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To THE EDITOR & YOU

ELPS invites you to the carnival

As some of you know, the Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) is having its First Annual Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The carnival will consist of games, rides, booths, refreshments and other fun activities.

were shocked by the willingness of the residents of Eagle Lake and nearby establishments to sponsor and provide needed items for this carnival to take place. So take pride in your hometown... I sure have!

helped sponsor funds or needed items: Shoppa's Farm Supply; Austin's BBQ; Sportman's Restaurant; First National Bank; Wallis State Bank; First Baptist Church; Blue Plate Cafe; B&B Grocery; Eagle Lake Supermarket; Williams Plumbing; Frito Lay; Coca-Cola; Whataburger, Columbus; G&L Alterations, Fry Rd. in Katy; Darrell Pagel; Simple Simon's Pizza; Eagle Lake Insurance; and last, but not least, the Church of the Nativity.

Once again, thank you very much and hope to see you all this Saturday at the Primary School.

Your support is very much appreciated.

If I have left a name of a sponsor or donor out, please accept my deepest apologies.

Sincerely, Erika Watson ELPS PTO President

ICE House says thanks

The ICE House would like to thank all who donated and contributed to the recent bake sale and car wash.

The ICE House would also like to thank Dr. Cantu for her contributions as well as all who continue to support the ICE House.

Thank you all!

State files suit on Publishers Clearing House

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn on Oct. 18 filed a lawsuit against Publishers Clearing House for violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The sweepstakes company made a variety of misleading representations through mail order solicitations designed to deprive money primarily from elderly recipients, the state's lawsuit alleges.

"Elder Texans need and deserve protection from those who would try to take advantage of them.

"By taking legal action, I hope to bring to an end the clearly illegal practices Publishers Clearing House has engaged in," Cornyn said.

According to the lawsuit:

• Publishers Clearing House developed a cycle of illegal acts designed to reinforce one another.

• Victims, who disproportionately are seniors, are lured into believing they will win if they respond to the solicitation in a timely manner.

• The company implies that placing an order for advertised items may enhance their chances of winning.



By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

Those who place orders receive a barrage of solicitations claiming the victim is closer and closer to winning and that additional orders will help cement their multi-millionaire status. By concentrating on those customers who have spent from \$500 to \$20,000 or more each year in hopes of winning, Publishers Clearing House has taken millions of dollars from Texas consumers, the lawsuit alleges. The lawsuit asks a state district court in Travis County for a permanent injunction requiring the company to discontinue certain marketing practices in Texas and for civil penalties to be paid to the state of up to \$10,000 per violation.

Under the terms of the injunction, Publishers Clearing House also would be required to provide restitution to

consumers identified as victims.

Other states have filed similar lawsuits against Publishers Clearing House. Those include Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, Arizona, Connecticut, Indiana and Washington.

Voter Registration Rises

Voter registration totals increased slightly in Jan. 1999 and this month, according to updated information from county election officials.

A count of registered voters taken in anticipation of the Nov. 2 constitutional amendment election reflects a Texas voter registration count of 11,405,562. That figure represents 80% of the voting age population in Texas.

Voter registration in Jan. 1999 was 10,987,639 or 77% of the voting age population in Texas.

Codeine Scammers Beware

Officials at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse recently have alerted doctors and pharmacists about scams to obtain codeine cough syrup to get high.

Users with insurance or Medicaid have learned which symptoms to describe to get a prescription for cough syrup.

Information on this illegal practice was cited in a study by Dr. William N. Elwood, adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston.

More Firms Cleaning Up

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission last week saluted the 200 firms that are members of "Clean Industries 2000" for progress in reducing pollution across the state.

Members agree to reduce hazardous waste generation and/or releases and transfers of toxic pollutants and contaminants to the Texas environment by at least 50% by the year 2000.

Some new Clean Industries 2000 members include Exxon Co., USA Baytown Refinery; Mobil Chemical Co., Houston Olefins Plant; Alcatel, Plano; General Motors, Arlington; Motorola, Fort Worth; and TXU Electric plants in Fort Worth, Dallas, Monahans, Mesquite, Waco, Savoy and Coppell.

Other Highlights

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week ordered the agency's general counsel, Steve Koebel, to resign after he admitted to secretly recording meetings and telephone calls. All four of the tapes have been destroyed according to a spokesman for Rylander.

The Tigua tribe has filed papers in U.S. District Court in El Paso seeking the dismissal of a lawsuit brought by the state of Texas to close the 6-year-old Speaking Rock casino on their reservation. The Tiguas are claiming sovereign immunity.

Millions of monarch butterflies are migrating through the state en route to Mexico. The public can help track their path by calling Texas Parks and Wildlife, toll-free at 1-877-818-1237.

Letter to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:

- 1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters. 2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published. 3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files. 4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate. 5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate. 6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

Foot Facts by Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist HAGLUND'S DEFORMITY Haglund's Deformity begins as a light red, hardened, tender spot high on the back of the heel. The condition is caused by an inflammation of the fluid-filled sac (bursa) that sits between the heel skin and the Achilles tendon, which attaches the calf muscle to the heel bone. When the inflamed bursa gets bigger, a red lump appears under the skin of the heel and causes pain at and above the heel. The swelling may harden if the deformity becomes chronic. Most often, women who wear high-heeled shoes develop Haglund's Deformity. In mild cases, applying ice helps reduce inflammation, while wearing foam rubber or felt heel pads may relieve pressure on the heel. More serious cases often require anti-inflammatory drugs. Bearing all of the body's weight with every step, the heel is subject to considerable stress. Weight gain, high impact athletic activities, even prolonged walking or standing increase such stress. When heel pain is the body's answer to this stress, there are both temporary and permanent treatments to eliminate the problems. Any treatment, however, begins with a call to your podiatrist. Located at Rice Medical Center, new patients are always welcome. Call 234-5571 for a Tuesday appointment. P.S. Surgical removal of part of the heel bone is sometimes recommended to treat chronic cases of Haglund's Deformity.

Helen Hotz did some financial planning at The Grand Couthoutta last Friday night. She put in two quarters and ended up winning \$5,560 on a progressive machine! Way to go, Helen!

Give... The United Way! Be the Difference... See the Difference!! Join Us For the 1999 Fall Fund Drive Kick-Off! 1999 Goal... \$12,150 Saturday Oct. 30 at 9 a.m. • City Hall Steps United Way's Halloween Walk-a-thon! For Kids of All Ages! Wear your Halloween Costumes or running or walking attire Free T-Shirts, Gifts & Refreshments! Get Your Family & Friends to Sponsor You for the United Way Walk-a-thon For more details, call Tom Reed at 234-5556 Charity Does Begin at Home. Please Give Today!

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1974 William R. (Bill) Lowry assumed the position of administrator of the Heritage House... Frank Sherrer, outgoing president of Eagle Lake Rotary Club, presented the gavel signifying leadership, to incoming president Gerald Bradshaw at the installation of new officers at a ladies night party... Miss Debbie Wiese, bride-elect of Rick Christ, was honored by Mrs. William Farris and Mrs. Dale Dixon with a patio luncheon and kitchen shower Thursday, June 20, at the Farris home... Miss Linda Marie Mahalitic will become the bride of John Livingston Ross in ceremonies July 12 at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Anguila, Mississippi... Mr. & Mrs. Alfred F. Waligura of Newgulf announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Diane, to Gary Wayne Briscoe, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Briscoe of Sheridan. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 6, at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton... Mrs. Ronal Price was honored at a miscellaneous shower on Saturday, June 15, at the Sheridan Community Center... Barbara Dawn Smith became the bride of Joseph Price Ardis Saturday, June 8, in a ceremony at St. James United Methodist Church in Abilene. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Carl Smith of Garwood... John William Waddell, son of Mr. & Mrs. H. Raymond Waddell of Eagle Lake, was awarded the degree of Master of International Management at commencement exercises held in Glendale, Arizona... Tommy Balusek, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood, attended the Alice TYRA Youth Rodeo in Alice, June 5-8. He was declared the Champion Junior Ribbon Roper... Miss Carol Sue Buxkemper became the bride of Calvin James Sommer in matrimonial ceremonies on Sunday, June 16, in St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo... Mr. & Mrs. John Edward Guzman of Eagle Lake are proud parents of an eight pound, 15-1/2 ounce baby boy born at Nightingale Hospital in El Campo. He has been named John Edward Guzman Jr.... Mrs. John Thomas is one of 12 teachers at the Texas A&M University Twirling Camp which is going on this week... Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Waligura of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan Lyn, to Chris F. Dettling, son of Mrs. Mike J. Dettling of El Campo. The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 24, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada... July 4, 1974 Mr. & Mrs. Burton Arnold of this city will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this Saturday, July 6th. They were married in Arkansas in 1924 and moved to Texas in 1941... Miss Dana Wiese will be Eagle Lake's only entry this year in the Colorado County Farm Bureau Queen's Contest. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford T. Wiese and a senior at Rice High School... A.L. Wahrmond, postmaster in Eagle Lake from 1923 to 1936 and prominent business man here for years, died Tuesday evening in Las Cruces, New Mexico... Judge B.B. Schraub, 25th Judicial District serving Colorado County, has completed a two-week judicial education course at the National College of State Judiciary... Friends in the community learned with sadness of the death of Harold Niemeyer of Columbus who suffered

Country Peddler Show Visit the Perfect Street of Shops Rosenberg, Texas October 29-31, 1999 Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds 4310 Highway 36 South From Houston, take Hwy. 59 S to Hwy. 36 S - Rosenberg Exit For the safety of all, strollers are not recommended. The Original Folk Art & Craft Show SHOW HOURS Friday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. ADMISSION Adults - \$4.00 • Seniors (65+) - \$2.00 • Children under 12 - Free P.O. Box 1129 • Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 • 800/775-2774 FAX 830/997-0453 • www.countrypeddler.com • peddler@kfc.com