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Gov. Bush still opposing \$2.3 billion legal fees

Seven state legislators continue standing with Gov. George W. Bush in opposing legal fees in Texas' \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement.

Bush and the legislators oppose the \$2.3 billion in legal fees U.S. District Judge David Folsom awarded in the largest settlement in a civil lawsuit in U.S. history.

Last week, the seven told Folsom, who is overseeing the settlement, that Attorney General Dan Morales is wrong in saying the governor refuses to mediate the dispute. They say Bush has even proposed mediators as alternatives to federal appellate judges he rejected on the advice of his general counsel, Margaret Nixon.

"The facts are that the governor has not refused to negotiate or mediate," the lawmakers' Austin lawyer Pete Schenkkan told the judge.

Morales said Bush refused mediation after rejecting two federal appellate judges proposed by Folsom to work out a compromise over attorneys' fees. Morales' spokesman Ward Tisdale said, however, "The governor wanted to pick some of his own

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

people. That simply is not acting in good faith."

But Bush said the judges, who sit on the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, cannot mediate because they are on the court that may hear an appeal in the case.

Violators Will Be Ticketed

Buckle up, Texans. If you don't, you're more likely than ever to get a \$25 to \$50 ticket for violating the state seat belt law.

"There's no excuse for Texas drivers not to know about the law and not buckle up, so there's really no need for warnings," Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Col. Dudley Thomas said last week.

A 1985 law made it mandatory for

drivers and front-seat passengers in all vehicles to wear seat belts, but the DPS recommends that all occupants wear seat belts.

Children under age 2 must ride in safety seats, and children ages 2 through 4 must be secured in safety seats or seat belts.

"Seat belt use is one thing all motorists can do to protect themselves from injuries in the event of a crash," Thomas told *The Dallas Morning News*. "About half the vehicle occupants killed in Texas traffic accidents aren't buckled up. Seat belts could save many of these lives."

DPS spokesman Mike Cox told the *Austin American-Statesman* an estimated 15% of Texans buckled up before the mandatory seat belt law came into effect, and current estimates put compliance at 75%.

"We're going after that other 25% who should be buckling up but still think they are bullet-proof," Cox said.

More Minority Admissions Offered

Data released last week by the University of Texas School of Law show the institution has offered admission to nearly twice as many blacks and more Mexican-Americans than last year.

Despite the increase in offers, however, fewer minorities are applying at UT in the wake of the federal court's 1996 Hopwood decision that banned a race-based admissions policy.

And although the number of the law school's offers has increased, those to blacks and Mexican-Americans represent just 6.4% of the 1,081 offers made, as of last week.

Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas NAACP, said UT is making progress, but offers to minorities are far below figures from the mid-1980s.

Insurance Complaints on Internet
Beginning June 2, Texas joined the first states in the nation to give the

public Internet access to detailed information on complaints against insurance companies and HMOs.

An Internet Complaint System (ICIS) that lists certain individual complaints by company and provides statistical analyses by insurance type and geographic region is available at the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) web site, www.tdi.state.tx.us. ICIS data can be downloaded for further study.

"Most of the information we collect at TDI is open to the public, but access to detailed data can be cumbersome at times," Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said. "Our decision to provide complaint data routinely over the Internet is one more way to make important information available to more people."

In general, the analyses show claim delays as the reason given most often for filing a complaint.

Other Capital Highlights

President Clinton's signing of a waiver to continue China's most-favored nation status increases opportunities for an already burgeoning Texas-China commerce. Texas exports to China include agricultural products, electronics and oil exploration equipment.

Players bought \$6.1 million worth of tickets in the first week of the Texas Lottery's new "Texas Million" game, but four \$1 million winners and other payouts totaled \$6.37 million, resulting in a net loss.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Carolee Keeton Rylander, the Republican nominee for state comptroller, last week was voted chairman of the commission by fellow members Barry Williamson and Charles Matthews.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1973

Owners of the Heritage House and directors in Ameliorates Inc. and their wives served as hosts and hostesses for the open house held from three to five Sunday afternoon. They included Dr. & Mrs. R.R. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Krivacka, Mr. & Mrs. T. Lang and Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Tryon. Also assisting in greeting guests were the administrator W.H. Roam and Mrs. Roam.

Dale Dixon will relinquish his Chairmanship of the Mathematics Department at Rice High School to assume the duties of Secondary Science and Mathematics Supervisor for the Huntsville ISD. He had been associated with this district for his entire teaching period of eight years.

Construction is underway on a new business for Eagle Lake, Scott's Snack Shack, at the intersection of FM 102 and Highway 90A (E. Main Street), just east of the Berger Mobil Station. Mrs. T.W. Scott, who is opening the business, reports the Snack Shack will have all the drive in window facilities, plus a sizeable seating area with tables and booths.

Officers of the Eagle Lake chapter of Alpha Delta Phi were installed recently. They include Diana Brunner, Extension Officer; Lynda Appelt, Vice-President; Jane Clispson, President; Martha Locklier, Recording Secretary; Brenda Corman, Corresponding Secretary; and Phyllis Thomas, Treasurer.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe A. Leopold of Nada announced the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve Ann, to Willis George Otto, son of Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Otto of Weimar. The

couple plan a June 2nd wedding in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Funeral services were held May 26th for Charles Louis German Sr. of Yorktown, the brother of Mrs. A.L. Marx and Hans German of this city.

Mr. & Mrs. Les Cranek are happy over the arrival of a baby girl born in the Gulf Coast Hospital in Wharton last Tuesday, May 22nd, weighing eight pounds, two ounces. She was named Kristen Rachel.

Louis Balas of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Jo Gregory of Phoenix, Ariz., announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julia Louise, to Howard Lobpries, son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lobpries of Garwood. The wedding is planned for July 27th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake.

Citizens in the community learned with sadness of the death of Mrs. Pearl Adams at 12 noon last Saturday at her home in Eagle Lake.

June 2, 1950

Most popular spot in town this summer-like week has been the American Legion Swimming Pool which opened for its third season last Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. D. Rhea Allison was appointed at the San Antonio Methodist Conference last Sunday to fill the pulpit in the Colly Methodist Church here.

W.E. Lenhart, A.H. Dipple and James Thornton of the First National Bank were guests of the City National Bank of Houston at a barbecue at Judge Elkin's summer home at Elkins Lake near Huntsville.

Eagle Lake is on the air! This greeting will open the second Eagle Lake hour which will be broadcast from the stage of the Cole Theater through remote control by Station KULP of El Campo Saturday morning 11:05 to 12:00 noon, and each Saturday thereafter. The program will be built weekly around local talent.

That wasn't a downtown florist shop opening in the Stephens Building corner Wednesday... that was the Royal Cleaners reopening. There were lots of flowers sent to Mrs. Frances Koudelka for her opening. She is very proud of her shop-the building itself is new inside and out and she has all new cleaning equipment including a "puffer"....

A regular Hollywood premier, complete with giant search lights, helium balloons and individual favors, will be held at the Phillips 66 End O' Main Service Station Saturday, June 10th, to celebrate the completion of the extensive remodeling and enlarging of the station.

A twister, accompanied by a driving rain, hit the north and east part of town shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday, striking first at the Eagle Lake airport, totally destroying five planes.

Personnel updates...

By Roxanne M. Walker

Susan Havelka recently joined our night shift staff at Rice Medical Center as a licensed vocational nurse.



This past Dec., Susan graduated from the nursing program at Wharton County Junior College.

She currently resides in Columbus with her husband, Jimmy, and daughters, Jenny and Kimmie.

It is with great pleasure we introduce Susan as one of the newest members of "Our Family".

Do you live alone? Do you need a Life Line unit? Call Eagle Lake Pilot Club representative Dorothy Kohleffel at 234-2698. The club has several units available for immediate use.

June Festival Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament Sunday, June 14

Andrew Hall on Guadalupe Ave. in Eagle Lake

Entry Fee: \$40 per team Team roster due at time of registration. Play begins at 8:30 a.m.
There will be a Round Robin on 2 nets. The top teams and bottom teams from each net will be grouped for an "A" and "B" tournament. The "A" and "B" tourney will be double elimination. Two places will be awarded in each tournament. Entry fee will be refunded in case of bad weather.
For more information, contact Joe Lee Perez at 409-234-5571 days or 234-7365 nights.



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ABOUT TOWN...

Tiffany Ann Castro and Rhonda Gail Satsky of Eagle Lake and Kristen Leigh Guthman of Lissie were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 1998 Semester at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

To qualify, undergrads must be enrolled fulltime (a minimum of 12 semester hours) and earn a grade point average of 3.65 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Colorado County Farm Bureau executives Dean Venghaus, president; Larry Hillmer, vice-president; and Charles Harbich, secretary-treasurer, attended a special meeting for Farm Bureau District XI executives May 28 at the Hockley Community Center.

Discussion for top priority for the coming year was: "Project: Stronger County Farm Bureaus."

Since Jimmy Thomas made a special point to brag about it and there are no reports of governmental meet-

ings (school board, city, commissioners) this week, the *Headlight* thought it would be fun to see Thomas' reaction to really getting his picture on the front page. So, that's why that picture made the front of this week's publication. Not because of the priority it held within the news this week, but as an experiment.

Oh, yes, it was to help him rub in the bet he won on the tournament, too!

This publisher's offsprings are cut in half for the next two months as elder daughter, Amy, visits her dad in Arizona. She left Houston on a flight just before noon Sunday and has sent at least one e-mail to her sister after arriving.

Of course, mom was mentioned at the end, but I (like a dummy) had been waiting for the phone to ring so I would know she had arrived safe and sound. Can you tell I haven't quite gotten into the "new" computer age?

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Election of 3 Directors

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