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To The Editor & You

Together We Stand

I
Our 2000 United States population census indicates that our city is composed of 24% black, 40% Hispanic and 36% white.
Today we must burn bridges of the past as they have blinded our vision of the future.
We can no longer let ourselves be prisoners of small town thinking, but know that we are a city of UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.
HARVEST TIME IS NOW and we need to go from consumer to producer.
It is time to get out of our comfort zone and cross the Jordan so we can

be builders of a GREAT CITY. Nobody can get where they are going ALL BY THEMSELVES!
We are blessed!
•2/3 of the world is in poverty!
•2/3 of the world can't even read or write!
•1/2 of the world has never heard of Jesus!
THE TRUMPET IS BLOWING
It is time to restore this city to greatness. It is time for civic groups, clubs, churches, citizens, and our city government to take an active role in our future and share responsibility in the vision. We will never CHANGE what we are willing to TOLERATE!

II
God states many times in his word that he wants and expects order in his land. Everything we have belongs to Him. He owns all the cattle on all the hills.
The trumpet is blowing and we are being called to a higher level of accountability and order. It is time to roll up our sleeves and be doers instead of sitting on the bench collecting dust.
III
I knew a lady that lived on a large dairy farm for 20 years. She was confined to a wheelchair paralyzed from the waist down due to a stroke.
Her farmhouse was spotless. She cleaned everything herself except for the ceilings and fans. She prepared daily meals for her family, canned fruits and vegetables, fed her 350 chickens, 30 plus ducks, 20 geese, two dogs and three cats, and took care of all of her flowers.
On any given Sunday, she prepared meals for 25-30 family members and church friends on a wood/coal stove.
At the age of 89, she went to heaven to be with the Lord.
Her handicap did not prevent her from doing the impossible!
I knew her well. She was an awesome lady who believed - EVERY ONE must carry their load - THEIR RESPONSIBILITY and keep their house in ORDER!
I knew her well - she was my beloved grandmother who would not stop loving, caring, helping or working until the job was done.
IV
The City of Eagle Lake must provide minimum urban standards to pro-

tect the health, safety, morale and welfare of the citizens of Eagle Lake. If the standards are not adhered to or enforced, slum and blighted areas will exist and require large scale clearance and a deterioration of social values, a curtailment of investment and tax revenue and impairment of economic values.
V
Keeping Texas Beautiful must become a way of life for all of us. Nobody want to live in a city with junk cars, carrion, filth, garbage, weeds and brush. These areas provide a breeding, nesting ground for rats, mice and the deadly mosquitoes that are killing people. It is our moral, Christian duty to clean up objectionable, unsightly and unsanitary matter and junk.
We will now have strict ordinances that will be enforced. Please call City Hall or send them a letter if you feel a property within the city limits is in violation of the city ordinance. If all of us will do what is expected of us and lead by example the rest will be history.
In some customs if one litters he/she will go to jail for seven days. The second offense constitutes seven months jail time. With this in mind, their properties are spotless-it is called PRIDE! Our city provides some great services to assist citizens in maintaining their properties, if they are unable. Please give City Hall a call and ask about the services offered.
The trumpet is blowing. Where do you stand? AFTER ALL, IT DOES NOT MATTER WHERE WE START, BUT WHERE WE FINISH!

State's budget shortfalls not as bad as projected

Happy New Year! But sorry, no bowl games on the tube or bowls of black-eyed peas on the table.
It's the beginning of fiscal 2003 for state government, not quite time for champagne and silly hats.
In closing the books at the end of Aug. for fiscal 2002, Comptroller Carl Keeton Rylander said some of the state budget shortfall numbers that have been the focus of considerable hand wringing are not as bad as some projected.
"There has been recent speculation of \$7 billion, \$10 billion and even \$12 billion shortfall," she said. "These numbers are based on 'wish lists' of various agencies and... are manufactured from faulty fabric that ignores natural revenue growth during 2004-05, which will help offset spending needs."
The shortfall-it's not a deficit, merely an estimate of the amount of money the state will need to spend versus the amount available-remains at \$5 billion in the comptroller's opinion.
Still, that is a larger shortfall than lawmakers have ever faced.
And, despite the events of last Sept. 11, the stock market decline, a 6% unemployment rate and widespread layoffs, Rylander said Texas is not even experiencing a recession.
"I'm proud of my staff and hard-working, confident, resilient Texans who have seen to it that we have no recession in Texas," she said. "Our state budget is balanced. That sets us apart from a majority of states drowning in red ink."
Important to remember: Rylander was a high school and university cheerleader.



By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association
wreckage of the World Trade Center in New York, will honor Texans killed in the terrorist attacks or during the subsequent war in Afghanistan.
From 39 proposals submitted, designs selected as finalists came from two Austin architectural firms, O'Connell Robertson & Associates and Pfluger Associates and from one Rockwall firm, Seitz Architects.
The governor will unveil a scale model of the winning design at the State Cemetery Sept. 11.

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What about a write-in campaign?
Dear Editor,
An interesting advertisement recently appeared in area newspapers. It was listing names of citizens who support forming a groundwater conservation district for Colorado County. The interesting part was that BOTH candidates for County Judge expressed their support for forming such a district.
This tends to confirm the opinion of many people, that it really doesn't matter which party you vote for, both parties and their candidates believe in more government, more regulation and more taxation, as the only solution to our problems.
I would never be one to discourage people from voting, as I strongly believe that is our civic responsibility. However, it is just a shame that we don't have a category called "none of the above".
Perhaps it is time to consider a serious write-in campaign. It would be unlikely that such a candidate could win, but it could send a clear message to whoever the winner might be, that many people didn't want them in office. Not only those that voted for their opponent, but also those who supported the write-in candidate.
I believe there are many people who are really unhappy with the status quo of ever increasing government, more bureaucracy, more regulation, more taxation and less freedom and liberty.
This is one reason for the low voter turnout, because people feel it doesn't matter who they vote for, it will just be "more of the same".
However, if enough people really got excited about making their voice heard through a write-in campaign, who knows? Maybe the write-in candidate could win. Strange things do happen sometimes! This is just food for thought.
Margie Raborn, Alleyton

DPS names new chief
Randall K. Elliston, a 24-year Department of Public Safety (DPS) veteran, has been named as the agency's new chief of traffic law enforcement. Elliston replaces Charles Graham, who retired Aug. 31 after 39 years.
As head of the DPS' Traffic Law Enforcement Division, Elliston will supervise 2,187 uniformed commission officers and more than 1,100 civilian employees.

Kids: Remember those ABCs
A state agency is reminding Texas schoolchildren to remember their ABCs, as in Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the laws it enforces.
"It is illegal for a person under 21 to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages," cautions TABC Enforcement Chief Greg Hamilton.
Minors caught driving with any detectable amount of alcohol in their blood can face a fine of up to \$500, attendance at an alcohol awareness course, 20-40 hours of community service, a 60-day driver license suspension and 30 days of ineligibility for an occupational license, he said.

Let's Look Back...
24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Aug. 10, 1978
The board of directors of the Eagle Lake Community Center met Aug. 2 and re-elected J.T. (Tommy) Pilkington as president. W.H. Harrison Sr. was chosen vice-president. Re-elected as treasurer was Susan Causey and Liz Waddell was re-named secretary...
The District 4-H Clothing Revue was held July 27 in Crosby. Laura Appelt who represented Colorado County 4-H won first place...
Mrs. Bill Clements, wife of GOP Governor candidate Bill Clements visited here at the Eagle Lake Community Center...
Dr. Jose Ugarte gave the Eagle Lake Noon Lions an excellent program last week on prevention of heart disease and things that can be done when heart problems occur...
Marine Pvt. First Class Lloyd E. Powell, son of Lorretta and Lloyd Powell of Eagle Lake recently participated in exercise "Varsity Cleanex" off the Southern California coast...
Friends in the community will be interested to learn that Patricia (Pat) Walker, the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Will Walker of Eagle Lake, is a member of the state champion Girls Softball Senior League team from Rosenberg...
Citizens in the area were deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Rev. Monsignor Edmund J. Bily, a former pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada for 21 years...
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Seaholm honored their daughter, Kari Renee, at a party on Aug. 4. Her actual birthday is Aug. 5...
Last rites were held here Aug. 5 for Tom. V. (Tommy) Samora, a former resident here for many years...
Mrs. Carolyn Rosprim and daughter, Julia, and Mr. & Mrs. Adolf Hollas of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Hollas' sisters, Mrs. Emma Wick of Schulenburg and Mrs. Hilda Munke of La Grange, returned from an enjoyable visit with Mrs. Hollas' sister in Chicago, Ill.

Views On Dental Health
John B. Myres, D.D.S.
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Located on 90-A at Laughlin Road Eagle Lake
DETECTING PERIODONTAL DISEASE
The major cause of tooth loss in adults is not dental decay but periodontal (gum) disease. Three out of four Americans are afflicted with it. Despite its propensity for dental mayhem, periodontal disease progresses silently at first. The changes are so subtle you can't feel them. Even routine dental examinations, cleanings and X-rays often miss it.
Adults over age 35 are the most likely to suffer from advanced gum disease, but children aren't immune. By age 13, four out of five children show some evidence of the problem. Warning signs include red or inflamed gums, usually starting at the gumline, and gums that bleed easily.
A quick, painless test performed by your dentist called periodontal probing can detect early signs of the disease. It takes about 10 to 15 minutes using a calibrated instrument to measure hidden pockets of space between tooth and gum tissue. The readings are used for analysis and future comparison.
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Aug. 12, 1954
"Some Pickin'" says Headlight headline telling about Mahalitic Bros., Allen George and Arthur, picking 37 bales of cotton in a single day. They used 80 hand pickers and 3 machine pickers to accomplish the task...
Eagle Lake Community was self-sustaining at end of its second year. David Wintermann was re-elected as president...
500 heard gubernatorial candidate Ralph Yarborough here. He was introduced by Dr. J.C. Laughlin...
County asks inclusion in drought disaster program because of damage to crops in the county...
Sandy Thomas of Eagle Lake was named National High School Rodeo Queen...
Sheridan mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, was hit with polio as National Guardsmen and Lions in the County spearhead emergency March of Dimes drive...
Rice men find important tests underway at local rice experiment plots on the Moses Thomas farm...
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