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To The Editor & You

Information concerning APC Festival

Dear Citizens of Eagle Lake,

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce hosted a small group of service, civic and religious organizations on Tuesday, Sept. 2, to discuss the next Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival. There were about 25 people there. This letter is to inform you about that meeting.

In order for the festival to continue, a steering committee needs to be formed as soon as possible. The plan is for this committee to have five people who will be dedicated to making decisions about the structure of the next

festival. These people will be responsible for assigning items such as location, advertising and speakers to the organizations who are willing to carry them out.

If your organization was not represented at the last meeting, or if you don't belong to an organization, and you're willing to help with this project, please call the Chamber office at 234-2780 by Sept. 15.

If five people have not volunteered for the steering committee by that date, there won't be a 4th Annual Eagle Lake Attwater's Prairie

Chicken Festival.

This is not a hard job; the ground work has already been done and previous festival chairpersons will be available to give advice to committee members when they need it.

A festival meeting is to be held Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum.

The results of that meeting will

also be submitted to the *Eagle Lake Headlight* for those unable to attend.

If your organization participated in last year's event, please bring the results from your activity to the meeting or mail them by Sept. 22 to the Chamber of Commerce, 408 E. Main, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Susan Tomchesson
APC Festival Committee

Rotary Club to celebrate 75 years

Dear Editor:

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club.

To commemorate this event, the Rotary Club has decided to print a cookbook; an historical guide filled with recipes collected from the community.

This is where we need your help. We are asking for your favorite recipes with detailed preparation notes. While we cannot promise that every recipe submitted will be printed, each recipe chosen will be printed

with the contributor's name.

If you would like to be part of this project, please submit your recipe to a Rotarian on or before Oct. 6.

You can reach me during the day at my office on W. Main, 409-234-5713.

We're looking forward to this project and hope to have the cookbook ready by Christmas.

Thank you for your support.

Lesley Matthews,
Eagle Lake Rotary Club
Fundraising Chairman

Give 'em a hand folks!

During the weekend of Aug. 23-24, I was the emergency room physician at Rice Medical Center.

I have always been impressed with the compassion and professionalism

of all the health care providers in Eagle Lake.

This begins with the initial response to an emergency and ends with the completion of that emergency.

It may involve definitive treatment at your facility or transport of that patient to a higher level of care.

Sunday night, a young man was involved in a pedestrian-train accident.

As tragic as the event was, the personnel involved in his treatment reacted in the most professional of ways.

EMS arrived at the accident scene, stabilized, immobilized and transported the patient to our emergency room.

When they arrived at the hospital, they continued to assist in his emergency care.

Judge strikes down parental consent rider

A new state law that would have required minors to notify their parents before obtaining state-paid birth control pills and other prescription medications has been struck down.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown declared the parental consent law, which would have gone into effect Sept. 1, unconstitutional.

In issuing the ruling, McCown said federal law prohibits the requiring of parental consent for federally funded family planning services. The judge also said the law violated the Texas Constitution's prohibition on amending or repealing general law through the budget bill.

The law, sponsored by state Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, was one of many riders and provisions attached to the new state budget bill. If the law had been implemented, the state would have lost an estimated \$93 million in federal funding.

Bill Price of Texas United for Life, a group that opposes abortion rights, denounced McCown's decision. "It's outrageous for a solitary judge to override the wishes of elected representatives of the people, and we think that his decision will be overturned on appeal," he said.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

But, Susan Nenny of Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas Inc., which challenged the law, called McCown's decision a victory, "because teens will continue to receive confidential family planning services and treatment for sexually transmitted infections."

Bush School Opens at A&M

Texas A&M University's new George Bush School of Government and Public Service opened for classes last week.

Gov. George W. Bush plans to be involved in the school named after his father on the A&M campus. "I hope to do some lecturing at the school, certainly some listening, too," he said.

The school offers a two-year program leading to a master's degree in public service and administration, thought to be the only degree of its type in the country, the Associated Press reported.

Police Groups Fight Law

Four non-profit police associations are asking a Dallas federal judge to block enforcement of a new state law that would require them to tell charitable contributors how much of their donations go to telemarketers.

Reports filed in 1997 by the Texas Secretary of State's office show that telemarketers for the police groups kept 60 to 80% of the money.

The new law requires that law enforcement organizations tell prospective contributors how much of their donation goes to telemarketers if the figure is more than 10%.

The law also bans telemarketers from calling on weekends or before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Plaintiffs include the Texas State Troopers Association Inc., Texas Department of Public Safety Officer Association, Texas Municipal Police Association and Texas State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Lottery Stalls Ad Campaign

The Texas Lottery Commission postponed an advertising campaign that shows schoolchildren as the beneficiaries of the state-run games of chance, after House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Junell learned of the plan.

Rep. Junell, D-San Angelo, last week urged commissioners to stick with the concept of "truth in advertising" and said, "Dedicating the lottery didn't mean one nickel more for public education."

While the lottery does benefit public schools, some lawmakers believe (See Highlights, Page 3)

Dear Sweetheart,

Please do the following:

1. Pick up the suit from the cleaners.
2. Get a babysitter for October 4, 1997.
3. Pick up tickets to the 2nd Annual Harvest Ball. For \$50, we will get a steak and shrimp dinner, cocktails, and a night of dancing. We may even win cash prizes.
4. You can pick up tickets at either of the locations listed:

Eagle Lake Drug Store
Laker Printing
Nada Grocery
Rice Medical Center
Thomas Clinic

P.S. Tell your friends that Dr. Raymond Thomas is being honored as the 1997 Texas Family Physician of the year.

XOXO Your Sweetie

(Proceeds go towards Hospital Renovations and Patient Care Items)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS
OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue available over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt.

The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Prevention & Treatment of Menstrual Migraines

Migraine headaches are associated with changes in the blood vessels. Vascular (blood vessel) headaches occur when certain vessels in the head expand or enlarge. It is thought that expansion of such vessels places pressure on nerves which, in turn, causes pain. The nature of migraine attacks varies, but most are preceded by a warning period or aura. During the warning period, the person affected may feel extremely tired, experience visual problems (bright lights may be unbearable), or become nauseated. Diarrhea and/or vomiting may occur. Soon after these warning signs fade, an intense, gripping pain on one side of the forehead begins. Some experience a throbbing of the entire head.

According to a recent article in the medical journal *Postgraduate Medicine*, up to 70 percent of migraines in women are related to their menstrual cycles. Preventive measures include stabilizing body estrogen levels with an estrogen-containing skin patch or gel 2 to 3 days before menses. Nonsteroidal antiinflammatory medicines such as aspirin, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen may prevent migraines when started 7 days before the expected menses. Other medicines used to prevent migraines include nadalol (Corgard), tricyclic antidepressants, and methylergonovine (Methergine).