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To The Editor & You

Trouble with 'Ma Bell'

I would like to call everyone's attention to an incident that happened on Monday afternoon, Aug. 23.

First, I would like to commend the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department for doing an outstanding job of controlling and extinguishing the fire that took place behind the Cupboard.

During the fire, some cable television and telephone wires were apparently damaged.

Time-Warner Communications responded immediately after the fire and corrected the problem wires. Their staff did not care what time it was but only kept one thing in mind, to restore service to their customers!

I placed several calls to Southwestern Bell Telephone (SBT), and after I got to talk to a real person, I expressed my concerns about all of the businesses in the block being without telephone service.

I was concerned that if an emergency should arise, like someone having a heart attack, needing other medical attention, or one of the stores getting robbed, that we had no type of communication available to us!

I was told that SBT would take a look at the problem sometime the next morning.

What kind of service is SBT providing us? Put yourself in our position... working late hours into the night!

Ask yourself this... would you rather watch TV or have your telephone in case a situation should arise in which you need it?

You think that if Time-Warner could send out crews to fix CABLE TELEVISION surely SBT could find someone to fix the lines that the businesses in that block need for safety and security.

Once again, I want to commend Time-Warner for EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THEIR CUSTOMERS!

SBT... what is the problem... no competition?

The Cupboard
 Brent Mathis

Bragging rights

I, Pauline Walkingstick, claim bragging rights to the best neighbors in Eagle Lake... Mr. & Mrs. Charles and Ruby Darnell.

They are always there for me... out of town medical trips; out of town shopping trips, etc. They help me any way they can.

I want everyone to know how much I appreciate them.

Pauline Walkingstick

Bush appoints non-educator to post of education commissioner

Gov. George W. Bush reviewed 11 candidates for state commissioner of education and last week appointed James E. Nelson of Odessa to the post.

Nelson, a 49-year-old lawyer who has no experience as a public school teacher, will replace Commissioner Mike Moses on Sept. 3. Moses, a long-time professional educator, will become deputy vice chancellor for the Texas Tech University System.

Nelson has served as trustee of Ector County (Odessa) Independent School District, including two terms as president, and currently is chairman of the Senate Board for Educator Certification, the agency that licenses teachers. He also has served as president of the Texas Association of School Boards. In a Capitol news conference, Bush referred to Nelson as an "educational entrepreneur."

"I wanted somebody who understands that when we find success, we praise it, and when we find failure, we are willing to challenge the status quo.

State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
 Texas Press Association

I believe Jim is that person," Bush said.

Nelson's annual salary as commissioner will be \$164,748. His appointment will expire in Jan. 2003.

Benchmark Rate Hearing Set

Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor will decide whether to increase the benchmark rate for auto insurance after a Sept. 8 public hearing in Austin.

Texas insurance companies cite growing costs of vehicle repairs in asking for an 11.4% increase in standard rates for insurance.

Among those companies asking for a benchmark increase are Farmers

and State Farm, the two largest auto insurers in Texas.

But the state's consumer advocate, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, says the rates should decrease by 4.8% because profits are up and insurance losses are down, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week.

The benchmark represents a premium under which companies are supposed to be able to earn a reasonable profit. Regulated companies can charge up to 30% above or below the benchmark rate.

On the other hand, county mutual auto insurers, which don't turn away drivers with less than perfect driving records, operate independently of the benchmark rate.

Jonathan Klein, a spokesman for Progressive Insurance, a county mutual, said his company has no plans to increase rates.

Accountability Ratings Released
 New ratings through the Texas (See Highlights, Page 10)



The Eagle Lake Primary School would like to thank our students, parents and the community for helping raise over \$1,000 from the Primary Pennies fundraiser last year. This was made possible with your help and especially the Ozarka Water Company in El Campo for letting us borrow the jars to put in each classroom. The money will help fund PTO projects. Pictured is the first grade class of Mrs. Leopold. Their collection of \$118.12 is the most for one semester.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Feb. 14, 1974

Mrs. Annette Wallace, an employee as a part-time deputy in the District Clerk's office in Columbus, received the oath of office and assumed duties of the office of District Clerk last Thursday. She succeeds Charlie Allen who died Feb. 1st...

Three persons have filed for the position of District Clerk. They are Albert Hahn of Columbus and Royce Miller and Harvey Vornsand of Weimar...

Seven administrators got new Rice CISD contracts. They are Assis-

tant Supt. Charles W. DeShazo; business manager and tax assessor collector Roy T. Marshall; Rice High School Principal Fred Grahmann; Eagle Lake Middle School Principal James C. Crabb; Sheridan Elementary School Principal William C. Gohlke; Garwood Elementary School Principal John M. Mader; and Eagle Lake Primary School Principal H.M. Bengel...

Charles Edwin Johnson, a native and lifelong resident of the Altair community, closed his eyes to a peaceful rest at 6:30 p.m., last Tuesday, Feb. 5th...

The latest issue of the CPL News has a photograph of Bonnie Parma,

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B.G. Parma of El Campo and formerly of Eagle Lake. Bonnie was selected as a twirler for El Campo High School...

Eagle Lake welcomed back several former residents this week. Mr. & Mrs. Burns Waggener of San Antonio were the house guests of the Robert R. Wells Jr. family. The Joe Lee McCreary family played host to Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Fox of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Blanche Fougerousse of San Antonio...

Karen Faith Stallman, a May 1973 graduate of the University of Texas, was among 237 new members of the University of Texas chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She is the daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Stallman of Garwood...

Friends in the community will regret to learn that Edward H. Shirley Jr. died in a San Antonio Hospital at 5 p.m., Tuesday. He suffered a heart attack a month ago and was recovering but died suddenly Tuesday. Survivors include a son, Edward H. Shirley III, his parents, Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Shirley, and a sister, Mrs. O.W. Powers of Eagle Lake...

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilkerson are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Glenda Jo, to William E. Moore, son of Mr. & Mrs. Guy Moore of this city. The couple was married Feb. 1, 1974 in Rosenberg...

Micheal Cooper, Language Arts teacher at Eagle Lake Middle School, had a short article published in the Feb. 1974 edition of the Texas Outlook...

Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Wilcox were honored with a surprise cocktail-buffet party commemorating their 25th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Raymond Thomas home...

Feb. 21, 1974

Anthony Mahalitic had the grand champion calf for the second year in a row at the Fourth Rice FFA Show and Sale last Saturday in Garwood. Anthony is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mahalitic of Eagle Lake...

Everett Anderson, owner of Anderson Farm Equipment Co. of Eagle Lake, purchased the grand champion hog exhibited by Roger Perez...

W.I. Harrison, president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, congratulated Mrs. Gail Bradshaw and Miss Carolyn Duyka on their promotions. Bradshaw was promoted to Asst. Vice-President and Duyka was named Asst. Cashier...

Mr. & Mrs. John Pilkington Jr. are pleased to announce the arrival of a son. He was born Valentine's night, Thursday, Feb. 14th at 9:29 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. He has been named Christopher Dean...

Miss Susan Kucherka won the honor of being named the 1974 Trail Ride Sweetheart at the conclusion of the ride preceding the annual FFA show and sale last Saturday...

Three energetic ELMs fifth grade students went around town last weekend to put up Texas Public School Week posters. The young ladies were Carol Crabb, Suzanne Frybert and Janie Clipson...

Lionel Bluntson of Garwood will be participating at the 1974 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble. Other participants will be Terry Lane Krenek, Al Mahalitic, Craig Allen Popp and Kirk Schneider...

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church of Eagle Lake was the setting for the impressive double ring ceremony uniting Donna Lee Black and Charles Martin Stephens on Saturday, Jan. 26, at six o'clock in the evening...

Miss Ellana Johnson was honored with a "Sweet Sixteen" birthday party last Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16...

Aug. 9, 1951
 Century Patna, the new early-maturing long grain variety of rice, is (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

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Seizure Medicines May Help Some Headaches

Headaches are estimated to occur at least once each year in 40% of the world's population. About 23 million Americans have migraines, with 11 million of this number being disabled by pain. Migraines often are characterized by intense, recurring pain that is accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and increased sensitivity to noise and/or light. Other common headache types include tension headaches, cluster headaches (2 or 3 attacks daily for several weeks), PMS-associated headaches, and analgesic- or medicine-rebound headaches (caused by stopping long-term use of pain medicines).

Researchers have found that certain medicines used to control seizures (anticonvulsants) can sometimes relieve pain that does not respond to traditional pain relievers. For example, divalproex sodium (Depakote) recently was approved for migraine prevention. In clinical studies, divalproex use was associated with a reduction in migraine attacks in almost half of those who took it. Another study suggests that those who do not respond to valproic acid may get relief from tiagabine (Gabitril), another anticonvulsant. This medicine has been used in the treatment of analgesic-rebound headaches. When used with migraine medicines, tiagabine allowed for lower doses of those medicines.