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## TO THE EDITOR &amp; YOU

## Service markers not difficult to obtain

Dear Editor:

Members of the local American Legion Post 108 report that a number of graves of deceased veterans in local cemeteries are not marked with service monument-markers.

This makes it difficult for Legionnaires to place flags on the graves on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

All it takes to get one of the markers free is to provide an original discharge or a copy of the discharge and a copy of the veteran's death certificate. Installation of the markers at the veteran's grave is provided by the Dulany Funeral Home without charge.

These markers and the U.S. Flag are small tokens of appreciation from

the U.S. government for the service of veteran's in the protection and preservation of the rights and privileges enjoyed in this country.

If a deceased veteran was part of your family and does not have a marker on his or her grave, please collect the required papers and get them to the American Legion, Fred R. Frnka Commander, 618 Melody

Lake, Texas 77434, phone 234-2065; or to Larry Dulany, Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, 234-2011.

Please help us see that your deceased veteran is properly recognized.

**Fred R. Frnka, Commander**  
W. Cherry - M. Perry Post  
108 American Legion

## Past APC Festival chair sends thanks

Dear Editor:

As you know, the Fourth Annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival is rapidly approaching and I would like to express my appreciation to the

hard-working volunteers who have organized this year's event.

I stress hard-working, because as a past chairman of this festival, I learned quickly just how much time and effort goes into the planning of one short weekend.

Events this year include a Friday night street dance, refuge tours, wagon rides and homes tours, a petting zoo and nature exhibits, fly fishing demonstrations, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, a fun run, a talent show, arts and crafts and food booths and educational speakers, as well as a Saturday social and silent auction.

Some of the people who need to be recognized are: Becky Anderson, Lynda Appelt, J.C. Cooper, Toni

## Bush, Morales still disagree on fees

Gov. George W. Bush and Attorney General Dan Morales met last week to resolve a conflict between them over the fees private attorneys stand to collect in the state's \$15.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry.

Though the meeting was friendly, Bush still plans to go forward with his motion before a Texarkana federal judge to treat the attorney's fees, which total 15% of the settlement, separate from the \$15.3 billion. Bush



## State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
and Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

said he thinks the \$2.3 billion attorneys would get is excessive.

Morales' spokesman Ron Dusek said, "The progress being made is that the lawyers are going to get together and try to iron this thing out."

Morales has said the settlement guarantees \$15.3 billion to the state over a period of 25 years and that any reduction of attorney's fees will go back into the pockets of the tobacco industry.

## Homeowner Coverage to Rise

Texas' largest property insurers said last week that the rates for homeowner's coverage will increase statewide this year.

Allstate Insurance, the second-largest property insurer, said the average increase for its policyholders will be 5%. Farmers Insurance, the third-largest, said premiums for one of its largest subsidiaries are increasing an average of 8% statewide.

State Farm, the largest property insurer in Texas, announced earlier this year that its homeowner's premiums were rising 3.4% statewide.

Dallas and Fort Worth homeowners' will pay 10 to 15% higher premiums because of property losses caused by hail storms in 1995.

Insurance companies can price their policies up to 30% above or below state benchmark rates, which are set by Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer.

## Charter School Papers Eyed

The State Board of Education last week reviewed 83 applications for new independent charter schools.

Most of the planned campuses would offer an education focus differing from public schools to attract parents and students, expanding the alternatives to regular public schools.

About a third of the proposed charters are for existing private and or religious schools that want to become publicly financed charter schools, and the remainder would be new schools, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

Brooks Flemister, state director for charter schools with the Texas Education Agency, said State Board of Education members can select as many of the 83 proposed charter schools as they wish.

"They can approve all 83 or none, whatever they want to do," Flemister said, referring to the charter school law passed by the Legislature last year. Lawmakers authorized up to 100 new "open enrollment" charter schools in the state, leaving it up to the board to grant the charters.

Such charter schools are publicly financed, exempt from most state regulation such as class-size limits, and accept students regardless of where they live.

Texas presently has 19 independent charter schools — those approved by legislators in 1995.

## SWB Seeks to Enter Market

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. last week filed a request with the Public Utility Commission to sell long distance service in Texas, saying it had met federal requirements to open its monopoly local service to competition.

In its request, Southwestern Bell said that 155 companies had the PUC's approval to offer local phone service and that more than 340,000 of its lines had been leased by competitors for resale to others.

Critics said, however that Southwestern Bell still as 99% of the local lines in its service area and was fighting in the courts to delay competition, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

"As long as Southwestern Bell continues to put lawyers first, lobbyists second and local competition last, they should be kept out of the rigorously competitive long distance market," MCI Telecommunications Corp. spokesman C.K. "Chip" Casteel said.

On Dec. 31, a federal court ruled that a provision in the 1996 Telecommunications Act that keeps Southwestern Bell and other "Baby Bells" out of the long distance market is unconstitutional. The ruling has not taken effect, pending appeals.

## Other Capital Highlights

•Top university officials in Texas got much higher average raises this year than faculty and staff, the *American-Statesman* reported. Statewide, presidents and chancellors got average raises of 6.4%, according to data compiled by the Texas Faculty Association. Faculty raises averaged about 3% and staff got a \$100-a-month increase.

•State epidemiologists reported March 3 that Texas has had 89 cases of invasive group A streptococcus resulting in 18 deaths since Dec. 1.

## A&amp;M Club to give scholarships

The Colorado County A&M Club will be giving three \$1,500 scholarships this year in memory of Robert P. "Snip" Wells Jr., Class of 1943.

The scholarships will be given to three students, one from each of the County's three public high schools, planning to attend Texas A&M.

Applications may be obtained in the counselor's office at each of the schools.

Applications may be returned to Ernest H. Baumgarten Jr., Box 932, Columbus, Texas 78934 or your counselor's office by April 15.

The persons selected will be invited to the Colorado A&M Club muster scheduled for April 21.

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Bible Verse  
of the Week

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." — Psalms 118:8

Submitted by  
Neddy Phillips

Let's Look Back...

## 24 &amp; 48 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1973

Five sorority sisters of Alpha Delta Phi got in a bit of practice warming up for the benefit car wash to be held this Saturday at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash. Our camera's caught the ladies in action: Dorothy Baker, Pat Cook, Jo Ann Gertson, Jane Clipson and Ernie Sommerlatte. Proceeds to go to Eagle Lake Hospital...

Four persons are listed on the ballot seeking the Eagle Lake Position 1 on the School Board. They are Arthur Anderson, Ralph Gertson, Arthur Mahalic and Geo. Bennie Hemphill...

Running for the three positions on City Council are Larry Wiese, Roy D. Van Nort, H.G. Locklier Jr., Alvin W. Kohleffel, Ted Reese, Bennie Miller and Harold Raabe...

Army Pvt. Pablo M. Urdiales, 20, son of Mrs. Guadalupe M. Urdiales of San Antonio, participated with some 15,000 American and Allied troops in Exercise Reforger IV in Germany, Jan. 22-26...

Rice High School track team members placed in the Texas School of the Deaf in Austin last Saturday. The are Gussie Farrow, first in 880; Mary Jo Spanihel, first in high jump; Sandy Tate, second in 880; Sandy Grammer, second in discus; Janice Popp, third, 60 yard dash; and Brinda Cunningham, second in hurdles...

Mr. & Mrs. Winston W. Marsh of Richmond announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Daniel Greak, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Greak Sr. of Eagle Lake. The wedding is planned for June 16th, 1973, at

seven in the evening at St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond.

Feb. 3, 1950

Fifty-five Eagle Lake school students in the band marched in the opening day parade of the Houston Fat Stock Show Wednesday. The band director is Martin Hale...

Elizabeth Sue Wegenhoft of Eagle Lake was among the 79 graduate students receiving masters' degrees at the University of Texas Jan. 31st...

Mr. & Mrs. John Kearney and Kay spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. G.M. Cason and George. On Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Kopecky and children joined the party for dinner at the Cason ranch home...

Mrs. T.P. Dowdy underwent an operation in the Columbus Hospital Friday of last week. Report is that she is getting along fine...

The Eagle Lake High School cagers romped to a 39 to 24 victory over the Garwood Gars in the Eagle Lake gym. Water Frnka and Tommy Scott sparked the Eagles in a game that was hotly contested from beginning to end...

Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Frnka and son, Don, moved into their new home, which they constructed, this week...

Mrs. H.J. Nelson and daughter, Linda Jo, of Edna, are here this week with her father, T.C. Clapp, who was taken to a Galveston Hospital Monday for treatment...

Eckhardt Abercrombie enrolled Monday at Wharton County Junior (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

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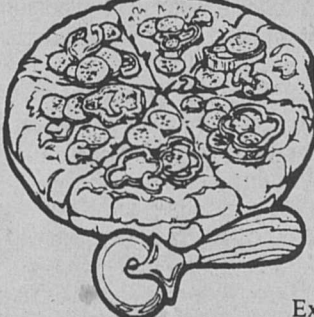
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