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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Saddened by youth crime in Texas

Dear Editor,

"A 15-year-old girl accused of shooting and killing her mother"; "a fourth grader beats and sexually assaults a two-year-old girl"; extends into a nightmare of story after story concerning the youth of our society.

As I sit in front of my computer doing research for an upcoming speech, I am saddened by the crime statistics related to the youth in the state of Texas.

What went wrong? What went so wrong for our youth that they felt the need to pick up a gun and kill someone? What went so wrong?

Oct. 7-13, 1.1 million young people in the state of Texas are observing the week as National 4-H Week. I feel proud to be among the 1.1 million young people in the State of Texas who are celebrating a great way of life.

I joined 4-H in 1993 when I was nine years old.

Pat Storer of Alleyton had started

a new project in Colorado County-the potbelly pig project. This project sparked my interest in 4-H. Pat donated potbelly pigs to several 4-Hers that year. She taught us how to take care of our new pets and introduced us to the art of showing an animal in the arena.

The skills that I learned when I was nine years old, I use today at 18 years of age.

I learned responsibility for my animal, to keep records, to take pride in what I do, but most of all, I learned respect for life.

That potbelly pig was the catalyst for what would become a way of life for me.

The more I participated in 4-H, the more I wanted to experience. 4-H has opportunities for everyone. The slogan "4-H - More Than You Imagined" comes to mind.

I am fortunate in that I have a strong family support system. How-

ever, it is ever so important to note that I live in a community that believes in the youth and supports them.

Without the community support, I would not have had the many opportunities to interact with the members of our community.

To all of you who have had an impact on my life - Thank You!

This year, I am serving as the District 11 Representative to the Texas 4-H Council. There are 33 4-H members who serve on the Texas 4-H

Eagle Lake lost advocate

Dear Editor:

Over this past weekend, Eagle Lake lost one of its foremost advocates. City Secretary Lucille Perry served the City of Eagle Lake for over 35 years.

Lucille strove to be fair and professional in a job that often required her to make difficult decisions that af-

fected people in serious ways.

When she saw things that needed to be changed, she spoke out.

When the mayor and the City Council needed information-often, the history of a particular situation-Lucille provided in concisely and correctly. When she could help others, she pitched in.

I think a conversation I had with Lucille a few weeks ago best describes her deep love for Eagle Lake.

Someone had come in that day to look at the records of a Council meeting which had taken place almost 80 years ago. She told me that her goal over the years had been to provide a fair and accurate record of the history of the City so that decades from now people would understand us a little better.

Lucille was an exemplary city employee, a caring individual and an irreplaceable city treasure.

We-the city government and city employees-join her family in grieving her passing.

Yours truly,
Michael Cooper
Mayor of Eagle Lake

If you would like to make a contribution
in memory of our long-time employee, Lucy Rubio,
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Gramm's seat
is up for grabs

When U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm announced he would not seek re-election, for Texas politicians it was like the music stopping in a cakewalk.

One of those who thought about a run for the vacant seat was Land Commissioner David Dewhurst. But he's changed his mind.

Shortly after Gov. Rick Perry named him as chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security, Dewhurst announced he would stay in the race for lieutenant governor, which likely will pit him against Democrat John Sharp in Nov. 2002.

Republican Attorney General John Cornyn is going after Gramm's seat. San Antonio Congressman Henry Bonilla, also a Republican, has been considering the race, but has said he won't run now.

The only announced Republican candidate to replace Cornyn as the state's most visible lawyer is Greg Abbott, a former state Supreme Court justice.

An actual surprise

Occasionally, something that happens actually surprises political observers.

That was the case last Tuesday when Secretary of State Henry Cuellar announced he would resign from office effective Oct. 5.

In his letter to Gov. Perry, the Laredo Democrat said he was stepping down to explore "the possibilities of seeking elective office or other options."

Cuellar did not say what office he intended to try for, or what other possibility he might be considering.

Perry appointed Cuellar last Dec. after he took over as governor following George W. Bush's narrow victory in the presidential election.

State Capitol
Highlights

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

Speaker's race shaping up

At least Texans know when the primary election will be.

The same cannot be said for the contest shaping up in the House of Representatives where Republican Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland will try to unseat Texas' ranking Democrat, House Speaker Pete Laney.

Laney has been speaker for eight years, but Craddick has been in the Legislature since 1968, Lyndon Johnson's last full year in office as President.

Craddick's interest in the speaker's chair is logical, because U.S. census-driven redistricting no matter whose map prevails-will result in a Republican dominated House for the first time since shortly after the Civil War.

Because of that, he's not the only Republican considering a try at the powerful job. But Craddick is the only one who has announced, which at this point leaves him the only person who can legally begin asking colleagues for support.

The speaker, if it's been a while since you took Texas civics, names committee chairs, makes the majority of the committee appointments, and, since the speaker represents the majority, he in effect writes the rules. All of that adds up to a simple fact of legislative reality: In the House, as the old Texas saying goes, the speaker is the hookin' bull.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 13, 1977

New DPS Patrolman Andy Tackward will begin duty Friday...

Henry Sunderman was re-elected as director of the Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District on Oct. 6 in an election held in Eagle Lake...

Jackie Laake of Jackie's Fair Fashions announced the association of Miss Brenda Janow with the beauty salon. Janow is a 1977 graduate of Rice High School...

Local Starlette Denise Wiese of Eagle Lake will appear in homecoming festivities at Wharton County Junior College...

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lee Higgins of Eagle Lake are very pleased parents of a son, born in Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton on Oct. 6. He has been named Richard Lee Higgins Jr. but will be called Lee...

Gwendolyn Payne, 19, daughter of Mrs. Pat Muzny of Eagle Lake, has been nominated by the Alpha Zeta Tau Club as a candidate for the 1977 Homecoming Queen at Wharton County Junior College...

Twenty-one pretty young ladies from the area are entered in the Fairest

of the Fair competition to be held as part of the Garwood Lions Fair and Carnival on Saturday night: Mary Ann Miller, Laura Holland, Stephanie Schneider, Judy Bunge, Mary Ann Becak, Janice Bittner, Janet Kersh, Susan Henneke, Patricia Eggemeyer, Brenda Rucka, Sherry Krennek, Susan Kella, Rawlinson, Carolyn Pavlu, Lisa Mahalite, Janice Waligura, Laura Rowher, Gretchen Gold, Belinda Poncik, Julie Clipson and Dannette Burris.

Oct. 8, 1953

The Grand Jury was recalled to try Leonard Howard Clay for the murder of Eagle Lake night Patrolman Albert Schmidt...

After a statewide search, Clay surrendered to County Commissioner at Fulshear. Schmidt had been night watchman here for five years when slain in a shooting at 10:40 a.m. across the street from Alamo Lumber...

Colorado-Western, a new railroad for this county, is to begin operating soon, announced Phil Gemmer, the president of Texas Construction Materials Co....

J.R. Colly and H.M. Kreidler of

Eagle Lake are contractors for laying the railroad...

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Maggie Davidson Putney...

One hundred planes are expected for the air tour of rice facilities here Saturday...

Jones Motor Co. is showing the new 1954 Dodge...

Ernestine Davidson of Eagle Lake is a member of the WCJG Star-letters, who are getting pretty, new uniforms...

Deposits soar at First National Bank to \$5,713,336.67...

Pvt. Roy Addicks was transferred to New Jersey.

Deputy Santa
Program to
get underway

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied, announced the "Deputy Santa Program" is getting underway at the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. Contacts are currently being made to begin collecting information concerning needy children throughout the Colorado County area.

Last year's "Deputy Santa Program" was an overwhelming success. Over 800 presents were given to the less fortunate children throughout the County, and you, the citizens of Colorado County, along with many local businesses, donated toys for all ages which were distributed to those needy children. Without your help, they would have had a less cheerful holiday season.

Wied wants to make Christmas 2001 an even better year than last year's "2000 Deputy Santa Program" by making more contacts and starting earlier, thus allowing plenty of time for the citizens to drop off their toys and get familiar with "Deputy Santa".

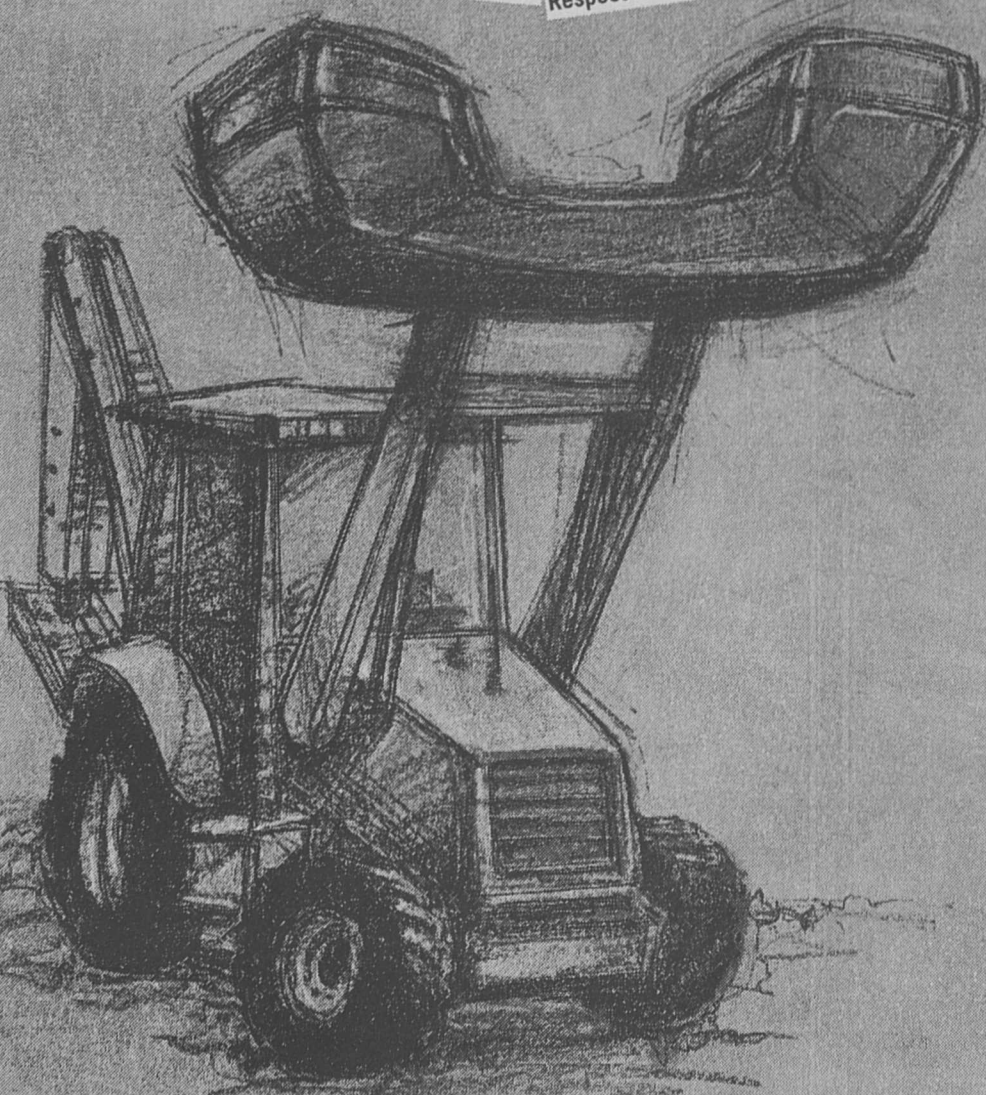
The program will be limiting the age group who will receive gifts to twelve (12) and under.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the "Deputy Santa Program" may drop off their toys at the Colorado County Detention Center, 2215 Walnut, Columbus; or Wal-Mart in Columbus where a drop box has been placed for your convenience.

Sheriff Wied said his office will be (See Santa, Page 3)

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JOHN B. MYRES, D.D.S.
Views On
Dental Health

DON'T FIB THE DENTIST

P.T. Barnam, the famous circus mogul, once said: "You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." I know of at least one person you can't fool at all — your orthodontist.

Some patients try to conjure up fairy tales about faithfully wearing their headgear, removable appliance, or rubber bands when they really haven't. You can't fool your teeth either. If you fail to follow the orthodontist's instructions, your teeth won't move as expected. All the orthodontist has to do is to look into your mouth to know just what has been going on since your last

visit.

Actually, it's rather silly to try to fool the orthodontist — or yourself — and fail to follow instructions, because it's YOUR teeth that are being straightened. You don't want to go through life with a bad bite or misaligned teeth. Also, the better you cooperate, the sooner the treatment will be finished. Let's face it, the work is being done for YOUR benefit and future appearance.

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