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## To The Editor & You

### One call did it

Dear Editor,

The Prairie Edge Players want this community to know what a fine neighbor Heritage House is.

The Museum desperately needed a piano in playing condition to use in the Players' upcoming theatrical production.

One call and Heritage House generously donated their extra piano to us. This is what makes it so rewarding to live in a small town where neighbors know you and help you.

Sincerely,  
Helen Craig, Producer  
Prairie Edge Players



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Love offering accepted.

Half of proceeds to go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry.

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## Morales wants settlement money going to 'kids'

Attorney General Dan Morales said last week that Gov. George W. Bush and State Legislators are delaying the settlement with the tobacco industry and withholding money that should be going to children's health care.

"The money is sitting in the bank. Thousands of children are sick. Let's get that money to the kids," Morales was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Under federal law, Texas' \$15.2 billion settlement with cigarette makers could become effective Feb. 23, a date 30 days after U.S. District Judge David Folsom approved it. According to Morales, Texas could begin using the money that day, to extend health insurance to 72,000 poor children across the state.

Bush and the legislators rebutted Morales' assertion, saying that state law, which requires the Legislature to appropriate money before spending it, prevents them from immediately spending it. Legislators must write a new state budget when they convene in Jan. 1999.

"It's not up to Morales to decide how to distribute that money. The money will be distributed through the appropriations process," said Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls. Fraser is one of seven state senators who have filed a motion to prevent expenditure of the settlement.

### Test Preparer Lauds Program

A new Texas A&M program that doesn't require the Medical College Admissions Test for some students has drawn praise from a company that prepares incoming students to take standardized tests.

Paul Cohen, a spokesman for Princeton Review, said the MCAT and other such tests are poor indicators of a student's ability.

"If these tests really measured how well you were going to do in medical school and law school, you couldn't take a test-preparation course and go up 6 points. We don't make our students better doctors or lawyers. We

## State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
and Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

make them better test-takers," Cohen said, adding that he believes the tests are racially biased.

The Texas A&M program, which addresses declining minority enrollment, recruits students from areas with large minority populations. It offers guaranteed admission to the A&M medical program to applicants who maintain a high enough grade-point average in an approved curriculum.

### TAAS Guides Shipped

Copies of a study guide to help students pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exit exam have been shipped to high schools across the state.

The "Working Through TAAS" guides cover the same skills that are taught in school and tested on.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses said, "The new guides will help the students be better prepared for the

TAAS when they take it again next month."

High school students must pass the TAAS to graduate. They may take it up to eight times starting in their sophomore year.

TAAS guides - designed to help parents tutor their children over the summer - will be available in June for students in third through eighth grades.

### Austin Seeks Rail Funding

Austin's transit agency is preparing a proposal for \$100 million in federal money for a light-rail passenger service. This spring, Congress is to decide what projects get funded.

Also competing for federal funding is the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council, which wants to build a commuter rail line connecting San Antonio and Round Rock.

Both projects address the need to relieve ever-increasing traffic congestion along Interstate 35.

Presently, Dallas is the only other Texas city with light-rail service.

### Other Capital Highlights

The University of Texas board of regents has approved the construction of a \$40 million dormitory to open in the fall of 2000. The cost is estimated

at \$40,000 per bed for 1,000 students or \$45,000 per student if it is built to house 800 students.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled Feb. 13 that Dallas Area Rapid Transit can withhold records requested by *The Dallas Morning News* in the 1997 death of a 9-year-old girl. The child was crushed beneath the rear wheels of a DART bus as she was returning from school. The matter now goes to the appeals court.

Concerned about low pay and high turnover of nonteaching staff, University of Texas faculty voted to donate a portion of next school year's raises to the staff. The move will provide about \$300,000 more for staff.

The Texas attorney general's office is conducting an investigation into Microsoft Corp.'s business practices, but a state district court judge ruled last week that the computer software giant can maintain agreements it has with other companies to keep some information about their dealings secret.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning owners and players of "eight-liner" casino-style gambling machines that they could face criminal charges if found using or operating them. There are an estimated 20,000 such machines in Texas.

Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1973

Eagle Lake elementary students won three places in the district elementary literary competition in Brenham last week. **Stephen Mahalitc** won second in Story Telling. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mahalitc. **Judy Ashby**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ashby, won third in Oral Reading; and **Russell Scott**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Scott, also placed third in Oral Reading.

One of the county's most promi-

nent and active citizens, **Dudley E. Baker** of Alleyton, succumbed to heart failure in the Youens Memorial Hospital in Weimar at 7:30 a.m. Sunday after an illness of only a week.

Rice High School qualified three tennis players for the District 13AAA tournament to be held Thursday and Friday in West Columbia. Representing RHS will be **Roger Stienke, Kurt Thomas** and **Tom Reed**. **Roger** and **Tom** will play doubles; **Kurt** will play singles and defend his title.

Mr. & Mrs. **George Birdwell** honored their son, **Frank Newel**, with a surprise birthday party at their home on Thursday, March 29th.

Mrs. **Susie Alaniz** worked with Eagle Lake Middle School students **Janie Fuentes** and **Gloria Garcia**, teaching them to crochet, as part of Mrs. **Carole Pavlicek's** art class.

Rice High School Coach and Mrs. **Gene Walkoviak** became the happy parents of a six pounds and fourteen ounces baby daughter at Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 12:04 a.m. Monday afternoon.

Jan. 27, 1950

Mrs. **Willie Prihoda** was called to her eternal reward Sunday night at eight o'clock after an illness of a few days.

**Jos. V. Frnka** of Austin, who was an assistant attorney general of Texas when he asked for an appointment to go to Germany as an advisor to the Military Government, spoke to the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at their Wednesday meeting. He was guest speaker of D.S. Taylor, program chairman for the week.

**B.D. Fussell** of Eagle Lake is among the exhibitors showing the largest group of animals in the 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show in the Quarter horse division.

The financial condition of Colorado County is excellent, says **James F. Houlihan**, County Auditor.

**Seth C. Cooper**, 65, died in a Hallettsville hospital yesterday afternoon, Thursday, shortly after he was injured in an automobile accident.

**W.E. Lenhart**, after 42 years as Superintendent of the Church School at Christ Episcopal Church, asked to be relieved at the annual Parish meeting and supper at the Church Wednesday evening of last week.

A new bus service, the **South Texas Bus Line**, is now operating daily between Eagle Lake and Pledger.

Mrs. **G.M. Cason**, Mrs. **O.L. Mill** and Mrs. **C.E. Carter** of Eagle Lake and Mrs. **Carlton Storey** and

Mrs. **Showers** of Houston were guests of Mrs. **Frank Duty** for lunch at the Houston Club Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. **Joe Hurley** and **Joe Wesley Hintz** visited here with Mrs. **Louis Hintz** last Friday. **Joe Wesley** graduated from Ball High in Galveston that day.

Coach **Johnnie Frankie** of Wharton County Junior College has been named a "coach of the year" by the Texas Sportsman's Asso.

The **Eagle Lake Eagles** walked off with third place trophy in the Sheridan tournament defeating **Kinkaid** of Houston 45 to 24. Gold basketballs were awarded to five players including **Walter Frnka** of Eagle Lake. **Zahradnick** of the Eagles copped a silver basketball for placing on the second all-tournament squad.

**E.H. "Bubble" Walker Jr.** celebrated his third birthday last Friday evening.

Mrs. **J.R. Colly** entertained last Friday with an eight-table bridge luncheon at Fay's in Altair.

**John Mahalitc Jr.** and **George Cason Jr.** are leaving Monday morning, Jan. 30, to take their calves for exhibit in the Houston Fat Stock Show.

Mrs. **Ben Brasher** has been in Arkansas this week. She plans to return tomorrow, bringing her mother with her.

Mr. & Mrs. **H.J. Cosgrove** have bought the home in which they have been living from Mr. & Mrs. **P.P. Ramsey**.

**Joy Albrecht** of Eagle Lake will be among the 74 students who receive their degrees in a service at Southwest Texas State Teachers College tomorrow, Jan. 28.

Mr. & Mrs. **George Class** announced the engagement of their daughter, **Beatrice**, to **A.J. Hill** of Bernardo.

**J. Harland Bell** and **Leslie Sunderman** were in Edna last night to work with a nominating committee to select nominees to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the El Campo Production Credit Association for the coming year.

**Sam F. Boothe** and **Hargrove Smith** were among those attending the Texas Hardware Convention in Houston this week.

On Sat., Jan. 21, at 8:00 in the evening **Miss Joan McAndrew Davis** became the bride of **William L. Ross** at the McKinney Ave. Baptist parsonage in Austin.

Mrs. **Gardner Duncan** was (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

## LETTERS TO EDITOR POLICY

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

- Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
- All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
- The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information

mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.

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