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To The Editor & You

They've broken a little boy's heart!

To whom it may concern:

It's been six weeks since school started. Our little boy, John Morales Jr., attended pre-k and was very excited in going until last Tuesday afternoon.

When John's mom picked him up from school, he informed her that he

had a letter in his back pack. He did not know what the letter was about, until his mother read it.

John could see that his mom was upset, she didn't know how to tell him about the letter.

John's mom, Jennifer, called Mr. Stanley, the Eagle Lake Primary School principal, to inquire as to why her son could no longer attend school. Stanley told her pre-k was now for low income families.

They had previously filled out an application in which they didn't qualify. A couple of weeks later, they received a letter in the mail saying that they did and John Jr. would be able to attend school. Now they (the school) have the nerve to tell them after six weeks he does not qualify. Why wasn't the right information available in the beginning.

Mr. Stanley said our son isn't lacking anything, but yes he is... an education, which they are denying him.

John Sr. decided to make a trip to the school and talk with Mr. Stanley himself. Over and over excuses were made as to why the child could not attend school and why John Jr. should just be made to stay at home.

All in all we are upset because after buying school supplies and clothes, it took the school six weeks to deny our child a right to his education.

We had to sit our four year son

down and tell him he couldn't return to school anymore because he didn't qualify for free lunch and wasn't lacking anything. I can't believe the school is depriving our son because of this. Something is very wrong.

Back to the six weeks it took. I can see if they had 300 pre-k students, but there are just a handful! Yes I know you're the principal and you have a busy schedule, but it's your job!

We should have gotten this information in one day, or even one week; but six weeks, no way!

Well, anyway let me tell you what you've done to our son:

- You broke his heart;
- You broke up friendships;
- You destroyed laughter and smiles;
- And last but not least, you broke his spirit of how important an educa-

tion is in this early stage in his life.

Yeah, I bet many of you are probably saying right now, that our son doesn't even know what an education is about, but you don't know our son. He's ours. He looked forward to going to school each and every day of those six weeks he attended, meeting and greeting his classmates and teacher.

John Morales
Eagle Lake

P.S. What do we have to do, quit our jobs and go on food stamps or medicaid? And no, we aren't referring to any other family who didn't get a crazy letter like we did. These are our points of view.

To the public, feel free to write your opinions on this matter, give me a call at 409-234-5625 or swing by 427 East State!

The Road to Justice

Not so many years ago, a man named Martin Luther King Jr. laid down his life and eventually lost it for standing up for righteous and fair treatment to all.

For some, the struggle was much harder. When will the madness stop?

Recently, Kevin E. Earls was shot at very close range in the facial area by an unwelcome guest at his sister's wedding reception.

From what transpired, I can't see why this horrific crime happened. The crime is best described as a cowardly act by the individual that committed it.

My nephew did not, I repeat did not, do anything to this person but ask him to leave the wedding reception because of the disturbances he and his possible followers were bringing into view at the reception.

Hiding behind a fire arm is very

cowardly. Anyone that does this is already on the other side of the law.

If a person shoots another person for no reason and it is down-played as if nothing has happened, we are all in trouble.

Too many times things of this magnitude are down-graded to almost null. The one that suffers, fails to trust the legal system.

Kevin has put his life on the line for his country in a war only to find himself in a war a home. By this I mean being shot in a cowardly manner.

Attempted murder is a serious offense and we must treat it as such.

If the system fails, again I repeat, we are in trouble.

May God continue to bless us all!

Oscar Hurd
SFC U.S. Army (retired)

Extension Agent Hunter says thanks and goodbye

Dear Colorado County Citizens,

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you for the kindness you've shown.

I have truly enjoyed serving as your county Extension agent for the past three years and five months.

During my tenure, I've had the privilege of working with so many wonderful people and organizations that I could not begin to thank each one individually.

I would like however, to publicly say "thank-you" to the members of the

Colorado County Commissioners' Court for their support, both personally and professionally. Without their

support, the Colorado County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service could not continue its service to local citizens, both youth and adult.

I want to as well take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the staff and editor of the *Eagle Lake Headlight*. Thanks for allowing me space for a regular column and promoting Extension events and activities.

Thanks especially for sharing

publicly the many successes of the young people in our 4-H program.

Finally, and most importantly, "thank-you", citizens of Colorado County. Serving you has indeed been a pleasure.

I'm very humbled by the kind remarks many of you have shared with me these past few days. I'm blessed by having gained new friendships that will provide lifelong memories.

Leaving is never easy but, in doing so, I'm reminded of the following proverb, "four things come not back - the sped arrow, the spoken word, past life

and neglected opportunity."

I challenge each of you, young and old alike, to challenge yourself. Don't be satisfied with just being average. Constantly set new goals and strive to reach them, one step at a time.

In closing, if I could have only two wishes, I'd wish the next group of people I serve be as kind as you; and I'd wish that God bless and keep you always.

Sincerely,
C. Jack Hunter
CEA-Agri, Colorado County

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

(Exemption Registration No. 39354)

Class Concrete has made registration with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) under TNRCC 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 106.201 (formerly known as Standard Exemption 71) to operate a Concrete Batch Plant in Eagle Lake, Colorado County, Texas. The proposed location is on County Road 3013, just west of Carter Walker Road. Additional information concerning this registration is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on October 1, 1998, and October 8, 1998.



★ **JIM KEARNEY**
FOR
COUNTY JUDGE

KNOWS THE COUNTY

Born 1946 in Columbus, son of Charlie & Mackie Kearney

Graduate of CHS class of '64

Full time resident of the county for past 20 years

MILITARY RECORD

Vietnam Veteran, Combat Medic 1st Air Cavalry
Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

UNDERSTANDS AGRICULTURE & SMALL BUSINESS

Managing partner Kearney Real Estate
20 year owner and operator of 88 Ranch

PROVEN LEADERSHIP RECORD

Former president CAD Ag Advisory Board
Officer and member of Water Council for 10 years
Member & chairman Nesbitt Memorial Library Board
Founder and president Nesbitt Library Foundation
Chairman of Citizens Advisory Board Beasons Park

ACTIVE IN YOUTH PROGRAMS

Troop secretary, Boy Scout Troop 312
Former instructor in 4-H shooting program

EDUCATION

Graduate of University of Texas, Austin in History
UT Graduate School of Business, Careers in Business Program

STRONG FAMILY VALUES

Married 26 years to Paulina Kearney, CES teacher
Father of three children, Sarah, Charles, Will

JIM KEARNEY
FOR COLORADO COUNTY JUDGE

FROM THE COUNTY... FOR THE COUNTY

Political ad paid for by James "Jim" Kearney for County Judge Campaign.
Paulina Kearney, Treasurer, Rt. 3, Box 56-A, Weimar, Tx 78962

You Can Help Someone Keep This Summer's Heat In Check.

CPL's Neighbor To Neighbor Program Makes A Difference.

This summer's record heat is causing water shortages and pushing electricity usage to all-time highs. The most serious impact, however, is often on the health of our friends and neighbors.

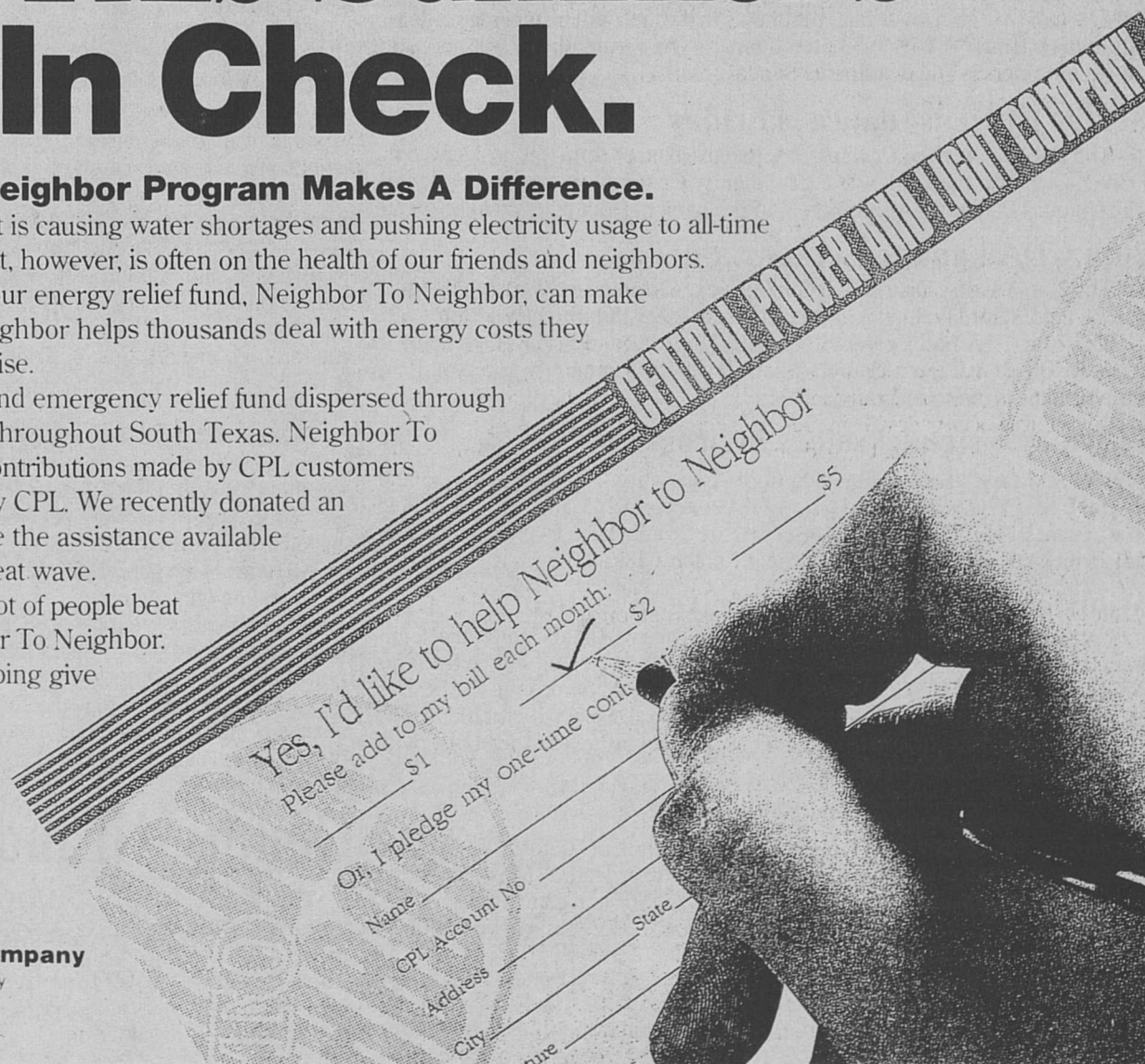
It's at times like this that our energy relief fund, Neighbor To Neighbor, can make a difference. Neighbor To Neighbor helps thousands deal with energy costs they simply could not afford otherwise.

The program is a year-round emergency relief fund dispersed through Community Action Agencies throughout South Texas. Neighbor To Neighbor is funded through contributions made by CPL customers and matching funds donated by CPL. We recently donated an additional \$100,000 to increase the assistance available during this summer's torrid heat wave.

Together, we're helping a lot of people beat the heat this summer. Neighbor To Neighbor. It's just another way we're helping give everyone the power to do good.



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