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## To The Editor & You

### Eagle Lake Chamber sends 'thanks'

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the local businesses in Eagle Lake who helped by making donations for the 1998 Santa Bags.

Contributors were: Austin's Grocery, Canaris Nursery, The Cupboard, Dairy Delite, Dan's Minute Stop, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Eagle Lake Supermarket, Eagle Stop, Furniture Shoppe, J&K Corner, LW's, Laker Printing and Wallis State Bank. Acting as Santa's Helpers were Donna Coldewey, Debbie and Melvin Schmitt, Beverly Mason, Connie Gertson, Dillan Gertson, Lana Dulany, Kurt Coldewey, Gus Seaholm Jr., Stacie Soto and Melinda Torres.

Thanks again,  
Eagle Lake  
Chamber of Commerce

### PTO says 'thanks'

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO would like to extend their sincere thank you to everyone that helped make this year's float a success, especially since we were pressed for time. We would like to express our gratitude to the following people for without you it would not have been possible to put smiles on so many faces. To Mr. Kohleffel for the use of his barn; Billie Joe Samora for lending us

his trailer; Willie Dancy for transporting the trailer; Anthony Williams and Delano Frnka for use of the generator; Pedro Hernandez for painting and setting boards; and last, but not least, to Douglas Tillman Jr. for driving the vehicle that pulled the float through the parade.

If we left anyone out you do have our sincere apology. Thanks once more for helping us win first place in the school division.  
Erika Watson  
PTO President

## Texas Dept. of Health releases survey on youth tobacco use

The Texas Department of Health last week released the first of a series of reports from what the agency believes is the most comprehensive survey of youth tobacco use ever conducted in the state.

According to the 1998 Texas Youth Tobacco Survey, 27% of sixth-graders already are using tobacco.

The survey also shows 31% of middle school students and 43% of high school students in Texas public schools use some form of tobacco.

"Tobacco is addictive and deadly, and everyone should be shocked that more than one-fourth of all sixth-graders in Texas are using it," said Philip Huang, chief of health agency's disease and injury prevention bureau.

Huang said health officials also were surprised at the popularity of cigars and pipes. The survey found that almost 20% of Texas high schoolers

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By Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

and 14% of Texas middle schoolers smoke cigars and that 8% of both age groups use pipes to smoke tobacco.

The results of the survey are based on an 87-item questionnaire completed by 13,029 students in 181 public schools in Texas.

Future reports will assess how and where kids get tobacco, why they use it, what cigarette brands they smoke and their knowledge of Texas tobacco laws.

**AG Seeks to Overturn Ruling**  
Lawyers for a Canadian on Texas' death row last week won a court order to force a public clemency hearing for their client, but the Texas attorney general is seeking to overturn the ruling, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

Travis County state District Judge Paul Davis ruled that the Texas Open Meeting Act requires a public hearing and vote by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles in the case of Stanley Faulder - convicted for the 1975 murder of Inez Phillips, matriarch of a wealthy oil family in Gladewater.

Attorney General Dan Morales challenged Davis' ruling, saying the judge had no standing to intervene. (See Highlights, Page 4)



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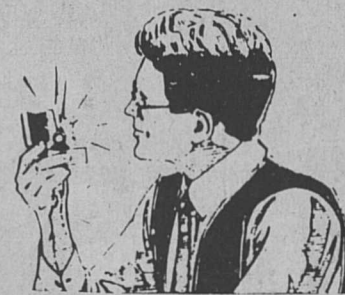
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## Thanks for the honor

I want to thank the people of Texas for the great honor and privilege of serving in the Texas Legislature, as Railroad Commissioner, and finally as Comptroller of Public Accounts. Ours is a unique and mighty state that is special in every sense of the word.

Those of us who have had the privilege of running for and serving in statewide office have a special appreciation for the diversity, beauty and majesty of the Lone Star state.

You have given me the opportunity

to make a positive difference in this state and I will always be thankful for that. Although my race for Lieutenant Governor was not successful, it does not diminish the thankfulness and appreciation I have for the people of our great state.

On behalf of my family and myself, I thank you all for the opportunity you gave me to serve Texas.

John Sharp  
Comptroller of  
Public Accounts

## Where's the fire?

To the citizens of Eagle Lake and anyone driving in from out of town:

This town and many others have a 30 mph speed limit in their residential district.

I have lived in this town of Eagle Lake for 12 years and live on S. Austin Road. I would like to say to all of you heavy footers out there that you've been breaking the law profusely along

Austin Road, you know, the one from B&B Food to Main St. The one where we're supposed to have a quiet zone in front of our hospital with the Thomas Clinic, Kevin Courts and Tropical Breeze Snowballs place.

You know the area very well. You heavy footers must slow down and do the speed limit. Stop being in a hurry and by all means stop flying by the seat of your pants! This is not a race way

when driving from the railroad hill to B&B Foods.

If you've noticed or not, the only speed limit signs are on Main St. near Canaris Nursery. There are no more all the way to B&B Foods.

I have requested more speed limit signs to be put in place because there are none and of course, more police surveillance.

I suppose the public knows that there are no speed limit signs in this area since they been getting away with speeding for years. Austin Road is the only road in town where you can speed and get away with it.

Examples of some of the problems: speeding after dark on Friday and Saturday nights; mornings between 7 and 8 a.m. heavy traffic; police don't sit and patrol, only drive by; hospital took down the "Quiet Hospital Zone" sign which stated a 30 mph speed; with more pedestrians walking to the Tropical Breeze place we need slower speed zone; the only signs visible are "No Parking Anytime".

I found out Chief Keith Webb was the one responsible for putting stop signs and other signs out on our streets... a big thanks to him. (See Fire, Page 3)

## 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE

**Honoring Sidney Miller**  
Saturday, December 19, 1998

between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
at Eagle Hill Inn and Retreat  
307 East State Street in Eagle Lake

**The family invites you to come by for a visit and coffee and cake.**

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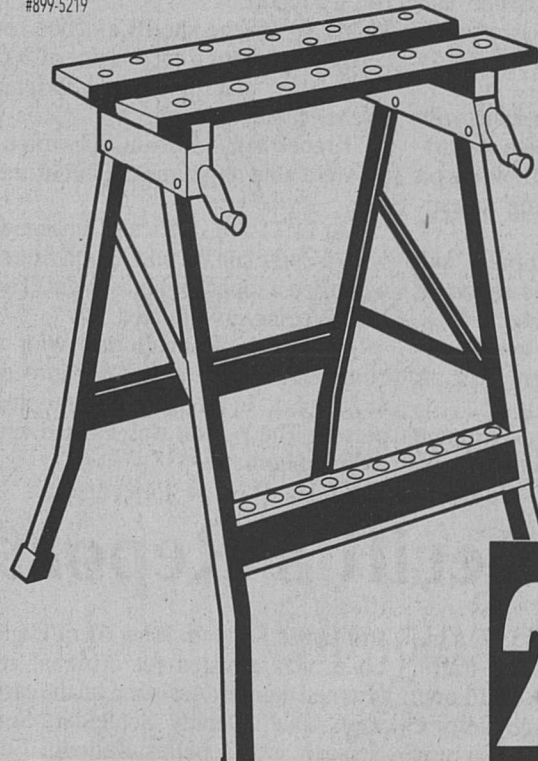
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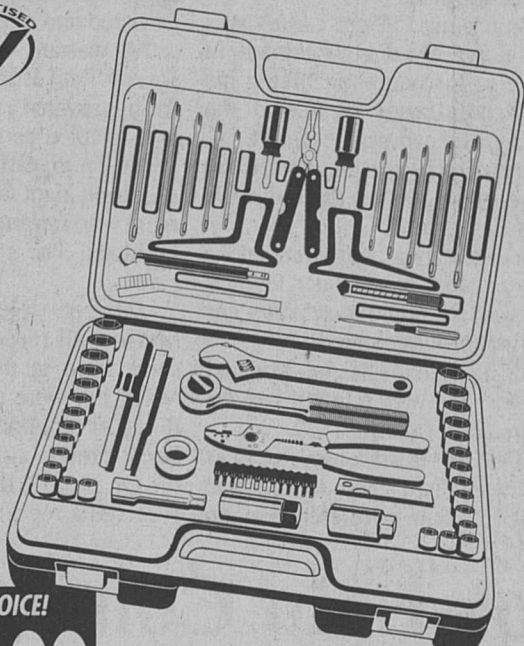
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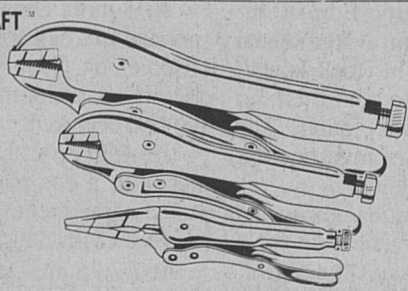


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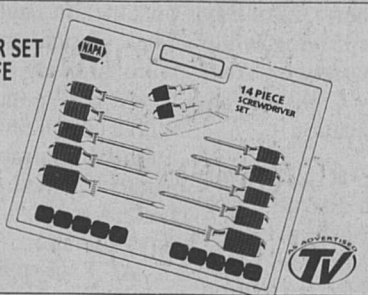
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