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## To THE EDITOR &amp; YOU

## Unsung Heroins

Last week, there was an article in the paper regarding the Eagle Lake Primary School third grade class and the major academic accomplishment on the reading portion of the TAAS Exam. How wonderful and congratulations are definitely in order.

However, I was disappointed that there was no mention of the third grade teachers. These teachers are obviously the catalyst for these stu-

dents' academic achievements. Our teachers are blamed and held accountable when "Johnny can't read" well. It's obvious by the results of the TAAS scores that "Johnny has been taught to read".

"I'm sure that none of these teachers have given this a second thought, and could probably care less about the recognition. It's all in a days work for them. But I feel that hard work and

effort should not go unacknowledged. So I say to the third grade teachers at ELPS: Ms. Christine Moody, Ms. Kimberly Buxkemper, Ms. Melinda Kucherka and Ms. Lori Grady, a job well done. Keep up the good work and have another great year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councilwoman  
Rene Cooper-Scott, R.N.

## W. Texas waste repository on shaky ground

State hearing examiners last week recommended against licensing a low-level nuclear waste repository on a ranch near Sierra Blanca in far West Texas.

The hearing examiners said the authority that wants to build the site, which would store waste from Texas, Vermont and Maine, did not adequately determine whether a fault under the proposed site posed an environmental hazard.

Kerry Sullivan and Mike Rogan of the State Office of Administrative Hearings said the State Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Author-



## State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling  
Texas Press  
Association

ity also failed to address how the proposed dump would affect the quality of life in the area, about 18 miles from the Rio Grande.

Sullivan and Rogan's report was forwarded to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, which has the final say-so on the license. All three members of the commission were appointed by Gov. George W. Bush, and Bush has tentatively backed the project.

Critics of the proposed dump have said the Sierra Blanca site was picked because of its predominantly poor, Hispanic population, and a group of Mexican government officials visited Austin in June to protest the construction plan.

Garry Mauro, Bush's Democratic opponent in the gubernatorial race, welcomed the examiners' recommendation not to license the repository.

The Bush campaign pointed out, however, that in his role as land commissioner in 1994, Mauro approved an easement to allow waste to be shipped across state land to the proposed dump site.

## Sharp Unveils Border Plan

Texas Comptroller John Sharp has devised a plan for the 1999 Texas Legislature to address unemployment and education problems on the state's border with Mexico.

In unveiling his 200-page "Bordering on the Future" report, Sharp said the 43-county border region, stretching from El Paso to Brownsville, would be a key to Texas' prosperity, if only the state would concentrate on improvements there.

"It's the golden goose of Texas," Sharp said. "It has the most potential of any place in Texas because it has the one thing any manufacturer in the

country wants right now, which is human resources."

Sharp's report points out that if the Texas-Mexico border region were a state, it would be the poorest and have the highest unemployment rate in the nation. To fix it, the report suggests that the state and its agencies develop a plan to fund technical colleges, train the workforce and improve medical care.

Rick Perry, Sharp's Republican opponent in the race for the office of lieutenant governor, challenged Sharp's plan for solving the border's woes.

"The fact is that Mr. Sharp has been comptroller for eight years and has done very little for the border region," Perry's spokesman Ray Sullivan said.

"And now," continued Sullivan, "just a few months before an election where Gov. George Bush and Rick Perry are very competitive on the border, he rolls out this taxpayer-funded study. It is pure politics."

But Sen. Eloit Shapleigh, D-El Paso, who actively supported Sharp's study, called the border improvement plan a "blueprint for prosperity."

## Ex-Houston Mayor Endorses Bush

Bob Lanier, mayor of Houston from 1992 to 1997, last week became the latest big-name Democrat to endorse Republican George W. Bush's bid for re-election.

Joe Cutbirth, spokesman for Garry Mauro, the Democratic candidate, downplayed the endorsement, saying former Gov. Ann Richards, "the most popular Democrat in Texas," and President Clinton, "the biggest Democrat in the world," are working to elect Mauro.

## Other Capital Highlights

•At least 48 people were killed on Texas roads during the four-day Fourth of July holiday period. Twenty-four of the drivers or passengers killed were not wearing seat belts or were not in approved child safety seats.

•State employees routinely use their state American Express cards for personal purchases even though rules restrict the card to business expenses such as airline tickets and hotels, the Texas General Services Commission reported last week.

•The Texas Lottery has revived its Lone Star Millionaire scratch-off game, which debuted in 1992. Lottery executive director Linda Cloud said the game was reintroduced to boost ticket sales, down 17% from the last state fiscal year.

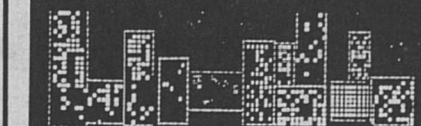
•At an Austin news conference last week, four environmental experts said Texas industries generate as much global-warming-producing "greenhouse gas" as Italy and Great Britain combined. If Texas were to cut back on industrial and refinery emissions, it would make a major global impact, they said.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." — 1 John 4:11

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

## About Town...



•Congratulations to the following students for being named to the University of Houston-Victoria Dean's List for Spring 1998: Cherrie A. McCain of Eagle Lake; Dalaine Sue Pittman of Sheridan; and Jennifer Marie Henneke of East Bernard.

•Here in downtown Eagle Lake, we got more noise than rain Tuesday, but it was nice anyway.

Columbus got hit fairly hard, according to the "traffic" coming from the Sheriff's dispatcher.

There was at least one big fire (the old Poor Boy's). The wind was blowing the burning debris so hard that DPS troopers, assisted by County Deputies, closed down the west-bound lanes of Interstate 10 for a few hours.

Hwy. 90 into Columbus was also closed for a time.  
No report of injuries.

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Let's Look Back...

## 24 &amp; 48 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1973

A typical scene around the area Wednesday was flooding due to the heavy down pour of rain which flooded streets and ditches to a point greater than even the oldest residents can remember...

Wednesday morning's violent weather was especially felt in Rock Island and Garwood. The Ervin Estinbaums, who live a mile and a half south of Rock Island, said that a tornado touched down near their home at 5:30 a.m. Other damages were reported by Adolphus Dornon of Rock Island; Ernest Moore of Lake Sheridan; County Judge Lester Cranek, Mrs. Louise Kubena, Joe Skuca and Lawrence Labay, all of Garwood...

T.J. Smith, past president of the Rotary Club, was named Rotarian of the Year 1972-73. He received a trophy in appreciation of his services for the year from Donald Obenhaus, president of the Eagle Lake Club...

Janice Kallina, Brenda Kallina and Crystal Jones of Rice Consoli-

dated High School have been accepted in the Ranger Junior College Basketball Camp June 17-22...

Mrs. L.H. Gibson of Haskell, Texas, aunt of Gene Brown, passed away Wednesday night due to a poor heart condition. Mr. & Mrs. Brown and family will be in Haskell Friday to attend the funeral...

Frank Sherrer was installed as the new president of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at the 50th anniversary banquet Tuesday night at the Community Center.

July 7, 1950

Upon the resignation of band director Hale, Ray W. Smith, who has been band director at Orchard for the past two years, will take his position with the Eagle Lake Schools...

A petition bearing 36 signatures of patrons served by the Chesterville postoffice was sent to postal authorities in Washington through Congressman Clark W. Thompson by Harry Larson, who has been working with the Trade Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, requesting mail service through Eagle Lake instead of East Bernard...

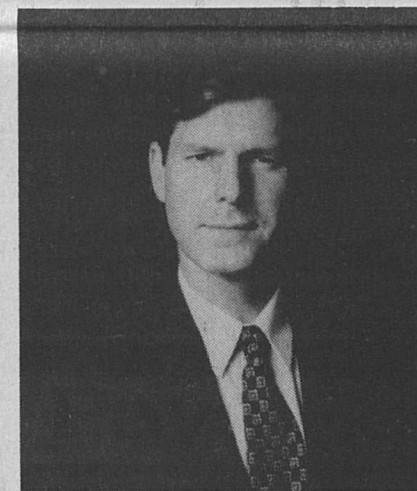
"Play Ball" will open a ding dong battle Saturday night between a selected group of All-Stars from the Eagle Lake softball League teams and the Wilson Supply Company team from Houston. Eagle Lake All-Stars include Frnka, Pilkington, Brune, Swaitz, Spanihel, Brasher, Landry, Criswell, Berger, Ed Causey, Dugas, Kingsley, Walter Frnka, Gertson and Waddell...

The July 4th holiday traffic took the lives of 34 in Texas this year...

The recently instituted garbage service really came in handy for the annual cleanup. The service handled it all by itself without the need for city and volunteer trucks as it has been done before...

Strickland Insurance Agency, owned by S.H. Broyles, is now located downtown next door to the Cole Theatre in the building formerly occupied by the Midget Coffee Shop...

Seas are choppy again this year at the American Legion Swimming Pool (See 24 & 48, Page 4)



Ed Sterling has taken the responsibility for the writing of the "Capital Highlights" column due to the recent retirement of long-time Texas Press executive director Lyndell Williams. The two men had collaborated on the column over the last few years.

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## Estrogens Protect Against Stroke Damage in Laboratory Animals

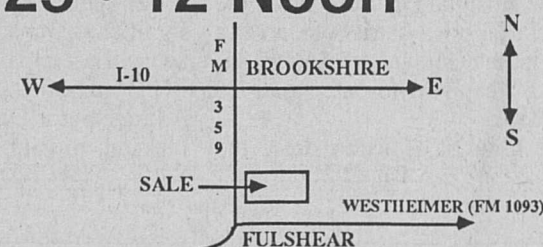
When premenopausal women have strokes, they have a lower risk of brain damage as compared to men who are the same age. A report in the medical journal *Stroke* suggests that it is the estrogen in women's blood that may protect them against brain damage due to stroke. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine studied the effects of stroke in female laboratory animals that had high estrogen levels and low estrogen levels due to removal of the ovaries. They also studied the effects of stroke in male laboratory animals who had low estrogen levels. The females with low estrogen levels had about the same amount of brain damage after stroke as did the males. The females with high estrogen levels were protected against stroke.

Estrogens are often prescribed for women at the time of menopause to help prevent osteoporosis and to reduce annoying symptoms such as hot flashes. It is not known whether or not giving estrogen to male or female human stroke victims would help protect them against stroke damage. According to researchers at Johns Hopkins, such a finding would provide a rationale for the use of estrogen to improve stroke outcome in postmenopausal women.

## South Texas Premium Ostrich Liquidation Auction

Saturday, July 25 • 12 Noon

Location: Approximately 7 miles south of Brookshire on FM 359. Approximately 1 mile north of Fulshear on FM 359.



## Partial List of Equipment:

Antiques	11 Market birds (9 months-1 year)
75 Egg incubator (Nikobi) Big Bird	9 Pair Ostrich
36 Egg Phoenix incubator 5001	(5 pairs proven breeders)
15 Egg Phoenix incubator 1015	
6 Egg incubator-homemade	32' Prowler travel trailer
Trovan micro chip reader	27' Caravan 1982 boat
50 Micro chips and inserter	V-8 Chevy truck w/box van
Medical supplies	40' Container
Rubber matting (restaurant quality)	Golf cart
PVC fencing	Water storage tank
Homemade brooder	Beds
Pressure washer	Desk
Assortment of fencing	Tables
File cabinets	Bobcat (needs work)
Blue print cabinets (4)	4 Cyl. diesel Thermo King refrigerator unit
German Shrunk curio cabinet	

## PLUS MANY MORE ITEMS!

## Consignments Welcome!

Preview: All Day Friday, July 24;  
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