locations of underground pipelines. Examples of PanEnergy pipeline markers are shown below. Markers may not reveal the exact location of pipelines. Please call the 24 hour toll free number before doing any excavation. At no charge a representative will locate and mark PanEnergy pipelines.

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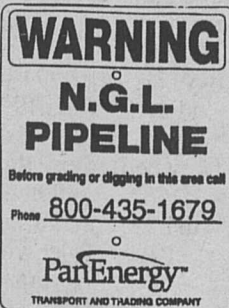
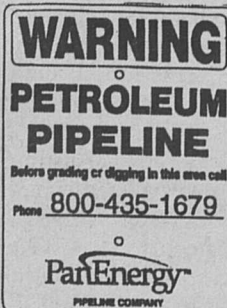
Some signs of a leaking pipeline are:

- 1.) A strange or unusual odor in the area (petroleum odor/vapors).
- 2.) A hissing or roaring sound.
- 3.) Dead or discolored vegetation.
- 4.) An accumulation of liquid on the ground in a pipeline right-of-way (crude oil would be dark).
- 5.) A sheen on water.
- 6.) A dense fog or vapor cloud.
- 7.) Frost or ice build-up in a pipeline right-of-way.

Emergency Procedures. What to Do:

In the event of a pipeline emergency, your quick response can reduce the seriousness of the situation and potentially save lives and property. Your quick response will enable PanEnergy to respond quickly and safely should an emergency arise. The following is an emergency procedure that should be followed.

- 1.) Leave the area quickly.
 - 2.) Warn others.
 - 3.) No smoking or open flames, stop all sources of ignition, do not restart engines.
 - 4.) Call your local authorities.
 - 5.) Notify PanEnergy @ 1-800-435-1679 (this is the 24 hr. number on the pipeline marker)
- Be able to give your name and the exact location, and the nature of the emergency. The control center is prepared to handle emergency situations 24 hours a day.



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

ENDOSCOPIC HEEL SPUR SURGERY

Heel spurs have their name for good reason. The bone growth that forms on the bottom or back of the heel often has the sharp, pointed appearance of a spur, and like that boot attachment worn by horseback riders, it can inflict serious pain. In mild cases, the discomfort of heel spurs may be eased with warm soaks, rest, prescription orthotics (shoe inserts), or medication. If the growth has reached the stage where such measures are ineffective, however, surgery may be necessary. Fortunately, improved techniques have made such procedures less traumatic and recovery quicker. Using a tiny lighted tool called an "endoscope", a podiatrist can both examine the deformity and treat it through the smallest of incisions.

Don't despair if surgery is recommended for your particular podiatric problem. Although the problems haven't changed much, podiatric procedures have greatly improved over the past few years. If your feet hurt, see your podiatrist. If you don't have one at this time, we are accepting new patients at Rice Medical Center for treatment on Tuesdays. Call 234-5571 for foot care for infants to senior citizens.

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