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To The Editor & You 'Inquiring minds want to know' It's no doubt that many of you have heard a lot of the following comments or made them yourselves: 1) It's so quiet around town, no one's really commenting on the upcoming mayor's election. 2) I can't get a feel for the whole thing. 3) What do you think about the mayor's race? 4) No female has ever run for mayor, is she around town? 5) Should a minister be seeking a political office?

Morales 'downs' new law Attorney General Dan Morales struck down a new law requiring marriage license applicants to fill out a sworn statement that they are not delinquent in child support payments. The provision, part of the overhauled state welfare law that went into effect Sept. 1, is probably unconstitutional, Morales said in an opinion released last week. Morales cited a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down a similar Wisconsin law, declaring it an inappropriate restriction on marriage. Although Morales' opinion in effect annuls the requirement in all of Texas' 254 counties, Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said she would - until judge tells her otherwise - continue to require marriage license applicants in her county to submit the sworn statements as long as the law remains on the books. "A Xeroxed piece of paper from the attorney general's office does not relieve me of the liability to carry out the laws of the state of Texas," she said.

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO Aug. 5, 1971 Garwood Volunteer Fire Department honored Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Spears with a steak supper with all the trimmings on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m. The event was a farewell party and also paid tribute to both Mr. & Mrs. Spears for the devoted service and contribution to the department... A.V. Wilkerson, Southern Pacific Railroad Co. agent for the Eagle Lake station, succumbed to illness in the Diagnostic Center Hospital in Houston early Thursday morning, July 29. He was 64 years old. Funeral services were held on Aug. 1.

Hot Line Upgrade Announced Texas' crime victims hot line will soon be capable of warning callers if convicted felons' jail status changes. In about six months, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will have a new system in place that alerts crime victims automatically when the status of a convict's date of release or parole is moved up, in a case press release. A toll-free hot line, in place since 1989, allows anyone to call a 800 number on a touch-tone phone, punch in a convict's name or prison identification number and hear a recording that lists a convict's scheduled release date.

Please Vote For Michael Cooper Eagle Lake City Council Saturday May 4, 1996 Political advertisement paid for by Grace Cooper, Treasurer, 101 E. State, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

New orthopedic surgeon available Steve Norwood, M.D., orthopedic surgeon with Hill Country Sports Medicine of San Marcos, will be holding an orthopedic clinic at Rice District Community Hospital every Thursday. Norwood was born in Houston. (See Norwood, Page 5) Local Phone Service Rejected AT&T and MCI will have to build their own networks if the firms want to offer local telephone service to their state customers, the Texas Public Utility Commission ruled last week. The commission also voted to ask the Federal Communications Commission if a new federal law pre-empt requirements in state law for companies that build their own networks. A spokesman for MCI said the company probably will ask the FCC to override the state restriction.

Join these people and others in supporting David Mann for Mayor Vote May 4 for MAYOR Becky Anderson Steve Babas Virginia Bauer H. Major Benge J.K. Davidson Lana DeBany Maxine Griffith Clark Powers Janet Schorhammer Dr. R. Russell Thomas Mark Anderson Walter L. Bauer Sandra Benge Larry DeBany Roberta Davidson Robert Griffith Stephen Meinack Vicki Powers Dr. Raymond Thomas Sharon Webb "K"

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Allenton

Seth then returned to his room briefly, then stepped out of the hotel lobby and wandered down the board walk in the early afternoon. He stopped by the stable for his horse and rode down to the river. At the ferry landing, Seth watched the cadre of workers moving bales, loaded wagons on to the ferry. He wondered if this busy operation carried long enough to allow civilian passage. Maybe they were prone to use ferries operating a ways down stream. No doubt getting the cotton to market was of primary military concern. Seth wondered what kinds of merchandise, other than munitions and related war-needs material, filled the ox carts returning from the Rio Grande - coffee for sure, he guessed. "Hello there," a voice called in Seth's direction. Looking around he saw Herman Adley on horseback. "Oh hello," answered Seth. "You know, this cotton transfer business is fascinating. I appear almost chained here being so absorbed in the process." "Yes," said Adley, "it is a remarkable process. And it requires lots of skilled man power. That over-used ferry, I am afraid, is going to have to be replaced one of these days."

DAR essay winner announced The Smith-McMillan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Society (DAR) is pleased to announce that there is a State Winner in our town. Hope Barnett, 8th grader at La Grange ISD Middle School, took the topic "Explorers of America" and wrote a wonderful essay about "Jedediah Strong Smith."



Pictured above, from left, are Virginia Stegall, State Regent TSDAR; Karen Duckett, State American History Essay Chairman TSDAR; Rick, Anita and Hope Barnett; Margaret Eaves, 8th grade language arts teacher; Mrs. Kim Joest, Chapter American History Essay Chairman; and Linda K. Colby, Smith-McMillan Chapter Regent.

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COUNTY COURT CASES FILED James Christopher Hampton, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana; filed 4-19-96. Tremayne Gemond Harris, Texas City, unlawfully carrying a weapon; 4-19-96. Michael Hernandez, Eagle Lake, theft; 4-19-96. Charles Lee Isbell, Sealy, criminal trespass; 4-19-96. Ramiro Rico, Eagle Lake, burglary of a vehicle; 4-19-96. Nancy Torres, Eagle Lake, theft; 4-19-96. COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS Kenneth Louis Harwick Jr., Dickinson, driving while intoxicated; defendant plead guilty. Defendant found guilty by court, fined \$2,500 plus court cost, 40 hours community service, 18 months probation and DWI intervention classes. DIVORCES FILED Arletha Denise Thomas and Gregory Gaylan Tomas; filed 4-19-96. Elvin Brian Rider Jr. and Kim Marie Rider; 4-19-96. DIVORCES GRANTED Rhonda Jean Ebara and Richard Horta Ebara; granted 4-18-96. Diana Lynn Mraz and Christopher Dale Mraz; 4-18-96. Donna Kerchner and Richard J. Kerchner; 4-18-96. MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION Michael Eddie Iton, 35, and Gina Lin Bishop, 31, both of Allenton.

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