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**To The Editor & You**

**'Thank You'**

The following is a letter written to Ken Jones pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church and we thought we'd share it with you:

Ken,  
 I'm writing to say 'Thank you' to the Lissie congregation. I'm reminded of the movie, "A River Runs Through It", where the Presbyterian minister had gone fishing with his two sons. Each went to their secret best spot and returned to show what they had caught and see who had done the best. The two sons pulled their best fish from their pouches and showed their dad. The minister examined the catch and complimented both of them highly on what they had accomplished. The boys then asked their dad to show them his catch. Dad hesitates, then, pulls out a beautiful trophy trout for the record books and the boys exclaim how their Dad had been blessed that day. The old minister looks at his boys and tells them they'd all been

blessed today and turned and headed home. The dad took a few steps, then paused and said, 'its just that I've been...' particularly blessed! today".

I can't help feeling like I've been particularly blessed this past week by a number of friends from Lissie. I know everyone that helped out at the youth program in Eagle Lake was also blessed but I've been the one to see the fruit of your involvement and for that I again say thank you.

I won't mention any one by name. What I will report on is that ...

1) Because of the Lissie congregation's involvement, over 90 children were fed this past Wednesday. Desert was also provided.

2) Because of Lissie's involvement - two concrete barriers were demolished and debris removed that had prevented the completion of a new baseball field.

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**State school board adds marriage definition to health textbook**

The presidential election was not the only vote last week in which the Rs prevailed over the Ds in Texas.

On Friday, members of the State Board of Education followed party lines in voting 10-4 to approve middle school health textbooks after publisher Holt, Rinehart and Winston agreed to change them to say that marriage is "a lifelong union between a husband and a wife."

In other words, the texts most Texas sixth- to eighth-graders will be studying will not even broach the concept of gay marriage.

The four Democratic members of the board voted against the adoption. In approving high school health texts, the vote was 13-1.

Before winning the approval, the publisher had agreed to change the reference to marriage, but declined to make many other changes in areas dealing with relationships.

The textbooks now go on the state's list of "conforming" titles. State money can be used to purchase either conforming or non-conforming textbooks, but school districts usually

stick to those judged to be conforming.

**Craddick says he'll stay...**

Almost lost amid all the news about the presidential election last week, House Speaker Tom Craddick announced on Wednesday that he has enough votes to preside over the lower chamber for another two years.

Craddick (R-Midland) released a list of 119 members or member-elects who he says will vote for him as speaker when the Legislature convenes in January.

Promising in a written statement to lead the House "with a fair, even hand," Craddick said that no one would be "shut out of the legislative process."

**Voters shut out some...**

Craddick couldn't speak for the Texas electorate, which did vote to shut a few incumbents out of the legislative process.

In Travis County, Republican House Rep. Jack Stick, serving his



**State Capitol Highlights**

By Mike Cox  
 Texas Press Association

first term, lost narrowly to Democratic candidate Mark Strama.

In Houston, the race pitting longtime Republican Rep. Talmadge Heflin and Democrat challenger Hubert Vo, a Vietnam native, was still hanging on a count of absentee ballots ongoing on Monday.

Heflin has served 11 terms in the House and is chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the group at the heart of the state budget-making process.

The House will have 87 Republicans and 63 Democrats if Vo wins, though that GOP margin could drop by one if a requested recount affects the outcome of the race between narrow winner Republican Rep. Todd Baxter and Democratic challenger

Kelly White in Travis County.

**"District of Travis"...**

Years ago, singer Michael Martin Murphy said he didn't live in Texas, he lived in Austin. And Austin is in Travis County, which some had quipped may as well call itself the District of Travis.

Showing that it is a bit different from the rest of the state, Travis County went for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, giving him 56 percent of the vote.

President Bush carried the state, of course. He got 61.14 percent of the vote statewide, compared to 38.24 percent for Kerry. Other than Travis County, Kerry did best in South Texas along the border, El Paso and the Beaumont area.

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**Habitat**

to the job site. The volunteers dug ditches and leveled ground, formed rebar cages and made blocks.

Although the work was hard, the rewards were immeasurable. They had the privilege of becoming a part of another loving community, however briefly.

The Habitat volunteers enjoyed the local hospitality and the countryside was breathtaking.

Colorado County HFH (CCHF) is excited that "one of our own" took this opportunity to participate in this exciting international Christian housing ministry through Habitat For Humanity.

We hope many others will take the opportunity to be involved in the upcoming CCHF build in Weimar.

At this time, we are still waiting on the foundation to be poured, after which we can start scheduling volunteers for the construction of a simple, decent house with prospective homeowner, Regina Williams.

Simple and decent in this part of the states translates to a 1,050 sq. ft., 3-bedroom home with air conditioning.

A Habitat home costs about \$38,000 and the homeowner buys the house from Habitat through a no-profit, no-interest loan provided by CCHF. This is not a give-away program!

Homeowners are required to vol-

unteer between 300 and 500 hours with Habitat in the construction of their homes and their mortgage payments go directly into the Habitat affiliate to help build other Habitat homes.

CCHF invites all people who are concerned about the need for affordable, decent housing to join us in our mission to abolish substandard housing in our communities and around the world.

If you or your organization would like to participate in the upcoming build, or would like one of our volunteers to present a Habitat program at your next meeting, please call Lois Quenneville at 979-234-5129. And thank you to all the people who have already stepped forward to help!



Phil Willenborg (center) with other Habitat For Humanity Volunteers and Nicaraguan Habitat homeowner (right). Photo Courtesy of Lois Quenneville

**Let's Look Back...**

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**Oct. 16, 1980**

Melvin Sunderman of Eagle Lake was the recipient of the 5th annual J.R. (Jimmy) Reel Sportsmanship Award at the Rice Belt Ducks Unlimited Dinner. Louis Schorlemmer, 1978 winner made the presentation...

The two juveniles involved in the Eagle Lake Primary School burglary were suspended by the school board for the rest of the semester...

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Witte of Eagle Lake announced the arrival of a daughter, Danielle Marie, born Oct. 11 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Auto Mechanics officers at Rice High School include David Staff, Albert Delgado, Johnny Cooper, Victor Reyes, Rickey Toliver, Bruno Leal and Ruben Leal...

Pvt. Sandra D. Flowers, daughter of Henry F. & Geraldine R. Flowers of Eagle Lake attended basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo...

Rice High School Raider Band twirlers turned in exceptional performances in the UIL Twirling competition. They include Lisa Corman,

Renee Hunt, DeLeslyn Valenta and Michaelanne Hefner...

The E.H. (Harrison) and L.L. (Leonard) Walker families are mighty proud after their two-year-old Red Angus Bull, Umpire 318, was named a blue ribbon winner at the National Red Angus Association's show held at the State Fair of Texas...

Graveside and interment services were held Oct. 15 in Lakeside Cemetery for Jerri Lou Lange Naylor, 23, of Houston who passed away at her residence in Houston...

John Schneider, a member of this year's senior class at Rice High School has been chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students 1979-80...

Kathy Frazar was selected to membership in "Spooks" the spirit and service organization for outstanding freshmen and sophomore women at the University of Texas...

Friends in the community learned with regret of the death of Ellis Milam Sparks Sr., Oct. 9...

Little Miss Amy Renee Otradovsky, two-week-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Otradovsky was christened Sunday Oct. 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Arnold J. Rodriguez of Garwood was presented a \$2,000 Sul Ross scholarship through Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets.

**Oct. 25, 1956**

Miss Evangeline Loessin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Loessin

of this city, a freshman student at Baylor University was elected by Sigma Delta Chi as their sweetheart for 1956...

Private E-1 Kenneth Mahalite, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Mahalite of Eagle Lake, has been assigned to duty at Fort Sill, and is one of several servicemen to be interviewed on a tape recording to be broadcast over Radio Station KULP in El Campo...

A 30-year-old-man was picked up by the night policeman to serve out his jail sentence but after a thorough check on the man he was set free because he had not committed a crime. The man was on his way to visit relatives...

Emily Birdwell of Eagle Lake was elected president of the Wharton County Junior College Pioneer Business Club...

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Gertson returned to Eagle Lake after spending a week hunting in Colorado. Mr. Gertson was telling how he shot his 12 and 10 point bucks...

Daniel Robert Thornton, son of Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Thornton, celebrated his sixth birthday with a party Oct. 20...

Little Miss Roxanne Wood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leon Wood, celebrated her tenth birthday, Oct. 21 at her home in San Antonio. Her grandmother, Mrs. Lee Stahl of Eagle Lake, attended the party...

The Eagle Lake Eagles and the Missouri City Mustangs battled out a close game with the Mustangs taking the lead and game 26 to 21.

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**High Blood Pressure Treatment Options**  
 High blood pressure, also known medically as *hypertension*, now affects more than 65 million Americans. The number of people with hypertension is estimated to have grown by 30% in the past decade alone. However, in the US, it is estimated that only 2 out of every 3 hypertensives have been properly diagnosed. Of those who have confirmed hypertension, only 75% routinely receive appropriate drug treatment. Since hypertension is a major risk factor for heart disease and the primary risk factor for stroke and heart failure, most health experts agree that it needs to be aggressively treated. In persons 60 year old and above, the relationship between hypertension and cardiovascular disease increases.  
 Several risk factors including obesity, stress, smoking, and a sedentary life style are associated with hypertension. Drugs approved to lower elevated blood pressure are called *antihypertensives*. A diuretic like *hydrochlorothiazide* or *furosemide* (Lasix) is often the first drug prescribed. For people with a history of heart attacks, *atenolol* (Tenormin) or *carvedilol* (Coreg) are often used. *Losarten* (Cozaar) or *candesartan* (Atacand) are sometimes useful if damage to the kidneys is present. Other popular antihypertensives include *nifedipine* (Procardia) and *verapamil* (Covera).

**FNB**  
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 2002 with a BBA in Finance and comes to First National from Dripping Springs where he served as a loan officer with Security State Bank of Fredericksburg. "John is a young man with solid personal and banking credentials, said Harrison. "We believe he will be a great asset to our bank and to the Columbus area." Slocomb will begin his duties Nov. 16.

**Re-tire A Tire Community Clean Up**  
 Sponsored by Main Street-Eagle Lake  
**Dispose of USED TIRES**  
 Passenger/Pickup Tires \$2.00 each (With Rim \$5)  
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