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To THE EDITOR & You

Growth

"Character building begins in our infancy and continues until death."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Somehow, we always have the secret hope that we can get ourselves to-

gether, work out all our issues, discover all our talents, accept our life's work, and then relax and get on with it. What a shock it is when we finally recognize that "character building" and growth are life-long processes and continue throughout our lives.

Just when we think we are clear

Little to no response

After last week's letter in the paper, only two calls were received.

At this time, there is no active Booster Club. New officers are needed: president, vice-president, secretary

and treasurer.

For more information on re-starting the Booster Club, contact Denis Hentzell at 234-7364 or Lisa Hoffman at 758-3933 after 5:30 p.m.

about the direction of our lives, and we settle into that security (stagnation), something shakes our complacency.

How much easier it is to recognize in the first place that life is a process and to open ourselves to the cycles of growth in ourselves.

TO GROW and develop is the normal state for the human organism. I am a human organism. It would be logical, therefore, to assume growth and development are normal for me.

The Evolution Center
"It is better to stand for something, than to stand for nothing at all."

— Troy Thomas

Transportation Commission
changing highway access

State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

The Texas Transportation Commission has approved a policy change that will end the long-standing practice of placing frontage roads adjacent to interstates and other major highways.

New highways in Texas will be more like those in most other states, where short driveways and ramps are used to provide access, not two-lane frontage roads.

Though the details still are to be worked out, the change in philosophy will apply to all future highway construction projects in the state.

The policy also may result in project delays for re-engineering.

Highway planners also will be working to cut down on exit and entrance ramps, a move they believe will facilitate traffic flow and improve safety.

Economic storm clouds

Any Texas community with a military base should consider itself under an economic storm watch.

The Department of Defense will be asking congress to set up an independent commission in 2003 to consider base closures and consolidations.

The last time that happened, in 1995, Texas lost Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. A previous round led to the abandonment of Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin and other facilities across the state.

Look out doves

Dove season opens in the central and north zones on Sept. 1 and the license that will make it possible to hunt legally goes on sale Aug. 15.

All current hunting and fishing licenses - about 3.5 million - expire at the end of Aug.

Prices for the new licenses, which are available at most Texas sporting goods stores and more than 100 state parks and 28 Parks and Wildlife Department field offices, range from \$19 for a hunting or fishing license to \$49

for the Super Combo license.

If you spend much time in the outdoors in Texas, the Super Combo is the best bang for the buck. The combination covers hunting and fishing plus all seven hunting and fishing stamps. If someone bought all those stamps separately, that would bring the cost up to \$82.

For those older than 65, the combos costs \$25. Single hunting or fishing licenses for seniors are only \$10 each.

This year, in the hope of cutting down on long lines the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas is offering prizes to those who buy licenses between Aug. 15 and Aug. 25.

Anyone who buys a license during

that time automatically becomes eligible for a drawing with prizes ranging from an \$800 shotgun to a \$200 casting reel.

Health officials: Have a drink

Well, not that kind of drink.

But with Texas in the midst of a hotter than normal summer, the Texas Department of Health is reminding Texans to drink plenty of water.

If you wonder why tax dollars should be spent telling people to do something so obvious, consider that one recent survey showed that 10% of adults don't drink ANY water during the day unless they get it from coffee, tea or some other beverage.

Another consideration: Last year 58 people died in Texas from heat-related causes.

In addition to staving off a potentially fatal heat stroke, drinking plenty of water has been shown to reduce fatigue and increase mental alertness.

How much is plenty? At least eight glasses of water a day.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

Aug. 11, 1977

Eagle Lake Police Chief **Bufford Ashley** was elected president of the Colorado County Peace Officers Association at the July 28 meeting...

Willie F. Fitzgerald was presented a gold engraved watch for 34 years of outstanding service to Vocational Agricultural Education in Texas on Aug. 2 in Dallas...

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Klump of Columbus announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Melinda**, to **Dave Kucherka**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Kucherka** of Eagle Lake. The wedding is planned for Sept. 3 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

The Gospels and the KULM Gospel Radio Choir will be presented at the Church of Christ in Columbus Aug. 12. **Nannie Jo Castle** and **Michael Axel** will also be presented...

Mr. & Mrs. S.J. Williams will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 21 at the Eagle Lake Community Center...

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Edward Stallman of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Karen Faith**, to **Dr. David W. Baxter** of Dallas.

The couple plan a Sept. 17 wedding at Lover's Lane Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Dallas...

A double ring ceremony united **Miss Susan Rae Perry** and **Bruno R. Burris** on July 23 in Columbus...

Michael Meitzen, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meitzen**, serving in Korea as of July 9, was promoted to Staff Sergeant...

Miss Marla Forbes became the bride of **Thomas Howard Taylor** on Aug. 6 in Dallas...

Miss Carolyn Bowen is a new operator at Beatrice's Beauty Salon in Eagle Lake.

Aug. 6, 1953

The first 1953 rice of the season, grown by **J.H. Clipson**, a Century Patna 231 variety, sold for \$9.07 at the Eagle Lake ARG office...

Behind the pitching of **Bobby Meitzen**, who struck out 12, Eagle Lake Little League All-Stars advanced another notch on the national ladder with a 3 to 0 win over Bay City in Victoria...

Band Director **Neal Campbell** says the band and pep squad will begin practice early for the season opener with Cypress, Sept. 11th...

Joe T. Vestal was hired to serve as assistant high school coach...

Last rites for **Mrs. B.H. Tolliver** were held...

Ten-year-old **Jennie Sue Jochetz**, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Jochetz**, passed away...

Two from this county, **Mrs. J.C. Laughlin** and **V.E. Thatcher** of Columbus, are polio victims...

Summer art class, sponsored by **Mrs. R.L. Lange**, held an Exhibit-Tea...

Mrs. Bennie Blair had a narrow escape as her car rammed a truck in heavy fog...

S.R. Toman of the Nada gin reported 440 bales to date with nearly 1,000 at Nada and Garwood gins combined...

A morning coffee was held in honor of **Mrs. W.L. Coffey**...

Anton Duyka, local butcher, turned poet and won a prize...

A party was held in honor of **Walter Petrosky**, a Korean vet...

Henry Brasher of Weimar was conferred with the FFA Lone Star Degree...

Agnes Maude is the name of new daughter for the **J.R. Reels**...

Loretta Sue was born to the **Wallace Starke** family.

F.R. Schmidt, night watchman, issued warnings about deadly moccasins in some of the alleyways in the city...

The **W.C. Reeds** returned home from an interesting 3-week trip to North Carolina and other points of interest...

The **Ed Lobpries** of Garwood honored **W.C. Meyers** on his return from England...

Private **Joe Frybert** of Fort Bliss is home on leave.

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the City of Eagle Lake adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.61486 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$7,206.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$63,286.00
Interest & Sinking	\$26,789.00

Schedule B - 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
G. O. Bonds, Series 1997	\$50,000	\$47,025	\$323	\$97,348
Anti. Notes, Series 1996	\$20,000	\$2,600	\$315	\$22,915
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2001 debt service			\$120,263	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$8,220	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2001			\$112,043	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2001			\$0	
= Total Debt Levy			\$112,043	

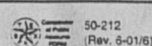
This notice contains a summary of actual effective rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County CAD, 106 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934.

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2001 Property Tax Rates in City of Eagle Lake

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for City of Eagle Lake. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	267,046.08
Last year's debt taxes	\$	123,226.61
Last year's total taxes	\$	390,272.69
Last year's tax base	\$	61,142,553
Last year's total tax rate	\$.63830 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	\$	388,272
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	63,147,520
(after subtracting value of new property)		
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.61486 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.63330 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	/\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$	265,677
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	63,147,520
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.42072 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.45437 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.17310 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.62747 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$	/\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$	/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$	/\$100

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