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To THE EDITOR & YOU

The Mayoral Election, A Matter of Choice

(The following is a paid political advertisement paid for by René Cooper-Scott, P.O. Box 121, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.)

The upcoming election for Mayor will be a decision on the type of leadership for Eagle Lake. While serving the City of Eagle Lake as a council member I have worked with four different Mayors. I have learned and experienced a lot during that time. We must be an open minded community.

We should come together on common ground issues, which effect all of us. We should be like construction workers with a common goal to create a sound structure. Different people, many talents, a variety of skills, but the same goals and objectives. We need to work like everything depends on us and pray that our children see our right examples and follow. Eagle Lake belongs to all of us, together we stand, and divided we will fail, and

fall!! A few committed people cannot continue to shoulder the responsibilities of an entire city/community. We all need to step up to the plate and share in our civic obligation to make Eagle Lake the best community that it can be. We need to pull from all our resources. We now have another "opportunity" to be a trend setter for other small rural cities. Eagle Lake can be an awesome rural area with innovative ideas for survival. A few dedicated citizens cannot do it alone. When YOU are sitting around discussing the cities problems as you see them, take it a step further and discuss solutions to our perceived problems, and then bring our ideas to a city council meeting. Put us, your elected officials to work. Make us accountable for the growth and development of Eagle Lake. I am interested in a better Eagle Lake for all of the citizens who reside here. I am a city official, and the City of Eagle Lake comes first. The city has always been able to reach me when necessary! If elected I plan to hold coffee conference's at City Hall. This will allow us to hear, and discuss your civic concerns. I encourage all of you to vote on Saturday May 2, 1998. If your VISION of Eagle Lake is one of economic growth, strong values, and a sense of family and community then René Cooper-Scott is your best choice for the office of Mayor. I represent veteran leadership, solid professional experience, and public integrity.

Respectfully,
René Cooper-Scott, R.N.
Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Eagle Lake

Did You Know...

Some people think it unlucky to see an owl or a crow.

Bush wants lawyers' fees ruling changed

Gov. George W. Bush last week asked a federal judge to throw out his previous ruling that declared lawyers' \$2.3 billion fee reasonable in the state's billion fee reasonable in the state's \$15.3 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Attorney General Dan Morales hired the team of private lawyers to represent the state in the lawsuit.

Lawyers for Bush and seven Republican and Democratic state legislators who joined the governor in suing to cut back the lawyers' fees (15% of the settlement) said they are prepared to appeal to a higher court if U.S. District Judge David Folsom rules against them.

Austin lawyer Pete Schenkkan, who is representing Bush, said, "We think the law is clearly on our side, but that doesn't mean we are going to win in front of Judge Folsom."

If an appeal of Folsom's ruling is necessary, Schenkkan said, the law-

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

yers opposing the \$2.3 billion fees would argue that the judge acted improperly when he ruled Jan. 22 to enforce the state's contract with the private lawyers, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Court Sides With Ticketholder

A new Jersey police officer is closer to collecting the \$10.4 million Texas Lottery jackpot he won in 1994.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Scott Wenner is entitled to a trial of his lawsuit claiming that the Texas Lottery is trying to cheat him out of his winnings by not paying.

The court's decision clears the way for a Dec. trial, but Wenner's lawyer said he believes Texas will settle rather than go back to court.

Wenner bought the \$1 ticket from a now-defunct multistate ticket agent in Pennsylvania.

The Texas Lottery argued that the agent illegally sold the ticket, making Wenner's claim invalid. But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the sale was legal and the high court upheld its ruling.

LCRA Ends Private Briefings

Though it is legal for government bodies to hold staff briefings in private, the Lower Colorado River Authority last week announced its decision to curtail them.

"We found that we have been holding too many briefings in executive sessions," LCRA General Manager Mark Rose told the *Austin American-Statesman*. "These briefings can be difficult to police, and eventually we could find ourselves in trouble."

Under the Texas Open Meetings Law, meetings of tax-supported entities must be public. The definition of what constitutes a meeting is sometimes blurry to officials whose responsibility it is to post public notice of the meetings and conduct them in accordance with the law.

The Austin-based LCRA manages the Colorado River and provides water and power to customers from near Abilene to Bay City.

AG Shuns Hopwood Meeting

About 25 University of Texas students demonstrated outside the state attorney general's office demanding that Attorney General Morales appeal the Hopwood case.

The students chanted that minorities were being denied access to higher education because of the case, but Morales declined to meet with them.

The week before the demonstrations, Morales said he was unconvinced Texas should launch an appeal.

Hopwood - named for lead plaintiff Cheryl Hopwood - was brought in 1992 by four white students who said they were denied admission to the UT school of law because of their race.

In 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that race could no longer be a factor in awarding scholarships, financial aid and college admission.

Meanwhile, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks denied a request by black and Hispanic American groups that they be allowed to intervene on behalf of the University of Texas in the Hopwood case.

Gov. Bush Heads West

Gov. Bush traveled to California last week to raise money for his re-election campaign, speak to movie executives and attend a fundraiser for GOP gubernatorial candidate Dan Lungren.

Garry Mauro, Bush's Democratic challenger, chided the governor for doing the same thing he criticized his predecessor Ann Richards for doing in 1994: accepting campaign money from Californians and promoting the Texas film industry.

According to finance reports, Bush has raised about \$8 million for his re-election, including \$1.2 million from out of state.

Senate Kids' Site Opens

The Texas Senate launched its Texas SenateKids Internet site, at <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/kids/>.

Each of the 31 members of the Senate is pitching in to pay for the \$3,000 site.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1973

Rice High School Cosmetology students won eight ribbons including one first place in the state VICA competition held last week in Fort Worth. Lynn Gold won first place for styling a wig. Other winners included Phyllis Hoffman, second in hair styling; Debra Burns, second in cold waves; Stella Morales, second in roller sets; Elaine Lowe, second in cold waves; Brenda Ford, third in wigs; Gold and Aubrey Carter, second in roller sets. Mary Jones is the cosmetology teacher at Rice High School...

Mrs. Charles Causey, head librarian at Rice High School, is retiring after 16 years of service...

Eagle Lake Volunteer firemen were called to the same scene of a fire three times Wednesday, with the fire eventually destroying the home of the Lloyd Middletons on Conner Street owned by the A.J. Ashtons...

Citizens in the community learned with sadness of the death of Mrs. Myrtle Swearingen in Ruston, La., last Tuesday, May 1...

Mrs. Herman Boothe attended a

dinner meeting in Waco of the officers and directors of the Baylor University Ex-Students Association this past Friday evening...

Three students from the area will be capped at Wharton County Junior College as Dental Hygienists on May 18. They are Agnes Duke and Ann Sunderman of Eagle Lake and Arleta Means of Rock Island...

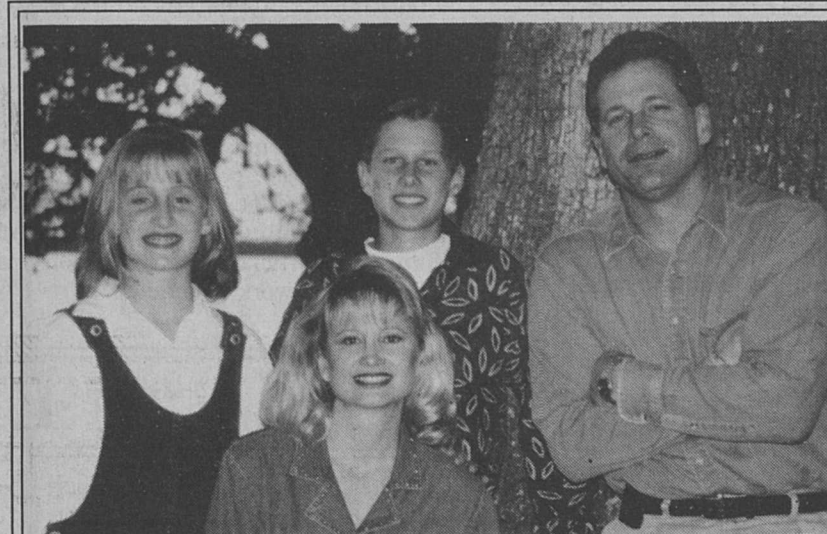
Brendan Boudreaux congratulated Russell Scott after his election as president of the Eagle Lake Middle School Student Council...

Miss Shirley Rowe and Robert Hemphill Jr. will exchange vows May 26, 1973, at 10 a.m. in Altair at Wright Grove Baptist Church...

Eagle Lake City Manager T.J. Smith and Chief of Police Roy Chisum recently attended a seminar conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the Texas Criminal Justice Council on control of civic disorders.

March 31, 1950

Thomas & Clipson Rodeo has
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RE-ELECT

Robin Thomas

Rice CISD Board of Trustees

May 2 Election

Polling Places:

Eagle Lake Primary School
Garwood School
Sheridan School

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Robin Thomas, Treasurer.

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