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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Thanks for your support

Gus and I want to thank everyone for their support during my battle with cancer. To all of those that phoned, sent cards, food and words of encouragement, you will never know what that meant. For all of the prayers and the churches that had me on their prayer list, I will be forever grateful. To my family for their love and support.

Although the fight continues, I know I can get through almost anything because of the love shown to me by so many people. I will never forget what you have done.

God Bless You, Susie Strauss, Hallettsville

Museum shares letter from Knighton

Dear Mr. Baker and Staff,

On behalf of the crew of USS LST 473, wives and families we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your contributions to the reunion and Eagle Lake Salute Sept. 4, 2000.

Fifty-seven years had since passed since the eight of us had seen each other and it was an emotional and

memorable occasion for all of us.

Mike Guarino relayed to us of all the courtesies extended for the Salute. The reception held at your Museum was a fitting climax of the day. The people of Eagle Lake were most kind to us. My son flew in from Miami, Florida, (I didn't know he was coming) and spent five hours with us in Eagle Lake. He called my attention to the 13' alligator you have on display. He said, "Dad, I've seen a lot of alligators in Florida - this is a big one."

I plan to return to Eagle Lake in the future, perhaps on Sept. 4 and will visit with you then.

Best Regards,
Kenneth E. Knighton
Phoenix, Arizona

NOTE: Rollin Baker, curator of the Prairie Edge Museum, brought this letter by so that we could share it with all of you.

‘A republic, not deomocracy’

I recently went to the movies with my husband to see a new release, Contender. The advertisements for this movie portrayed a political struggle for a woman to become equally accepted in the White House. I was looking forward to it. The movie was shockingly full of four letter words that (those portraying) the leaders of our nation used in common every day manner. It was truly insulting and very demeaning to their leadership.

Our nation is a republic and not a democracy, yet the president, at least in this movie, continuously stated that we are a democracy. Our "baby boomers" and our young adults 17 to 30 who have not been taught the full documented teachings and writings of our Founding Fathers, would have left that movie brainwashed in just two short hours. The writer and director of the Contender had a clear and deliberate approach in their attempts to convince each viewer to believe that we are a democracy, and that we, as a nation, should embrace an atheist, pro-choice, anti-First and Second Amendment individual as our nations vice-president.

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State salaries lag behind private-sector

Salaries for state employees are years behind the paychecks for similar private-sector jobs and the lag soon could begin to affect overall state services, the State Auditor concluded in a biennial report released last week.

State employees' actual salaries have increased only 28% in the past 10 years while per capita income in Texas has risen an estimated 58%. Texas' average state employee salary is \$7,656 less than the average state employee salary for the other nine most populous states.

Turnover among the state's 25,000 employees cost Texas between \$127 million and \$254 million in 1999.

The report recommends between \$30 million and \$56 million in changes for the biennium to help costs associated with turnover.

The report proposes that the salary range for the state's schedule A and B employees be adjusted to more accurately reflect similar positions in the private sector even though state employees still would fall 7% behind.

The report also calls for a \$200 per month flat increase for schedule A employees and a 10% increase for schedule B employees effective Sept. 1, 2001, and additional increases of \$50 per month for schedule A and 3% for schedule B on Sept. 1, 2002. The adjustment would cost the state about \$945 million in the biennium.

Schedule C employees would receive a \$50 increase per month Sept. 1, 2001, and another \$50 per month Sept. 1, 2002 at a cost of about \$7 million in the biennium.

"The issue of pay needs more attention given both the strong Texas economy and the forecast of a significant labor shortage," the report said.

ATM fees, personal info debated

Texans could learn more about the fees they incur when using Automatic Teller Machines and they could gain more control over their non-public personal financial information under recommendations made last week by a senate subcommittee.

The Subcommittee on Consumer Credit released several recommendations after studying how the banking, securities and insurance industries seem to be merging and crossing services.

Another subcommittee, charged with identifying ways to fund new jobs and promote economic develop-

State Capitol Highlights

By Pauline Word
Texas Press Association

ment in Texas, also released a report that found new businesses often have difficulty getting early-stage financing.

The Subcommittee on Private Sector Business Financing also found that state-sponsored funding works in some areas but not across the board.

To help promote growth in the private sector, the subcommittee recommended dedicating state revenue from oil and gas reserves or lottery reserves and using proceeds from the state's tobacco settlement.

Officials remember Texas giant

Former and current state lawmakers gathered last week in the Senate Chamber to remember a Texas giant. Former Texas Supreme Court Justice and state Senator Oscar H. Mauzy died Oct. 10 at age 73.

Mauzy served on the state Supreme Court from 1987-92 and held the Dallas senatorial seat nearly 20 years from 1967-86.

Known for his work to improve conditions for minorities, women and the working people of Texas, Mauzy's accomplishments included passage of the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment and establishment of single member legislative districts.

He was one of the leaders of the "Killer Bees" of the 66th Regular Session who broke the Senate's quorum to protest legislation that would create a separate day presidential primary.

He authored the 1989 unanimous Edgewood court ruling that declared the state's public school finance system unconstitutional.

Speakers at the memorial service included former Sen. Jack B. Strong, Congressman Lloyd Doggett, David Richards, Pat Maloney Sr. and former Gov. Ann Richards.

"He knew the process backwards and forwards and he used every tool at his disposal to fight for what he thought was right," Richards said.

Other Highlight

•Texans should be cautious of re-
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Czhilispiel XXVIII

Flatonina, Texas • Oct. 27-29, 2000

ADMISSION: Adults, \$2 per day; 10 & Under, Free
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FRIDAY, OCT. 27

11:30 a.m. Czhili Luncheon for Community under tent (seniors eat free) Sponsored by Oak Manor
5:30 p.m. Biergarten, Food Booths & Carnival
Featured in Biergarten "Southern Express" Co-sponsored by Dr. Maurice Wilkinson and Dr. A.A. Darilek, Fayette Mfg. Homes

8 p.m. Featured in Biergarten "Lost Wolf" Co-sponsored by Budweiser-Brown Distributing

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

7 a.m. Pie Baking Contest Turn-In & Czhili Czech-In
8 a.m. Golf Tournament Tee Time (Also 1 p.m. Tee Time)
Three Person Scramble (361-865-2922)
Czhilispiel XXVIII 5-K Fun Run & Walk '00, Start/Finish Central Texas Bank (512-305-7412 or 512-916-4725); Co-sponsored by Fayette Savings Bank and Central Texas Bank

9 a.m. Czhili Cookoff Begins; sponsored by Coors Light - M&S Dist.

9:30 a.m. Biergarten, Food Booths, Carnival and Arts & Crafts
F.H.S. Junior Class Authentic German-Czech Walk (home-baked & canned goods)

10 a.m. Czhilispiel XXVIII 5/1.0 Mile Roller Blade Run, Start/Finish Central Texas Bank, 361-865-3920; Sponsored by Ken Bigham, Jr. Law Firm
Mad Hatter (until 5 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Bubble Gum Blowing Contest-Czhili Stage; Sponsored by Befco Engineering

11:15 a.m. Hairy Legs Contest-Czhili Stage; Sponsored by Tenth Frame Bowling/Adolphs

Noon Showmanship Judging (until 2 p.m.)

1 p.m. E.A. Amim Archives & Museum Open

Featured in Biergarten "Karocke Victor Rodriguez" Sponsored by Colorado Valley Bank

Registration - Cow Chip Throw & Egg Toss Contests at the N.E. Gate

1:30 p.m. Cow Chip Throw & Egg Toss

2 p.m. Cow Chip Throw & Egg Toss

2:45 p.m. Recognize Czhilispiel Court, Main Czhili Stage

3 p.m. Czhili Cookoff Turn-In

Yelling Contest, Main Stage Sponsored by Colorado Valley Telephone & Subsidiaries

Featured in Biergarten "Shiner Hobo Band" Sponsored by Monument Hill/Oak Manor

4 p.m. Jalapeno Eating Contest, Czhili Stage; Sponsored by Oakridge Smokehouse Restaurant

5 p.m. Cow Patty Bingo Sponsored by Strykly Texas Cheese

Featured in Biergarten "Country Crossfire" Sponsored by Country World

9 p.m. Featured in Biergarten "Texas Unlimited Band"

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

9 a.m. BBQ Cookoff Czech-In; Sponsored by Lone Star & Shiner Beer Distributing, serving Fayette, Gonzales and Lavaca counties

10 a.m. Exotic Resort Petty Zoo (until 4 p.m.) Sponsored by Balcones Minerals, Flatonina

Noon Biergarten, Food Booths, Carnival, Arts & Crafts, Czhilispiel Parade

1 p.m. Czhilispiel XXVIII Car & Truck Show Co-sponsored by Brasher-Gunn & Brasher Motors

E.A. Amim Archives & Museum

Featured in Biergarten "Telstars" Co-sponsored by Eddy's Packing, Frank's Restaurant, JBarB Foods & Matera Paper

1:30 p.m. Tricycle Races Sponsored by Fayette Memorial Hospital

2 p.m. BBQ Judging

Backseat Driving Mama Sponsored by Kleiber Tractor & Equipment, Inc.

4:30 p.m. Featured in Biergarten "Duck Soup" Co-sponsored by Fayette Electric Coop Inc., Midcoast Electric, Summer Electric, Gabler's Electric, Leon's Electric & Plumbing, S&S Electrical Supply

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