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To The Editor & You

Thanks to community, Coca-Cola Company

Students, Parents, Eagle Lake and Surrounding Areas:

We, the 1996-97 ELMS PTO officers, would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge that the new marquee at ELMS would not have been a success if you, as a community, parents, students and teachers, had not worked hard to make this a dream come true.

The marquee was a major project for the 1996-97 PTO.

ELMS students worked hard on a fundraiser held in the spring under the sponsorship of Sandy Young, who did a great job.

We wish to thank the parents, teachers and PTO officers who gave of their time during the volleyball and basketball season assisting at the concession stand (which was another money project toward the marquee).

Carol Bluntson, PTO President, started early in the year obtaining

quotes from various sign companies. Coach Kirk Quasebarth volunteered to write a letter to the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in order to solicit a donation toward our project.

Coca-Cola's representative replied to Ms. Deborah Matthys, ELMS principal, stating the company would DONATE the marquee. The installation was paid by the PTO.

The marquee drew a lot of attention on the first day of school, Tuesday, Aug. 12. The new addition to the campus will keep everyone up to date on all the activities being held on campus throughout the year.

We would like to say thank you and to encourage the parents of ELMS students to get involved in their child's education. Please "Remember, Our Children are the Future of Tomorrow".

Schools can prepare our children, but parent involvement is a big necessity. Call the campus if you can be of any assistance after working hours, your days off, vacation time, etc. It will be greatly appreciated.

The ELMS PTO will be electing a new slate of officers for the 1997-98 school year.

If you are interested in taking an office, call Carol Bluntson at 234-3887 or Ms. Matthys, 234-3501.

The ELMS open house and PTO night will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, beginning at 7 p.m.

Thanks again and keep up your support!

1996-97 Eagle Lake Middle School PTO Officers
Carol Bluntson, President
Sandy Young, Vice President
Regina Phillips, Secretary
Suzanne Sykowski, Treasurer

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Committee to examine records access

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week created a special Senate committee to examine the state's open government process to determine if access to government records can be improved for all Texans.

Bullock, who presides over the Senate, picked Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, to chair the Senate Interim Committee.

The lieutenant governor also appointed Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria; Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston; Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas; and Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, to serve on the committee.

"The study is designed to explore all aspects of the Public Information Act and pinpoint areas of concern within the current framework — if they exist," Bullock said.

"The people of Texas have a genuine right to know how their government is being run. While agencies have an obligation to keep government open to public view, they also should have the opportunity to do so in a reasonable and resourceful way."

The committee will consider access to open records, roadblocks by government agencies, costs of providing information, abuses of the process, privacy issues and technological advances.



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Bullock asked the committee to submit a status report by March 1, 1998, and a final report by Oct. 1, 1998. The panel is to make recommendations to the Legislature in 1999 if it is determined that problems exist in the public information process, Bullock said.

Nursing Home Exec. Punished

The Texas Board of Nursing Home Administrators voted 8-0 last week to place a Rockdale nursing home administrator on probation for six months.

According to a 1994 report, state inspectors found urine and fecal odors, filthy linens and rooms; roaches in the kitchen and flies on residents; a broken emergency call button system; and bottles of prescription medication in an unlocked box on the floor of the administrator's office.

In the four years the state board has been in existence, the Rockdale case is

the only one that has resulted in the punishment of a nursing home administrator.

The board, however, voted to close 109 cases of complaints against nursing home administrators.

On Sept. 1, the board's duties will transfer to an office in the Texas Department of Human Services, which licenses and inspects the nearly 1,200 nursing homes in Texas.

The Texas Legislature voted to create that office after the *Austin American-Statesman* reported on the failure of the current, industry-dominated board to punish administrators of substandard homes.

Voters Approve Tax Break

About 94% of those who cast ballots in the Aug. 11 constitutional amendment election voted in favor of the tripling of the homestead tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The tax break will save the average homeowner about \$140 a year.

Gov. George W. Bush lauded the results. "The people endorsed my efforts and the efforts of the Legislature to cut property taxes," he said.

The final count was 690,678 votes for the \$1 billion property tax cut and 41,388 against.

In Nov., voters will decide on 14 other proposed constitutional amendments, including whether increases in property values should be capped at 10% per year.

Math Scores Up, English Down

Texas students showed improved math skills on the ACT test this year, but English and reading scores dipped slightly, according to test results released last week.

Assessing the scores, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said he believes a statewide focus on reading in the early grades and new curriculum standards will help turn around the dip in English and reading scores.

On math, the average Texas score rose from 19.9 in 1996 to 20.2 this year. The national math average was 20.6.

Other Capital Highlights

•After Dec. 31, the public will no longer have access to audits that determine whether oil and gas companies are paying the royalty they owe the state for operating on public land in West Texas. Gov. Bush signed the audit-closing legislation into law in June.

•Under a plan signed by Education Commissioner Mike Moses and officials from Spain, teachers from Spain will be allowed to teach in Texas classrooms for one to six years. Under the same initiative, Texas teachers who teach Spanish will exchange jobs for one year with Spanish educators who teach English.

•The Texas Lottery Commission is considering contracting with more than one company to operate its online games. Vendors who want to bid must file a letter of intent by Aug. 22 and submit a proposal by Dec. 3. The commission will announce the winners, if any, in March.

Views On Dental Health

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CAN PACIFIER CAUSE "BUCK" TEETH?

We are often asked if pacifiers can cause "buck teeth" in children. The answer to that question depends on the age of the child. For the first three years or so, the baby's sucking actually helps strengthen the tongue and lip muscles. Teeth don't automatically come into the right places... and the tongue and lips play an important role in guiding the primary teeth into the right alignment. Then the primary teeth help the permanent ones come in correctly.

Most children have already given up their pacifiers by the time their permanent teeth start erupting, around

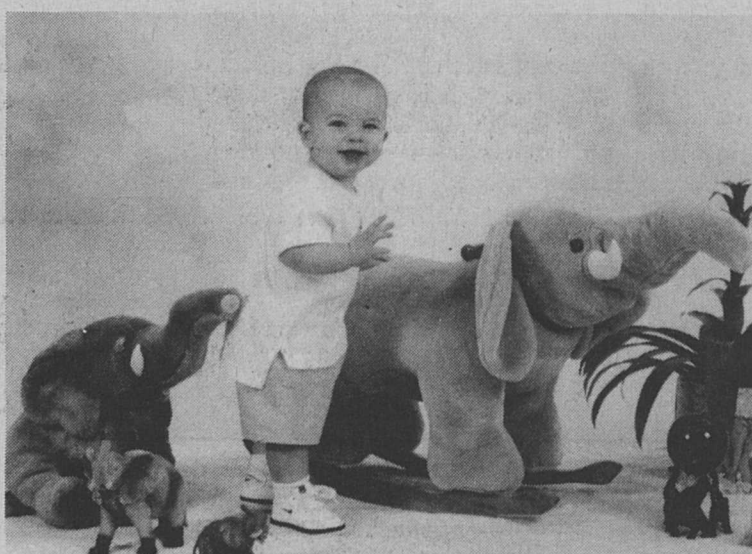
age five. If they haven't, that's when the habit could lead to "buck" teeth or some other bite problem that would require orthodontic correction. So, pacifiers are fine for the first two or three years. After that, parents should help their children give it up.

Never give a child a bottle of milk or fruit juice at bedtime or for long periods as a pacifier substitute. The front teeth may quickly develop decay.

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We are also now taking appointments for the following children's specials:

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Nov. 19: Stocking Stuffer Special
Dec. 2: A Visit with Santa
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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1972

The Rice High School Pep Squad is working hard this year to instill more spirit and interest in activities of the school. Leading the squad are Shirley Fajkus, Becky Stienke, Annette Hengst, Peggy Stallman and Brinda Cunningham...

Lois Faye Spates was hospitalized Saturday afternoon when the car she was driving was hit by a west-bound Southern Pacific freight train at the intersection of Lake and Post Office Streets...

Automobiles driven by Clarence Pearl of Eagle Lake and Elizabeth Godfrey of Wharton were involved in a head-on collision on FM 102 three miles west of Bonus at 9:25 a.m. last Friday...

Kathleen Rees of Garwood has been selected for membership in Gold Jackets at Texas A&I University, a women's organization that requires a 2.5 grade point average or better...

Gorden Hagendorf was chosen to head the Raider Yearbook staff as editor while Wilford Frnkka will serve as consulting editor...

Janice Popp was named Future Farmers of America Sweetheart for the 1972-73 school year October 11...

In a double ring service in Colly Memorial Methodist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon, Aug. 19th, Miss Mary Frances Toliver became the bride of Robert Earl Simcik...

Rebecca Ann Castillo and John Anthony Contreras were united in marriage in services held at the First Baptist Church, Saturday, Sept. 1st, at

Faye Dodd has accepted part-time employment at the Universal Supply Company beginning next Monday...

Just to show how skeptical some people are, guess where Griff Thomas Jr., Clarence Stephens, Ben McElhinney, Joe Frazar and David Wintermann were Wednesday. Over at Rock Island examining the heads on rice in the Curtis and Dave Lundquist field, about which they read in *The Headlight* last week...

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Don Hings, Roving Editor of the Houston Chronicle, and Paul Seals, staff photographer, were in town Tuesday gathering material for an Eagle Lake page in the Chronicle...

Mrs. Dan Hooper of Rock Island returned Friday from a several days visit with relatives in Missouri...

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Gordy and family of A&M College spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Gordy...

Mrs. Ira Goats Jr. was honored with a shower by a group of ladies Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R.A. Salladay. Mrs. Ruth Anderson gave an interesting reading of a husband, wife and a bargain sale; and Joe Sue Salladay read the shopping list...

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Most Widely Prescribed Antidepressant Medicine

The American Medical Association Family Medical Guide indicates that about 15 percent of the population is likely to experience at least one episode of depression that is severe enough to require medical help. Many who seek the assistance of a physician receive prescriptions for antidepressants. The most commonly used antidepressants belong to a family of medicines called the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors or SSRIs. These medicines increase brain serotonin, a chemical that helps regulate mood. The most popular SSRI, fluoxetine (*Prozac*), has the distinction of being the world's most widely prescribed brand name antidepressant. Fluoxetine is available in more than 100 countries. Other uses for the antidepressant include:

Bulimia: Doses of 60 mg daily have reduced the number of binge eating and vomiting episodes in over 50 percent of patients.

Obsessive compulsive disorder: Up to 80 mg per day has produced excellent results in persons who did not respond to other antidepressants.

Other uses: Fluoxetine has been used effectively to treat narcolepsy, obesity, panic attacks, childhood anxiety disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity syndrome.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary, and bless the Lord."

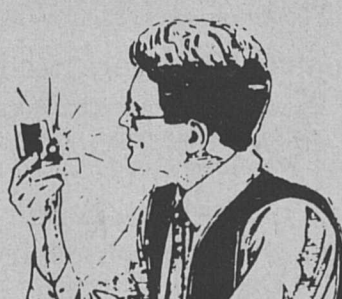
— Psalms 134:2

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