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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Sweet success

The Eagle Lake Middle School Student Council held a bake sale as one of many service projects for the community.

The Oct. 3 event was a tremendous success, raising over \$600 to benefit their service project.

This was due to many generous businesses who have storefront space, the City of Eagle Lake, parents who sacrificed time and money to bake the delicious goods, and the many fine citizens of Eagle Lake and the surrounding communities who made purchases.

No event could be a success like

this without the volunteers who manned the sites faithfully throughout the day.

Thank you all for your support.

Eagle Lake Middle
School Student Council

Just a few thoughts

There are a few things that have been rattling around in my head the last few weeks that I'd like to throw together here.

First, and foremost, the "article" reporting the game the Rice Raiders

After he was formally sentenced last week, State Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, said he will complete the remainder of his second term in office after he serves his 180-day jail sentence.

Nixon, 37, pleaded guilty in Sept. to misdemeanor charges of solicitation of a prostitute and illegal possession of a weapon. He was arrested in downtown Austin on Feb. 18 after

offering an undercover Austin police-woman posing as a prostitute \$35 for sexual acts.

A loaded handgun was found under the seat of his car. Nixon does not have a permit to carry.

Travis County Court-at-Law Judge David Puryear sentenced Nixon to 180 days in the Travis County Jail beginning Oct. 17. But Nixon's lawyer said the senator will ask to serve



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

his sentence in East Texas, "where this man lives and has his family and his work." Nixon is an accountant.

When the senator appeared before the court for sentencing, Judge Puryear admonished him for engaging in behavior that "not only violates the laws of the state of Texas, it violates the trust of the people of Texas, perhaps your constituents. It discredits you and the public office you hold."

Nixon agreed, saying, "My actions were inexcusable, and I did let down every constituent in my district."

But despite Democrats' call for his resignation, Nixon said he saw no reason to resign from public office. "I intend to serve out my time as a Texas state senator. My decision in that regard is final."

Nixon said he had no plans to seek re-election in 2000, when his term expires.

When asked if his legal problems hurt the Republican party, he said, "I think the voters judge each one of us independently, and I don't think that one Republican having a problem would affect other Republicans."

Pay Phone Rate Cap Lifted
The Public Utility Commission (PUC) last week changed pay telephone rules in Texas to conform with requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Starting Oct. 8, the PUC will allow pay phone owners to charge pay phone users more than 25¢ per local call.

Texas has more than 150,000 pay phones, including 86,000 owned by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Kate Lowery, a spokeswoman for Bell, said a raise in the charge for a local call is in the works, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

However, Scott Pospisil, executive director of the Texas Payphone Association, said a dispute between the private pay phone industry and the long distance companies at the Federal Communications Commission probably will delay increases in local

call charges.

Lotto Case Will Be Heard

A new Jersey policeman who has been unable to collect a \$10.4 million Texas Lotto jackpot may get to turn in his winning ticket after all.

The Texas Lottery Commission refused to pay Scott Wenner, contending that the ticket was illegally sold by a now-defunct company that sold tickets from other state lotteries. Wenner thought he had won the jackpot in Nov. 1994.

Wenner sought relief in federal court, but a Houston federal district judge dismissed the case. Wenner appealed, and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans overturned the dismissal in an opinion released last week.

The case has been sent back to Houston for a full trial.

Other Capital Highlights

•Former Dallas Cowboys line-backer Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson has been fasting to raise money to build an eight-lane running track around a football field in low-income East Austin. Henderson, who is camping at the sight, has collected more than \$180,000 of the \$200,000 goal.

•A red tide continued to kill thousands of fish on the South Texas coast. State health officials extended the ban on shellfish harvesting. Although commercial oyster harvesting doesn't start until Nov. 1, recreational fishermen may be catching infected fish.

•The Texas Lottery Commission decided to correct its Cash 5 game advertisements after members of the Texas Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges pointed out that thousands fewer players win each week than the 60,000 the ads proclaimed.

•Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer is considering a proposal that would give insurance discounts to Texas homeowners who purchase roofs that can withstand hailstorms. A public hearing on the proposal is set for Dec. 3.

•Nestle announced plans to pull the candy toy Nestle Magic from store shelves after politicians in Washington and Texas said the product was unsafe for children. Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, asked Attorney General Dan Morales to oppose the sale of chocolate-covered plastic balls that encase a plastic dragon figure.

1997 St. Anthony Church BBQ Beef & Sausage

FALL FESTIVAL

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of St. Anthony Catholic Church

Sunday, Oct. 12

KC Hall, Columbus (IH 10 at Glidden Exit)

BBQ Beef & Sausage: Meat To Go at Pit

Serving Starts at 11 a.m.

Adult Take-Home Plates to Go... Drive Thru

Adults \$5 per plate

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Michael Koehl & Broken Promise Band perform Noon to 4

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Notice
of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Eagle Lake conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 14.0524 percent on October 2, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Eagle Lake is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on October 14, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

gained by our community over the last several months is good news.

The person points out that what is needed downtown is a good general store and a family grocery store. Sorry, that probably won't happen.

Oh, someone may come in and open a general store. How good it will be will depend not only on the owner and his merchandise, but on how Eagle Lake residents accept the store and how much they purchase from it.

As for the family grocery store, don't hold your breath! The buildings downtown don't have the floor space a grocery establishment requires, especially for storing stock.

If another store moves into town, more than likely they will build to suit themselves or might show interest in the IGA store, but not downtown.

The only family-owned and operated grocery I've been in lately that can even hold a candle to a chain store is Klecka's in East Bernard.

When I was there a few weeks ago talking with Alan and Mr. Klecka about their ad and changes they were thinking about, Alan took me for a tour of the facility.

Besides having numerous offices tucked away behind the courtesy booth, the display area has been enlarged, remodeled and generally spruced up. Not only does the new flooring and paint job make the inside bright and cheerful, it's a constant "pep rally" for the East Bernard athletes and fans. The color scheme of the entire store is the Brahmas school colors.

They increased their display capacity for frozen foods, too. It covers both sides (I think) of one entire aisle and there's more on the front wall.

A real deli was added, serving lunches, etc. You can pick from several entrees including some scrumptious barbecued ribs I saw and make a meal by choosing from a multitude of side orders.

Their produce section is tremendous. I haven't seen one even close to the selection they have since the last time I stopped a Bill's Supermarket in Sealy (also family operated).

And, their meat counter puts the others in the area to shame!

When I get my kitchen back in working order, I know where I'm going to get the steaks and mushrooms the girls and I are going to fix to celebrate!

That brings up another point made by the person who wrote the above-mentioned "note". They said we should spend our sales taxes in Eagle Lake to "help our City with its expenses".

Yes, that would be nice, but it has become increasingly difficult to do so

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 7, 1972

A local man was seriously wounded early Sunday morning when he was stabbed three or four times with a pocket knife following an argument outside the Midnight Bar in this city. Pete Salinas was the victim of the stabbing and was rushed to Eagle Lake Community Hospital where he received a considerable amount of blood. He was later transferred to Ben Taub Hospital in Houston where he was placed in intensive care. Pete De La Rosa was charged with assault with intent to murder in the incident...

Game management officers Leo

Kohleffel and Sam Center and four other officers from this area were participating in a road block to check deer hunters and inspect hunting camps during the weekend, resulting in five fines against four persons...

Mrs. Scott Blair III and baby daughter, Jennifer, left Monday, Dec. 4, for Singapore to join Mr. Blair who is associated with Key International Drilling Company...

Lawrence Dancy was named Cager of the Week for the Rice High School basketball team...

Janie Rodriguez, sophomore, and Case Hollub, senior, returned as members of the district band after attending a recent contest at Angleton High School...

Janice Popp, junior, and D'Ann Davidson, freshman, were presented with sweetheart jackets by the Rice High School FFA chapter during its meeting Tuesday...

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Ramirez of Rockport welcomed a new arrival into their family at 11:57 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Nightingale Hospital in El Campo. The baby, who weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, has been named Gilbert Ray. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Isidoro Ramirez of Eagle Lake and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ramirez of El Campo...

Wedding vows uniting Miss Brenda Lobpries and Thomas Wendel were exchanged Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Citizens in the community learned with sadness of the death of Clyde S. Dunlavy, 68, at 5:30 a.m. last Wed., Nov. 29, at Eagle Lake Community Hospital...

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dromgoole of Eagle Lake are the proud parents of a baby girl born Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8:25 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Jacqueline Marie, who was 19 inches and 7 pounds, 13 ounces at

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JOHN B. MYRES, D.D.S.
234-3525

Views On
Dental Health

Located in the
Rice Medical Center

ROTARY-TYPE TOOTHBRUSHES

There's a new kind of toothbrush that could be a significant advance in the war on tooth decay. It's called the rotary-type brush. It was developed by European dentists and provides the same kind of rotary brush cleaning as professional instruments. The rotary action of these brushes against the teeth is superior to standard tooth brushes. It effectively removes bacteria and plaque from the teeth, massaging the gums and even cleaning areas between the teeth and below the gum line where plaque tends to accumulate.

The rotary-type brush is especially useful for patients with difficult-to-

clean spaces between their teeth, for those who wear braces, and for anyone suffering from periodontal problems.

The rotary-type brush is small and easy to handle, but it does take time to use it properly. Even if you use a rotary-type brush, it's still important to floss and come in for your regular checkups. However, from what we've seen, this new instrument can certainly help improve your dental health.

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