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To THE EDITOR & YOU

'Clear up misconceptions'

Dear Editor:

The Eula and David Wintermann Library Board would like to clear some of the misconceptions presented in the Feb. 12 issue concerning Mrs. Laura Bush.

Events concerning the Library must be brought before the Board. Mrs. Rodgers was prompt in bringing Mrs. Cooper-Scott's request to the Board. We asked for more information regarding her proposed event.

The Chairman, Mrs. Wegenhoft, tried numerous times to contact Mrs. Cooper-Scott, but had no response.

There was verbal conversation with the Librarian, but no direct communication with the Board. Many of the misunderstandings resulted be-

cause of this.

The Library Board appreciates Mrs. René Cooper-Scott's interest in the Library.

Library Board:
Mrs. Arthur Anderson,
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A.G. candidates call for clemency reform

In the aftermath of the Feb. 3 execution of convicted pickax-murderer Karla Faye Tucker, attorney general candidates John Cornyn and Jim Mattox came out in favor of clemency reform, and in particular, a life-without-parole law.

"The clemency process is not simply a rubber stamp for what takes place in the court. There ought to be some standards developed," Mattox was quoted in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Gov. George W. Bush has said he will confer with lawmakers when the State Legislature convenes next year regarding proposed changes in the clemency process.

Mattox, a Democrat and former Texas attorney general, and Cornyn, a Republican former Texas Supreme Court justice, said they favor a law requiring that jurors considering death



sentences be told that a life sentence carries a minimum 40-year term. Jurors are not informed of the minimum length of a life term under current Texas law.

"I think jurors need to be told the truth," Cornyn said. "We somehow have the strange notion that juries can't handle the truth, and we filter the kind of information they receive. I have the utmost confidence in the jury system. I think it functions effectively, but only if (jurors) are told the whole story and given the truth."

Mattox faces Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet and Universal City lawyer Gene Kelly in the March 10 Democratic primary.

Overstreet, who was proposed legal remedies to the clemency system, voted with the majority of the Criminal Appeals Court in denying Tucker's appeal. In the majority opinion, Overstreet wrote, "I would say that clemency law in Texas is a legal fiction at best."

Cornyn faces former GOP state chairman Tom Pauken of Dallas and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson in the March 10 Republican primary.

Sex Offender Program Eyed

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is trying to find out how many of the state's 23,000 convicted sex offenders might be classified as predators.

Meanwhile, a Senate Interim Subcommittee on Sex Offenders is conducting hearings on a proposal that would put Texas' worse sex offenders into treatment programs.

Subcommittee chair Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said, "We must put into place a new system with which to protect the public."

Such a program may cost dearly. A Washington state program to treat sexual predators costs about \$68,000 per person a year.

On the Campaign Trail

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will headline Feb. 15 fundraisers for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin. The events, featuring coffees, receptions and a \$10,000-a-couple dinner are expected to add about \$500,000 to the Mauro campaign coffers.

Steve Stockman, a Republican candidate for Railroad Commissioner, has notified state officials he forgot to tell them he returned \$75,000 of the \$169,000 he reported raising last year. Chris Cupit, a campaign

spokesman, said he advised Stockman not to respond to questions about returning the contribution from James Lightner, a retired Dallas defense contractor.

Fund raising in the 5th District Congressional race between Democratic Victor Morales and freshman Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, appears to be lopsided. Morales, a school teacher who was the Democrats' 1996 U.S. Senate nominee, has raised \$34,000 while the Sessions campaign has raised \$335,000. Meanwhile, Sessions has signed a resolution initiating an impeachment investigation of President Clinton.

While campaigning in South Texas, Rick Perry, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, proposed using the tobacco settlement money to track children's immunizations, control communicable disease, pay health-care needs for working adults without insurance and retire bonds for water and sewage projects where a lack of running water helps spread disease.

The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund endorsed Gov. Bush for re-election. The group is the Farm Bureau's political action fund.

Other Capital Highlights

In a move to protect its revenues, the Texas Lottery has ordered security officers to begin forcing lottery sellers to get rid of their eight-liner gambling machines. Lottery Commission chairman Harriet Miers said the three-member commission supports Attorney General Dan Morales' legal opinion that the casino-style machines are illegal.

Pat Wood, chairman of the Public Utility Commission, traveled to the Texas-Mexico border last week to offer Spanish-speaking consumers tips on how to avoid becoming prey to unscrupulous telephone solicitors. PUC officials said telephone scam complaints have increased sevenfold since Sept.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1973

Buddie Randow of Eagle Lake fortunately escaped serious injury when his 1969 Plymouth was hit by a west bound freight train at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday at Beaks St. S.P. Railroad crossing...

Fourth and fifth graders at Eagle Lake Middle School are preparing for picture memory competition in the UIL contest in Brenham this Friday. Competing will be Ed Gay, Michael Duarte, Dianne Van Nort, Madonna Hamilton, Michael Parsons and Claudette Parker. Their teacher

is Mrs. Winona Rolf...

Fred R. Frnka, who has served as local registrar for Texas Local Draft Board No. 44 at La Grange, has tendered his resignation, and the resignation was accepted at meeting of the board on March 20th...

On March 22, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge gave their son, Roger, a party in observance of his 6th birthday...

Wayne A. Popp, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe L. Popp of Garwood, was meritoriously promoted to his present rank at the Marine Corps Base, Camp

Pendleton, California...

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Kucherka honored the varsity basketball girls and Coach Reuben Wunderlich Sunday, March 25, with a barbecue supper...

Seven Rice High School boys attended the auto mechanic meet at San Jacinto College in Pasadena on March 24. Attending were Joe Dancy, Steve Garcia, Kenneth Leopold, Robbie Sanders, Dan Supak, Mike Waligura and Joel Yuen. First place ribbons were bought back by Dancy, Leopold, Sanders, Supak and Waligura.

Jan. 20, 1950

Strong objections were raised at the hearing for the discontinuance of "Dinky", better known as passenger trains Nos. 309 and 310 of the T&NO Railroad Company. Between 50 and 60 citizens attended the hearing held here Wednesday in City Hall to back up "Dinky"...

Only the "loose ends" remain to be tied up to complete the organization drive for the newly-formed Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce with \$6187 subscribed by 240 members...

The annual Texas conference meeting of the Evangelical United Brethren Church opened Wednesday at the Lissie Church with Rev. Robert Tupper, host pastor...

Remodeling of the East Side Square buildings of Hayes Stephens' is to begin Monday...

The White Loyalty Party of Colorado County was dissolved Monday...

Texas rice farmers were given a reduction of nearly 80,000 acres under last year's planting allotment, according to the announcement made Tuesday by the Department of Agriculture...

An original piano solo composed by Miss Lou Ann Wright of Egypt, a sophomore student at Texas State College for Women, was featured at the College Chorus concert last night...

Welcome to Jennifer Lynn, newborn daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer, born on Thursday...

Carl Gordy, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Gordy of Eagle Lake, is graduating from Texas A&M today with a degree in Industrial Education...

Mrs. J.C. Jenkins was elected president of the Study Club at Wednesday's meeting...

David Wintermann was elected vice president of the Texas Irrigation Association at a meeting in Houston recently...

L.J. Spanihel replaces Kenneth Crow, who moved to Wisconsin, as scoutmaster for the recently organized troop of Boy Scouts...

Joy Albrecht is to receive her degree at Southwest Texas State Teachers College Jan. 29...

Supt. W.C. Reed missed a chance to "Hit the Jack Pot" Tuesday night when he was not home at the time a call came for him from the CBS radio program.

Bible Verse of the Week

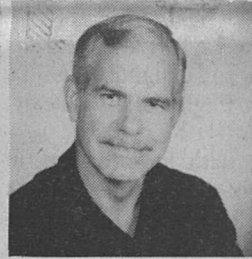
"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

— Psalms 118:8

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BELOW ARE SOME OF MY GOALS FOR COLORADO COUNTY

UPGRADE EMS: As a deputy sheriff, I learned how important our EMS is to all of us. The present County government has made great strides in upgrading our EMS service at minimal cost. I would like to continue improving our EMS service.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: This is another service that our county relies on for safety. Some of the sheriff patrol units have over 300,000 miles on them. Worn out cars are not acceptable where public safety is at stake. Upgrading these cars would save enough on repairs and down time to help defray the cost of purchase.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: I support economic development and will work to continue bringing more jobs to our county. If there are no jobs here, our children will move elsewhere to find employment when they become adults.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS: While the county is not in a position to spend money on activities for our young people, county government can be actively involved in efforts to create safe and fun activities for our young people.

KEEP TAXES LOW: The county tax rate was lowered .02277 cents in the 1998 budget as compared to the 1997 budget. As a homeowner and property owner, I personally know where tax dollars come from and will work to accomplish these goals without putting an additional tax burden on us.

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